



**In Loving Memory of
Jesse Edward "Ed" Hogue
March 16, 1927 – January 22, 2024**

Jesse Edward "Ed" Hogue, age 96 of San Antonio TX., went home to be with his Lord and Savior on January 22, 2024. Ed was born the middle child and only son to Lawton Asbury Hogue and Doris Lorene Dixon Hogue on March 16, 1927 in Monrovia, CA.

As a boy, Ed helped with milking, raising chickens, butchering hogs, building a house, and plowing the field. He also helped at his grandfather's orange orchard. He learned how to hunt, swim, drive, work on cars, and make repairs at an early age. He especially enjoyed riding his horse, Blaze. The family moved to Baldwin Park, CA when Ed was ten years old and then to a farm in Fallbrook, CA where Ed graduated high school in 1944.

Ed joined the Merchant Marines at age 17 where he served during WWII as a fireman oiler (Sept 1944-Dec 1945). His first ship traveled the Pacific coast from San Pedro, CA to Seattle, WA to transport oil. On the SS Chapultepec, he served off the coasts of Italy, Pearl Harbor, Saipan, Ulithi, Aruba, Cologne, and Panama City. During the Korean War, Ed was drafted into the Army and stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX where he drove a truck to transport medical personnel and troops (1950-1952).

While stationed in San Antonio, Ed met the love of his life, Rita Faye Shults. Ed and Rita married at First Baptist Church in San Antonio, TX on May 29, 1952. Together, they raised four children, enjoyed thirteen grandchildren, and welcomed twenty great grandchildren. Their love for each other, commitment, and genuine friendship lasted through seventy-one years of marriage until the Lord called Rita home in September 2023.

Ed heard and answered the call to follow Christ in 1951, accepted God's call to preach in 1953, and was ordained as a minister in 1954. He started a Bible study in their home in Manhattan, KS that became a church, served as a pastor in McFarland, KS, Cunningham, KS, Cottonwood Falls, KS, Northwest Hills Baptist Church in San Antonio, TX (1968 – 1978), and Kingsborough Ridge Baptist Church in San Antonio, TX (~1978-1983). Ed performed the wedding ceremonies of his children and several Grandchildren. Following retirement, he and Rita volunteered on occasion with Ed preaching and Rita continuing to play the piano. They joined Crossroads Baptist Church in January 1984 where they remained faithful members throughout the remainder of their lives.

Ed earned an Associate of Arts degree at a junior college in Vista, CA, a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Kansas State University, a Master of Divinity degree from Golden Gate Seminary in Berkeley, CA, and a teacher's certificate from Emporia State University in Kansas. He worked as a bi-vocational minister for much of his career, teaching ninth grade general science at Southcross Junior High in San Antonio, TX; fifth grade reading and science in Hugoton, KS; fourth through sixth grades in Matfield Green, KS; high school science in Strong City, KS; biology, history, and physical science at Harlandale High School in San Antonio, TX (1978-1984); and physical science at John Jay High School in San Antonio, TX (1984-1990). While pastor at Northwest Hills Baptist Church he started a private Christian school, which is still in existence today. Ed retired in 1990.

He and Rita traveled across much of the US and into Canada and Europe, exploring many of the National Parks, experiencing other cultures, and passing on the joy of travel to their children. Ed enjoyed boating, gardening, cooking, baking, western novels, and working with his hands. He was known as a kind, generous, and humble man with a lot of wisdom, knowledge, and faith who could fix about anything. His sermons were filled with humor, poetry, personal anecdotes, and practical illustrations. He consistently put the needs of others ahead of his own and gave generously of his time and resources. Ed cared lovingly for Rita during her last years, rarely leaving his sweetheart's side.

Ed and Rita read scripture together and prayed daily for their children, grandchildren, friends, and those in need. The family prayed together every meal, Ed often ending his prayers with Psalm 19:14. Ed taught and modeled integrity, hard work, and being empathetic toward others. He concluded phone conversations and visits with "I love you" and waited at the front porch to wave goodbye. As his body was failing, he prayed blessings over his family, moving his nurse to tears and continuing to leave an impression on everyone he met until the end. Ed will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Ed is survived by his children, Linda Lorene Glidewell (Jerry) of Weatherford, TX, James Edward Hogue (Debbie) of Waco, TX, Dorothy Jean Edwards (David) of Arlington, TX, and Tralita Faye Barnhart (Rod) of Colorado, twelve grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of seventy-one years, Rita Faye Shults Hogue; his parents, Lawton Asbury Hogue and Doris Lorene Dixon Hogue; his sisters, Peggy Jean Lackey and Molly Lou Fox; his grandson Joshua and step-grandson Kelly Glidewell.

A Celebration of Ed's life will be held Wednesday, February 14th, at 11 am at Crossroads Baptist Church (8300 Tezel Rd, San Antonio, TX) followed by a graveside service with Honor Guard at Fort Sam Houston at 2:30 pm. Visitation will be at Crossroads Baptist Church from 10-11 am prior to the service.