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CLIFTON: Robert Hugh “Bob” Endres, 82, formerly of Alvord, died on Wednesday, July 9th in Clifton, Texas.

Bob was born June 8, 1926, near Thomas, Oklahoma to Leo Henry and Audrey Maude (Hoyt) Endres. He graduated from Custer City High School, Custer, Oklahoma. He entered the Army in 1944 and served as a driver for the Regimental Commander during the occupation of Japan.

He married Betty Chase on February 5, 1947, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In 1950, while working for Cook’s Paint Company in Little Rock, Arkansas, he was recalled from reserve status to active duty in the United States Air Force during the Korean War, and was stationed at Warner-Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia. The family returned to Oklahoma City in 1952 where Bob graduated from Oklahoma City University in 1956 with a degree in Industrial Arts. In 1963, the family moved to Alvord, where he worked with automobile and farm equipment dealerships.

In 1973, Bob re-entered the Army Reserve program and was for several years an instructor in the 4159 USAR School in Fort Worth. He attained the rank of Sergeant First Class and retired in August, 1988 as the oldest enlisted reservist in the United States. He received two achievement awards and the Army Commendation Medal.

After attending auctioneer school in the early 1980’s, Bob became very active with the local auction business and often volunteered his service at church and school functions.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Betty Endres, and his sister, Evelyn Matthews.

Survivors include his daughters, Kathy Endres and husband, Beau Crosby of Woodway, Texas and Doris Flora and husband, Mike of Alvord; sons, Marshall Endres and wife, Donna of Decatur and Greg Endres and wife, Pat of Alvord, four granddaughters, Lesley Goodson, Meagan and Rachel Endres and Ralene Schilt; four step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 12th at the First United Methodist Church of Alvord, where Reverend Bob Wilson and Reverend Ed Cherryholmes officiated. Interment followed at the Alvord Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Earl Ashford, Charles French, Brian Brookhouse and members of the Wise County Veteran’s Group.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Meals on Wheels Program of the First United Methodist Church of Alvord, 100 W. Washington, Alvord, Texas 76225.

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