

BILLY FRANK JACKSON

1918 - 2008

Billy Frank Jackson, 89, a retired Navy pilot, died on Monday, March 3, 2008, at his home in Rhome.

Billy Frank Jackson was born on May 27, 1918, in Lamesa, Texas, to John Chase and Mattie Elizabeth (Hudgins) Jackson.

In 1940, he started flying as an enlisted pilot with the U.S. Navy. He had more than 16,000 hours of flying time and flew combat missions in World War II and Korea. He retired in 1957 and in 1964 he transferred to Sharpe Fort Worth Army depot to become the depot's first civilian test pilot. In 1972, he retired as a chief civilian test pilot. Mr. Jackson was a former member of the Blue Angels, a member of the Silver Eagles Pilot Association and VFW Post 10374.

He married Doris McGoodwin on September 25, 1964, in New Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Becky Fite, seven brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Doris Jackson, of Rhome; son, Anthony Jackson, and wife, Betty, of Plant City, Florida; daughters, Nancy Berry of Rhome, ReDeanna Hines and husband, Butch, of Rhome; six grandchildren, Mikeul, Ronnie, Jennifer, Stephanie, Sidney and Stacey; 11 great-grandchildren, Tony, Chaz, Miranda, Areanna, Mikella, A.J., Bailey, Makayle, Devon, Kyla and Vanessa; great-great-grandchild, Hailey; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Thursday at Christian-Hawkins Funeral Chapel. Burial was at Aurora Cemetery. Rev. James Hurst officiated. Pallbearers were Rick Henderson, Tom Peterson, John Wayne Peterson, Jonathan Weaver, Walter Ransom and Gary Kopp. Honorary pallbearers was Ernie Matthews and Leon Shipley.

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