

GAYLON EARL REED

1919-2011

DECATUR: Gaylon Earl Reed died on Monday, February 28, 2011, at the age of 91 in Weatherford, Texas.

Gaylon was born on August 28, 1919, to Gene and Beulah Reed in Lometa, Texas. The youngest of six children, Gaylon was a strong-willed and determined child. After high school, at the age of 18, he enlisted in the Air Force and served 7 years, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant. His unit was the 20th Bomber Command and was stationed in India and on Tinian Island. Being a flight engineer, many trips were made over the Alps during WWII on a B-29 bomber. After the war, he came home and married Sue Burton on January 22, 1946.

Gaylon became a successful building contractor, building many homes and over 50 churches in Colorado, Kansas and Texas. He was an avid golfer. He golfed his age over 700 times and made seven holes in one. Being a real outdoorsman—he

enjoyed fishing and hunting. He got his outfitter's license to hunt elk and went on many hunting trips to Colorado.

Survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Sue Reed; three daughters: Merlene Walker and husband, Steve Gold, of Arlington, Sharon Manfred and husband, Bob, of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Rayelynn Dady and husband, Glenn of Dallas; son, Craig Reed and wife, Rose of Decatur; eight grandchildren: Amanda, Nathan, Rachel, Andrea, Wendy, Chris, Brent, and Tyler; and nine great grandchildren, Davis, Dawson, Dominique, Blake, Avery, Madison, Malachi, Rachel, Eliana, and Isaiah.

Gaylon was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Family requests memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 101 Summit Avenue, Suite 300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Funeral service was 2 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Decatur, Texas with Reverend Alvis Edmondson officiating. Burial followed at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers included Wayne Boydston, Kip Boydston, Shawn Burton, Blake Sandford, Bobby Washburn and Randy Washburn.

Honorary pallbearers included Bert Caraway, J.E. Carson, Farrell Fisher, Chad Harvey, Willard Howell, Buddy Jackson, Hollis Jones, Dr. Tom Long, Chuck Norton, and Sam Renshaw.

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