

**1919-2012**

*SAIN'T JO:* Mr. Flusche died at 6:17 PM Sunday, May 13, 2012 at the Muenster Health and Rehab Facility.

Norbert was born on June 8, 1919 in Cooke County, Texas, one of the seven children of Otto Stephen and Lillian Goike Flusche. He was raised in the Gainesville/Lindsay area and attended school at St. Mary's Catholic School in Gainesville. While growing up and until entering the Army Air Corp, Norbert worked with his family doing all sorts of farm and ranch work. He had worked for some time at the produce house in Gainesville and had hauled hay and wood while at home working with and for his future father-in-law, Mr. Bob Swindle.

Norbert married Wilma Swindle on November 6, 1941 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Gainesville. Soon thereafter, on December 1, 1941, Norbert was drafted into the Army Air Corps where he served until August 29, 1945. His duties consisted mainly of mechanic work. He had qualified as a marksman in rifle firing and had even jumped from aircraft a few times.

After his service time, he and Wilma had moved to the Saint Jo area in 1945. He again worked with his father-in-law trucking, hay hauling and at the Swindle Feed Store. Upon the death of his father-in-law, Norbert took possession of the feed store which he renamed Flusche Feed Store in 1958. He owned and operated the feed store for several years then, transferred ownership to his son, Norbert Jr. in 1978. He then was heavily involved in horse and cattle trading and hauling. He continued this trade the remainder of his active life.

Norbert was a member of the Sacred Heart Parish, the Knights of Columbus, had been a member of the Saint Jo City Council from 1959 until 1968, was appointed Mayor of Saint Jo in 1968 and elected Mayor in 1969. He had served on the Saint Jo ISD School Board for several years and was a charter member of the Saint Jo Riding Club which originated in 1957. He had served a lengthy period as Vice President and had devoted numerous hours of labor in the construction of the rodeo arena in 1960. He also hauled the riding club horses to various rodeos and parades. His ingenuity in developing a portable chute for loading/unloading horses anywhere proved to be invaluable.

Norbert was a great family man. He enjoyed being with his wife and children and many friends. A special group was the Dairy Queen bunch at the Cowboy Corner! He will be greatly missed!

Survivors include: daughters: Linda Dill, of Cottondale, Mary Wisdom and husband, Johnnie, of Saint Jo, LouAnn Poyner and husband, Billy, of Saint Jo; son: Norbert L. Flusche, Jr. and wife, Lina Jo, of Saint Jo; brother, Bernard Flusche, of Centennial, Colorado; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma; sisters: Gertrude Kline and Hilda Conner; brothers: O.S. Flusche, Corky Flusche and Johnny Flusche.

Mass of Christian Burial was scheduled for 2 PM, Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster.

Pallbearers were Bill Tom Meador, Doyle Cook, J.D. Dunn, Don Vogel, Noble Coker, and Ancil Thurman.

Honorary Pallbearers were Tony Trubenbach, Arthur Felderhoff, Art Bayer, and Mallory Mikkelson.

Burial was in the Hood Cemetery, Hood community south of Muenster. A Rosary/Vigil was held at 6:30 PM Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at McCoy Funeral Home in Saint Jo, followed by visitation. Services were officiated by Rev. Ken Robinson and directed by McCoy Funeral Home, Saint Jo.

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