

## WALTER WADE PANNELL

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**1924-2015**

**CARROLLTON:** Walter Wade Pannell, 90, died July 30, 2015 in Carrollton, Texas, attended by his family and caregivers of Sonoma House.

Walter Wade Pannell was born on a farm near Wolfe City, Texas September 3, 1924 to General G. Pannell and Olive Dees Pannell.

Mr. Pannell, at age nineteen, volunteered to serve his country in World War II as a soldier in the United States Army. He was trained as a rifleman, assigned to the First Infantry Division and sent to fight in Europe against Nazi Germany. In the Fall of 1944, a few miles East of the Belgian/German border, Mr. Pannell's Big Red One Division was thrown against the forces of General feldmarschall Walter Model in the longest engagement on German soil during the war – the Battle of Hürtgen Forest.

After his honorable discharge from the Army in 1945, Mr. Pannell returned to Texas where he met and married Doris Ann Wessels, his wife of more than 65 years. Of their marriage three children were born: a daughter, Barbara Pannell Shields; a son, William Wade Pannell; and a daughter, Judith Pannell Kockos. Mr. Pannell is survived by his wife and children, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Pannell retired from DeVilbiss Company. He was a customer service representative.

Mr. Pannell's ashes was interred with military honors in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas 75211, on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 11:00 A.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Mr. Pannell's memory to The Wise County Veterans Group. (<http://www.wise-countyveterans.org>)

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