E.D. (Doyle) Holcomb

Doyle Holcomb was born on July 14, 1920 in the small East Texas community of Liberty Hill, (Houston County) Texas the fourth of five children and died in Dallas, Texas on February 4, 2008. He was the treasured son of Early Ernest and Lela Mae Holcomb and sweet brother to four sisters: Zula Mae McLeod (deceased), Mildred E. Davis, Ester Nell Montgomery and Genita Louise Walton. He grew up in the deep piney woods graduating from Glover School before joining the CCC as well as serving in the 36th Division of the National Guard. He joined the US Navy in 1942 where he served in the Aleutian Campaign before discharge in 1947. Returning to civilian life he married Myrtis Lambert and moved to Dallas where he was a faithful employee of Lone Start Gas (lately TXU) for over 35 years. Myrtis preceded Doyle in death in 1963. In 1965 he married Ida Ellen Broberg and together they enjoyed 36 years of love and laughter in the company of cherished friends, family and adored pets. Doyle and Ida were among the original Dallas Cowboys fans and remained so their entire lives. In addition to the sisters named above Doyle is survived by step-sons Fred Broberg and John and Sharon Broberg and Fred’s sons Erik and Johnny Broberg. Nieces and nephews include Dorothy Jean and Winfred Pullin, Mary Nelva Batson, Jim and Gay Gilmore, Kay Gibbs, Nancy and Jerry Ford, Pamela and Terry Davis, Mark and Anita Walton, and Mike and Celeste Walton. Loving and longtime family friends include George McNalley of Minden, NV, Van and Devon Elam of Mesquite, TX and Randy and Jeri Shelton of Cedar Creek, TX. A host of grand nephews and nieces remember Doyle as the kind, fun-loving hero he was.

Doyle was buried next to Ida in the Augusta Cemetery near Grapeland, Texas on Saturday February 9, 2008 following a service of celebration at the Liberty Hill United Methodist Church at 11 a.m.

Pallbearers include: Scott Gilmore, Bret Gibbs, Mark Walton, Mike Walton, Fred Broberg, and John Broberg. Honorary pallbearer is Jim E. Gilmore. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts should be sent to Liberty Hill United Methodist Church c/o Phyllis Nimitz, 3200 FM 3016, Grapeland, Texas 75844.