

## O. D. BOATMAN

Mr. O. D. Boatman, age 80 of Texas City, was born December 28, 1928 on a farm near Teague, Texas to John Milton Boatman and Josie Newman Boatman, passed away on of Tuesday, April 28, 2009 in the Mainland Medical Center in Texas City.

Mr. Boatman served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1947 through 1967. He retired after 20 years, one month, and three days. He spent time in China, Japan, Korea, Alaska, Panama, South Vietnam and Thailand. He returned to Randolph Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas to retire. Mr. Boatman earned many citations --too numerous to mention. After retirement, he was employed by Hughes Tool Company, L.D. Brinkman Company and McKenzie Tank Lines.

In 1993, he was promoted to Safety Supervisor for Texas and Louisiana for McKenzie. In 1996, Mr. Boatman retired from McKenzie and moved to Crockett, Texas where he met and married Irene Ball. After living in Crockett for six years, they moved to Texas City, Texas. He was a member of the V.F.W. in Cleburne and the American Quarter Horse Association.

Survivors include his loving wife Irene Helen Ball-Boatman; two sons and two daughters Larry Ray Boatman of Pasadena, Gary Stephen Boatman, of Grapevine, Lorie Ann Lewallen of Joshua, and Rhonda Lynn Young, of Gordon; two step-children Michael Dale Ball and wife Lori, of Texas City and Cynthia Marie McCaulley and husband Gary, of Latexo; brother H. R. Boatman and wife Linda, of Trinity; sister, Josie Lee Farrow, of El Paso.

Mr. Boatman had 19 half-brothers and half-sisters as well as many nieces and nephews. Sometimes O.D. was asked what the initials of his name

stood for; but the truth is that because of so many children in the family, by the time he was born, they ran out names and went to initials.

Preceded in death by his son Michael Wayne Boatman; and daughter Frances Wilcene Brisbin.

Graveside Funeral Services for Mr. O. D. Boatman were held Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Evergreen Memorial Park with the Rev. Mike Williams officiating.

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