Mr. William Cloise “Bill” Millwee, age 85 of Crockett, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2009 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Millwee was born June 17, 1923 in Houston County, Texas and was raised there until moving to Houston to work in the ship yard.

He was a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps as Nose Gunner flying 43 missions where he served from February 12, 1943 until November 10, 1945 as Staff Sergeant having received the following awards; Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, American Theater Ribbon and Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon.

After discharged he had worked as a truck driver for Coca Cola and Gulf Oil Company in Houston. After moving back to Houston County in the early 1970’s he opened Millwee’s Exxon until 1981. He later went to work for Latexo School as a bus driver and maintenance personnel working some for Crockett I.S.D. as bus driver until retiring in 1994. Mr. Millwee at 70 years of age raised a garden every year until last year. He was a member of the Center Hill Methodist Church and was also an honorary member of the Latexo Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years; Hazel Millwee, of Crockett; son James Millwee, of Latexo; daughters Pamela Crowson and husband Marc, of Latexo, Deborah Johnson and husband Carl, of Humble; grandchildren Jami Johnson and John Johnson, of Humble, Samantha Vaughn and Jeanne Millwee, of Latexo, Luke Crowson and Cody Crowson, of Grapeland; brothers Thomas Ed Millwee and wife, Johnnie Bell, of Tomball, James Ray Millwee and wife of Kansas; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by his sons Billy Millwee in 1979 and Bobby Millwee in 2008; grandson Robbie Vaughn in 1985; sister Evelyn Christian in 2008; brother John Hugh Millwee; and parents Bill and Else Millwee.

Funeral Services for Mr. William Cloise “Bill” Millwee
were held Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Randy Hargrove officiating. Military graveside services will follow in the Latexo Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15186, Austin, Texas 78761; Kalin’s House or the Charity of Choice

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