



Gordon S. Wiechmann

December 23, 1920 - January 12, 2013

Gordon Stuart Wiechmann, 92, passed peacefully at his home in Sisterdale, Texas on January 12th, 2013. Gordon was born in Fischer Store, Texas on December 23, 1920 to his parents, Gerhard and Olga Fischer Wiechmann. He grew up farming and ranching along with his sister, Ima, and his brother Wesley. After completing Lytle High School in 1938, he joined the Navy and, when World War II began, his enlistment was continued through the conflict. Gordon served on several Navy ships including the battleship Colorado as a signalman and chief quartermaster. During the war, he continued his correspondence with a young woman he had known in high school, Hazel Spivey who, shortly after the war, became his bride and remained his wife and best friend for the rest of her life. After the war, Gordon attended St. Mary's University in San Antonio and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BBA degree in 1948. With his new degree, Gordon took a job at Phillips Paper Company as a bookkeeper. Over the years he advanced with the growing company, retiring as vice-president and treasurer after 42 years. Gordon and Hazel were blessed with twin daughters, Fay and Kay in 1947, but they died shortly after their birth. In 1951 their daughter, Bonnie Gail, was born and was followed in 1957 with the birth of their daughter, Debra Sue. Gordon became an active member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in San Antonio in 1956 and remained active with the church until shortly after he moved to Sisterdale in Kendall County. He was also a member of the San Antonio Executive Association, the American Legion, the USS Colorado Alumni Association, the

Admiral Nimitz Museum of the Pacific War, and the U.S. Navy Memorial Assoc. Gordon was preceded in death by his loving wife, Hazel, his infant daughters Fay and Kay, and his brother Wesley Wiechmann. He is survived by his two daughters, Bonnie Gail Wiechmann Beeson and her husband Douglas of Austin, Texas, Debra Sue Wiechmann Haile and her husband Robert of Sisterdale, Texas, and his sister, Ima Jewell Wiechmann Roselle of San Antonio, Texas. He has six grandchildren: Eric Beeson, Andrea Beeson Dannelley, Scott Beeson, Kimberly Haile Gibbs, Kelly Haile, and Katherine Haile. Services will be held on Tuesday the 15th of January at the Mission Park Funeral Chapel located at 3401 Cherry Ridge in San Antonio, Texas, with family visitation between 11:00a.m. and noon. A short service will be held at noon at Mission Park, and the graveside service will take place at 2:00 p.m. at the Fischer Cemetery on FM 32 in Fischer, Texas.