



## Jack "Pappy" Winkler

February 10, 1922 - January 12, 2012

Allen Jack Winkler

Jack "Pappy" Winkler, a shining example of God's love, went to be with his creator at sunset on January 12, 2012. He died peacefully surrounded by his family in Hondo at the age of 89. His life could best be described by the things he held most dear: his faith, his family, and his legendary work ethic that earned him a reputation as a pioneer in the South Texas auto industry.

The words of Matthew 17:20, "If ye have faith as a grain of MUSTARD SEED...Nothing shall be impossible to you" guided Jack in life, and he carried a mustard seed in his pocket every day as a reminder. He began each morning by reading the bible, and read it cover to cover some twenty two times.

His devotion to family was inspirational to all who knew him, beginning with his wife of 67 years, Evelyn, to whom he served coffee in bed each morning of their marriage. His favorite days were when his two sons, Jackie and Larry, would bring their entire families over for Sunday Dinner. He looked so forward to these times, he would often spend an entire week planning the menu. Another favorite day was when his grandchildren would accompany him to his ranch in D'Hanis while he worked his cattle.

Jack began his career in 1952 when he purchased a Buick dealership in Hondo, Texas. The business quickly prospered and soon he added the Pontiac, Chevrolet, and Oldsmobile brands to his name. Thereafter, Jack Winkler Motors, where Jack trademarked the phrase "The Best Deal in Texas", became a fixture in South Texas for over 49 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter & Edna Winkler of Hondo. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Irene Winkler; his two sons and their spouses, John C. "Jackie" & Virginia Winkler and Larry W. & Cynthia Winkler; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Toy & Ned Brand, Holly & Brady Urbanek, Heidi & Mike McCullick, John Winkler, Jessica & Breck Harmel, Joshua Winkler, Joseph & Jana Winkler, Jacob Winkler; ten great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Also, loving family member, Thelma E. Stiner. A memorial service will be held at 1pm. on Tuesday, January 17, at the First Baptist Church in Hondo. Memorials may be made to the Jack Winkler Scholarship Fund at D'Hanis State Bank or Medina Regional Hospital.