



## James H. Caudill

May 12, 1925 - August 9, 2012

James H. Caudill, of San Antonio, TX passed away on August 9, 2012. He was born May 12, 1925, in Winfield, AL to Stephen Emory Caudill and Dora Armstrong Caudill. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Bobby Caudill, Eugene Caudill, and Stephen Emory Red Caudill; two sisters, Esther Caudill Hamrick Case, Dora Caudill Allen Brock and Mary Caudill Mitchell. Visitation will be held at Mission Park Funeral Home on August 12, 2012 between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 pm. Funeral will be August 13, 2012 at 2:00 pm at Shearer Hills Baptist Church with Dr. Dowell Loftis, officiating minister. Brian Jacob, grandson will be delivering a family remembrance. Burial will be August 13, 2012 in Mission Burial Park North. In 1927 he moved from Winfield to Decatur, AL, with his family. There he attended the public school system and graduated from Decatur High School in November of 1943. After two days of completing his high school courses he volunteered and entered the service of the United States Army Air Corp. Upon completion of his training, he received his wings as a Flight Engineer and Gunner. He spent approximately two years flying in B17's, B24's, and B29's during the war years of 1944 and 1945, within the states. In January 1946, he followed in the steps of his father and older brother, Eugene, to the University of Kentucky in Lexington, and entered the School of Civil Engineering. After the death of his father, he went back to Alabama and worked for the Decatur Iron and Steel Company. In 1948 he accepted the call of God to enter the Gospel Ministry. In September of that year, he entered Baylor University to prepare himself for his

life's work. While in school he met and married, who he said was the prettiest girl on campus, Mary Frances Hartgroves, on September 9, 1950. He received his Degree in Religion in 1951. He served Baptist churches in Alabama, Texas, and Mississippi as Pastor. He also said that his greatest successes were at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Morgan County, Alabama and Okolona Baptist Church in Hatton, Alabama. Mr. Caudill also worked many years as an Engineering Consultant with the Southern Steel Company and ISI Contracting Group in San Antonio, TX. He is a member of the Morgan County Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, inducted in 1994 for his athletic achievements in high school, college, and semi-pro ball. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Mary Hartgroves Caudill, three daughters; Cindi Caudill Jacob and husband, Leonard, Ginger Caudill McGuff and husband Stan, Kathy Caudill Garza and husband, Roland; two sons; Bobby Caudill and wife Laura, and David Caudill and wife Stacy . Twelve grandchildren, Brian Jacob and wife Kristine Jacob, Chad Jacob, Matthew McGuff and wife Sarah McGuff, Amy McGuff Skinner and husband, Drew, Emily McGuff, Zachry Caudill, Michael Caudill, Jill Caudill, Jeremy Garza, Kimberly Garza, Grant Caudill, and Madison Caudill; three great grandsons, Benjamin Stephen Jacob, Braxton Samuel Jacob, and Charles Matthew McGuff. Two great granddaughters, Hailey Alis Jacob and Phoebe Alexis Skinner. One sister, Lucille Caudill Dumas and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be grandsons, Matthew McGuff, Chad Jacob, Zachry Caudill, Michael Caudill, Jeremy Garza, and Grant Caudill. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be given to Baylor University Athletic Department in Waco, TX