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James Jim Edwards English was born on March 4, 1922 in his grandparents' home at 3213 W. Houston St. in San Antonio, Tx. He went home to be with our LORD on June 12, 2016. Jim lived his life as a devoted husband, father and grandfather. His grandfather, Thomas Jerome Thomasson, was a Methodist Circuit Rider; therefore, Jim was brought up in the old Prospect Hill Methodist Church and received Christ at the young age of seven. After graduating from Jefferson High School, he entered civil service at Duncan Field, which later became Kelly Air Force Base. During World War II, Jim served in the U. S. Army Air Force. His tour included England, France, Belgium and Germany. In November, 1945, he returned home and to civil service. Jim later attended college at Texas A&M and the USAF School of Logistics.

Jim received the US Air Force Meritorious Civilian Service Award, while serving as Deputy, Inspector General Affairs Officer at the San Antonio Air Materiel Area. After 33 years of faithful service in a civil service career; Jim retired. After retirement, he managed his ranches in Atascosa and Bexar counties. He enjoyed fishing and hunting as well as bowling, country & western dancing and square dancing. Jim served his church as President of

the Methodist Men, Lay Leader and Chairman of the Board. He also served as Boy Scout Leader for his church's local Boy Scout chapter. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, National Rifle Association and Bexar Squares.

Jim knew his wife, Lillian, since childhood; however, they did not become sweethearts until Jim returned from the war. While he was overseas, Lillian donated a pint of blood in his honor. His interest was sparked when he received a card advising him of her action. They began corresponding and upon coming home, Jim was smitten with her beautiful blue eyes. They married on October 11, 1947. Their first home was a rented garage apartment on Mally Blvd. They chose this apartment because it was a few blocks away from the land they purchased for their first house. This land was located on West Villaret Blvd. During the day, they worked a full day at Kelly AFB. In the evenings, they worked to clear the bush before they built their first house. They raised their family in the Villaret home where many wonderful memories were made. In 1994, they built and moved to their current home on their S. Bexar County ranch. This home is located between their children's' homes; once again bringing the family closer together. The Villaret House, as it is still called today, was sold. Jim would sing to Lillian every morning of his love for her. Days when He was not home he would still call and greet her daily with a song. His love for her always put her first.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents Maye Esther Thomasson and James McFadden English, brother, Eugene Thomasson English and sister-in-law Ann Garrison English. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Lillian Frances Kraus English, daughter, Patricia Esther Scharmann Larry, son, James Michael English Elizabeth; 5 grandchildren, James Keith Scharmann Claudia, Kay Lynn Schulz Steve, James Chance English Jenny, Kimberly Michelle Glenn David, and Jennifer Leanne Crawford Lyle; 13 great-grandchildren,

Tristan, Derek, David, Sterling, Sarah, Kimber, Mason, Cooper, Layna, Kyson, Colt, Ivy and Zoe; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 16, 2016 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral service will be Friday, June 17, at 11:00 a.m. at Mission Park South. Interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to Oak Island United Methodist Church, 2970 DeVilbiss Lane, San Antonio, TX, 78264.