



## James Edward Flora

October 9, 1916 - September 21, 2012

On September 21, 2012, a man of honor, a patriot, a Christian, a father with a soft heart, a husband with a twinkle in his eye, a storyteller with a song for every occasion, a soldier tested in battle and a self-made man went home to his reward. Jimmy was born October 9, 1916. He overcame the terrible hunger of the depression and the horrors of the Battle of the Bulge to become the loving husband of Eda "Doris" Tipton of Floresville, Texas. They celebrated their 70th anniversary on March 1, 2012. Jimmy joined the Army at an early age, serving in the First Cavalry horse cavalry at Fort Clark, Brackettville, Texas. He was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, and ultimately received a Bronze Star for service to his country in the European Theater in World War II. Jimmy was a long-time, dedicated employee at Sears & Roebuck, Romana Plaza, in the Air Conditioning, Plumbing and Heating Department and after retiring, he worked for 11 years for Montgomery Wards. He was also deacon at the Baptist Church, Sunday School teacher to many young men who grew up at Riverside Baptist Church. Jimmy was a loving husband to Doris Flora; exemplary father to Patty Gail Patricia and Alvin Sitchler, Brenda Sue Brenda and Larry Dunn and Cliff James Clifton Flora; doting grandfather to Kristen Eve Sitchler, Jason wife, Alexis Sitchler, Jonathan wife, Kristen Dunn, Joel Dunn, Angela Dunn and Bethany Dunn; and great-grandfather to Isaac James Sitchler, son of Jason and Alexis Sitchler. A thoughtful and conscientious man, Jimmy voted in the 2008 presidential primary and election on electronic voting machines at the age of

91—a long way from the poll-tax voting of the 1930s. Jimmy's accomplishments, honor and kindness touched many. He will live on in the hearts of the loving family he built and all those who knew him, always. Visitation for James will be at Mission Park Funeral Chapel South, Monday, September 24, 2012 from 5:00 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. The Funeral Service will be 12:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at Mission Park South. The interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.