



Joseph D. Lankford

May 23, 1920 - December 26, 2014

Joseph D. Lankford, 94, passed peacefully Dec. 26, 2014. A near lifelong resident at 1415 Waverly Ave., San Antonio, he had for the past 6 years resided near Utopia, Texas. Born in San Antonio May 23, 1920, Joe graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1938, joined the Army Air Forces in Sept. 1941 and served as a mechanic in the 322th BS, 450th BG until Oct. 1945. Joe retired, as a machinist, from Kelly AFB in 1975, the recipient of many service and innovation awards. He was married to Mabel Lorene Muenzler in 1946, in Ft. Worth and divorced in 1958. He is survived by; their 3 sons, Dan Lankford of Gatesville, Roy Lankford of Seguin and Gary Lankford of Utopia; his ex-wife Mabel Ward, her daughter Dorothy Graschel and her son Brian; Dan's daughters Karyn Barrett of Louisiana, Monique Lankford of Floresville and her children Kaelia and Skyland; Dan's step-daughter Christy Lankford; as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

Visitation will begin on Thursday, January 1, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Graveside service will be held on Friday, January 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Park.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.