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Retired Master Sgt Leroy S. McCulloch, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and above all, patriot, went peacefully to the Lord on October 1, 2011 at the age of 89. He proudly served his country during both war and peace times. After being shot down over Austria during WWII he endured the hardships of being a POW in one of the many German war camps. He vividly recalled the day of his liberation when U.S. soldiers arrived on April 29, 1945 and celebrated this day of victory with each passing year. After receiving the distinguished Purple Heart, he returned home and continued to serve in peace time even after marrying the love of his life, Bonnie P. Mercer on May 16, 1949. They went through life together for 62 yrs. After retiring from the USAF in 1967, he gleefully worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier for the next 17 yrs of his life. Like many of the men of his era who returned from WWII and entered back into the mainstream of life, he never spoke of his wartime military experiences. As the years passed he gradually opened up to his children and grandchildren about many of the experiences he endured as a POW. We were not only captivated by each tale of history he told but also grateful he shared that part of his life with us. We will miss his story-telling and endearing bright smile. The family would like to thank the staff at Patriot Heights for the care he received and the loving support by care-givers from Caring Companions these last few months. He is

preceded in death by his son Gary Lee McCulloch. He is survived by his faithful wife, Bonnie, sons Wayne McCulloch Pam, Douglas McCulloch; loving daughter and son-in law, Gail & Mitch Greene; proud grandchildren Chris McCulloch Kathryn, Brandon McCulloch, Garrett & Wesley Greene; great-grandchildren Calei & Cadence McCulloch.

#### Services

Funeral services will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, October 10, 2011 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. All are invited to celebrate his life as eulogized by his grandchildren. Graveside services will follow with full military honors at 10:00 A.M. at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers are sons and grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the American Parkinsons Disease Foundation, 85077 Chesham, San Antonio, Texas 78254 or to the Alzheimer's Association 7400 Louis Pasteur Dr. # 200, San Antonio TX 78229-4542 .