



## Manuel Canales

December 30, 1920 - August 30, 2012

Manuel Canales went to be with our Lord on August 30th 2012 at the age of 91 after a courageous battle with cancer. Manuel was born in Uvalde, Texas on December 30th 1920 to Y.P. and Ada Canales. He was one of nine children including brothers Alex, Bill, Roy, Peter, and sisters Mamie, Rosie, Stella, and Esther. He grew up in Uvalde and graduated from Uvalde High School. After working for his family, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942. His service would take him to North Africa, India, and Burma. After serving his country he returned to Texas in 1945 where he met his future wife, Toni Garcez. They married on February 7th 1948 and moved to Norman, Oklahoma so he could attend college. Manuel graduated in 1952 from the University of Oklahoma with a BS in geological engineering. After graduation Manuel and Toni returned to Texas to start their family, having two children Sharon and Billy. He began working as an engineer in San Antonio for the United States Civil Service. His expertise would take him across the country and around the globe. While working as an engineer he was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades. He was responsible for the development of crucial military weapons systems still in use today. After retiring from the civil service corps, he began his own engineering firm where he worked until his final retirement. He was an active member of his local VFW and American Legion. He loved spending time with his family, was an avid gardener, and enjoyed hunting. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Toni Canales, two children Billy Canales, and Sharon Sandoval, son-in-law Joseph Sandoval, grandchild Chris

Sandoval, brothers Bill Canales, Roy Canales, sisters Esther Pruneda, Stella De La Garza, and numerous other family members and friends. We would like to acknowledge the wonderful care provided by Lynette Sralla of Alamo Hospice.

#### Services

Visitation will begin at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at St. Matthew Catholic Church with the Vigil/Rosary at 7:30 PM. The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Services will conclude at the Church.