



MSGT Lee E. Williams USAF Ret

January 5, 1916 - August 5, 2011

Master Sergeant Lee E. Williams, United States Air Force Retired died in San Antonio, at age 95, on August 5, 2011 after a brief illness. MS Williams was born at home on the 5th of January 1916 in Paris, Texas to Vera Hines and Orville Jackson Williams. He served his country for twenty five years during World War II and Korea. While stationed in Savannah, Georgia, he helped form the 312th Bomb Group "Roarin 20's" and served in the Philippines and New Guinea. Some of the more famous homes of the 312th in New Guinea were Port Moresby, Gusap, Nadzab, and Hollandia, where the group flew the A-20 as a low-level ground attack aircraft. He retired in 1956 to Harlingen, Texas where he lived for 50 years until he moved to Seguin, Texas to live with his daughter and be closer to his family. During his long career he received decorations and commendations for his contributions to the US Army Air Corps and the USAF. It was while he was stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana that he met his wife, Elsie of nearly sixty five years. They were married in April 1941. He enjoyed fishing along the gulf coast of Texas and Mexico. He and his wife traveled all over the US while in the service, and later while attending reunions of his military group. While at one of those reunions in Niagara Falls, they renewed their wedding vows after 50 years of marriage. Lee was predeceased by his parents, Vera and Orville Williams, by his brother, Cecil Williams, his wife, Elsie Howe Williams, and by his eldest son, Raymond Lee Williams. He is survived by his sons, Kenneth Williams Beverly of Austin, and Gary Williams, of Temple, Texas, and his daughters,

Susan Lunsford Bill of Seguin, Texas, and Carole Williams, of Austin, Texas. In addition, Lee is survived by his grandchildren, Dawn Marie Schultz, Mark Williams, Dustin Williams, Christina Williams and Aaron Williams, and one great grandchild, Nolan Lee Williams, and step grandsons Cody and Clay Lunsford, as well as numerous close friends. The family would like to thank the nurses and other caring individuals of the hospice Odyssey House, in San Antonio for their loving care.