



Ned Cullum Gander

October 3, 1912 - July 18, 2012

Ned Cullum Gander passed away on July 18, 2012, at the age of 99. He was predeceased by his first wife, Martha Marie, his second wife, Mary Jane, and his son, Neil Robert Gander. Ned is survived by his four daughters, two step-children, and numerous grandchildren. He was born on October 3, 1912, on a farm near Earlsboro, Oklahoma, and lived in Marshfield, Missouri; Lebanon, Illinois; San Antonio, and Austin, Texas.

A World War II veteran, Ned worked 34 years as a civilian employee at the headquarters of the Air Training Command before retiring from Randolph AFB, Texas. He received five Outstanding Performance Ratings between 1956 and 1971 and received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1969 after spearheading a Manpower Division initiative to manage budget cuts by leveraging normal turn-over and controlled rehiring, saving many jobs in the process.

Ned was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church and assisted their mission program by building houses in the Texas valley. He was the author of the published novel, *Wayward*, and several short stories and poems. A natural sportsman he enjoyed baseball, basketball, volleyball, tennis, and golf. As an avid golfer, Ned was proud of his three holes in one. Having grown up on a farm, he challenged the Texas weather to successfully grow tomatoes, oranges, pecans, and roses.

Ned was a family man who was grateful for his two happy marriages, his children, and his grandchildren. Education was one of Ned's highest priorities. Because he never had the opportunity himself to attend college, one of his greatest accomplishments was assisting each of his five children with obtaining their Bachelor's degrees.

A private burial will take place at Mission Burial Park North. A memorial service will be held at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church on Sunday, July 22, at 1 p.m. Those who wish to make donations in Ned's honor may do so to St. Andrew's United Methodist Church or to a charity of your choice.