



## Ralph H. Culbertson Sr.

December 30, 1913 - October 11, 2007

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Ralph H. Culbertson passed peacefully on October 11, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in his home. Ralph was born on December 30, 1913, in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He attended high school in Guthrie, Oklahoma and graduated in May of 1932. After high school, he obtained his degree in accounting. Ralph subsequently joined the Air Corps in May of 1934, and was stationed in San Antonio, Texas, where he met and married Eva Blanche Fritts on July 24, 1940. Ralph and Eva Blanche moved to Portland, Oregon for Ralph's next assignment. Eva gave birth to their first child, Patricia Ann. Ralph was then transferred to Everett where their second child, Ralph Howard, Jr., was born. Ralph was transferred to Europe in 1943 where he was a member of the 55th Fighter Group. He remained in Europe until 1945 when he was transferred to San Antonio where their third child, Linda Kaye, was born. Ralph remained in San Antonio and retired from the Air Force after 30 years of service. He was a member of the Harlandale Methodist Church for over 60 years, a charter member of the Battle of Normandy Museum, committee member of the Air Force Memorial Foundation, and Southside Lions Club where he was president in 1959-60. Ralph was preceded in death by Eva Blanche his beloved wife of 61 years and survived by his children Patricia A. Bowen, Ralph H. Culbertson, Jr. and his wife Sol, and Linda K. Culbertson; grandchildren, Katherine Hart, Elisa Mahone and her husband Tom, and Courtney Culbertson; great-grandchildren, Cynthia, Joshua, Daniel, and David Halatyn, and Camryn and

Rylan Mahone. Ralph also has numerous nieces and nephews including Bobby Newman who provided him invaluable care and companionship.