



Robert W. Purdom

September 7, 1916 - March 23, 2012

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Robert William Purdom, Jr., 95, of San Antonio, died March 23, 2012 at Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital. Mr. Purdom was born in San Antonio, Texas to Robert W. and Guadalupe Trevino Purdom on September 7, 1916. He lived most of his life in San Antonio, and he graduated from Brackenridge High School and St. Mary's University with a degree in business. Mr. Purdom served his country honorably beginning with the New Mexico National Guard Cavalry as a teenager, followed by service during WWII as a navigator / bombardier with the Army Air Corps 326 Bomb Squad in England. His B17 plane was shot down over Germany and he was a German prisoner of war for 22 months. He later served in the Philippines during the Korean conflict, and then returned to San Antonio to begin his civilian career. After returning from WWII, Mr. Purdom met and married Miss Olga Margaret Garza Tudy on May 25, 1946 at the Basilica of the Little Flower. They made their home in San Antonio, where Mr. Purdom was employed in accounting and procurement positions with several firms over the years, the latest of which was with Security Service at Kelly Air Force Base. He was an active member and past-president of the Pan American Optimists. He was preceded in death by his son Robert W. Purdom, III and by his beloved wife, Tudy. He is survived by his devoted daughter, Andrea F. Purdom, and numerous nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Mr. Purdom will be remembered by his

friends and loved ones for his devotion to his family, his keen sense of humor, his pool-playing skills, and his love of fishing. He was known for his vast knowledge on a wide range of subjects and there was not a question he couldn't answer.

Services for Mr. Purdom will be as follows: visitation will be held from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. at Mission Park North Funeral Home on Monday, March 26, 2012 with a Rosary to begin at 7:00 p.m. A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at St. Luke's Catholic Church with burial to follow at San Fernando Cemetery II.