



## Rodney James McConnell

October 30, 1920 - February 17, 2012

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Rodney James McConnell passed away on February 17, 2012 in Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas at the age of 91. He was born in Madison, Wisconsin to Oren and Lydia McConnell. He attended high school in Stoughton, Wisconsin. He received a B.A. Degree from Luther College, Decorah, after which he began his career with the Dupont Company. On January 23, 1943 he married Lillian Stadvold in Starbuck, Minnesota. He served in the Pacific Theater with the U.S. Navy during WWII as commanding officer on an LCT. His career involved many aspects of the automotive industry, having been employed by Sinclair Oil Company, Monsanto Chemical, Ford Motor Company, Automotive Research Associates, San Antonio and as a consultant with Shell Chemical Co. He retired as President of Automotive Research. He was active in the Society of Automotive Engineers, American Petroleum Institute and the American Society for Testing Materials. Because his hobby was restoring antique cars, he was a member of the Alamo City Corvair Assn., Key to the Hills Vintage Car Club and the Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club. Wherever he was located he was active in Lutheran Churches, serving on building committees, councils and offices. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Boerne, where a Memorial Service will be held on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 1:00pm. He is survived by his wife, Lillian; sons, David, John and his wife, Barbara; nieces, Jane Brogue and Cathy Bunn, Leawood, Kansas.

Memorials may be sent to St. John Lutheran Church, Box 1081, Boerne, TX  
or to Odyssey Hospice, 4440 S. Piedras Dr., San Antonio, TX 78228.

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