



## Walter Benjamin Maddux

May 13, 1923 - October 4, 2014

The honorable Walter B. Maddux of Bexar County, Texas, went to be with his Lord and Savior on October 4, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Maddux was 91 years old and his life was as big as the state he loved so dearly. Walter Benjamin Maddux was a Texan. He grew up in west Texas spending much of his youth in the area between Eagle Pass and Barksdale exploring the banks of the Rio Grande River where he began his lifelong passion for hunting and fishing. During his teenage years he earned the distinction of being an Eagle Scout. At age 15 he joined the Work Projects Administration where he worked in Yuma, Arizona. A WWII veteran, at age 17, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps where he was awarded a bronze star while serving with distinction in the South Pacific Solomon Islands on Russell Island near Guadalcanal. Upon returning to the state that he loved, he began the many careers and pursuits of his life. He spent 15 years as a Bexar County Deputy Sheriff where he received a meritorious service certificate. Mr. Maddux carried a badge his entire life as a lifetime member of the Bexar County Sheriff's Department. In the construction industry he worked on numerous major projects including a position as the Jack man during the lifting of the Tower of the Americas. He retired from GPM Life as the building manager. Mr. Maddux was a commercial pilot and spent many years crop-dusting along the Red River in northern Texas. His love of airplanes also included remote-controlled aircraft which he built and flew as a hobby. In 1966, Mr. Maddux and two other men founded the Bulverde Volunteer Fire Department and built the first fire

truck by hand, filling the water tank from the Guadalupe River. Mr. Maddux was an avid beekeeper and studied the many medicinal properties of native Texas honey. He was a true cowboy from felt to leather, a skilled marksman and hunter, a competent chef, a ruthless bridge and chess player, an avid reader, an active Mason for over 60 years and he built the brick house that he lived in with his own hands. His favorite poem was "If" by Rudyard Kipling. His generosity of spirit, sharp mind and sense of humor will be remembered and missed by many friends and loved ones. Mr. Maddux is preceded in death by his first wife, Edith Webb Maddux and his daughter, Donna Maddux. He is survived by his wife Patsy Maddux, his granddaughter Dawn Brake, his grandson Walter Roy Brake, his niece Mitzie Webb, and his stepchildren Linda, Barbara and Raymond Kelly. Visitation will be on Thursday, October 9, 2014 between 6 and 8 PM at Mission Park Funeral Home North. Graveside service will be on October 10, 2014 at 10:30 AM at Kicaster Cemetery located on the corner of county road 324 and county road 3432 in Wilson County, Texas.