



Willis Nettles

April 2, 1923 - September 18, 2014

Characterized by a deep, abiding love for and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, attested to by family and friends, Willis Nettles was called home on Thursday, September 18. He was encircled by loving family members, as he passed from this life into the loving arms of Jesus. Born on April 2, 1923, in Houston County, 91 year-old Willis lived a productive life as he proudly served in World War II in the Asiatic Pacific Theater, 381st Infantry. Having trained at Wheaton College, he achieved "Cream of the Crop" status. Ah, the stories he could share to instill in his listeners love of God and country. In tribute to his service and patriotism, he was recently selected to view the World War II memorial at Washington D.C., with fellow wartime honorees. Prior work experience also includes consulting for Ford Motor Company as well as 35 years with H. Hughes Tool Company as a Certified Manufacturing Engineer. With a passion for learning and teaching, Willis taught at Texas A&M in the Engineering Extension Center. He was a fine craftsman, loved to create for his family and friends and has passed on his creativity and work ethic, "Anything worth doing must be done right." To his credit, he led the family and friends in a joint effort to build a country cabin on their property called, "The Master's Touch," his life-long dream, to be enjoyed by all. Willis met his beloved wife of 36 years, Lupita, in Mexico; they married and moved to San Antonio where they have since resided. They have faithfully attended The Hills Church since 1981. He had a love for singing and Christian Gospel music, particularly, the Bill Gaither programs. Willis Nettles is survived by his wife, Lupita; daughters and sons-in-

law, Elideth Laird Scott, Cheryl Jarrod Westbrook, Willa Sam Brown, and Janice Cary Smith; son, Larry Nettles; 6 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren. He leaves a legacy of faith and strength to his family and many friends. Truly, to know him was to love him.