



Billy Jack Stiles

May 1, 1929 - January 9, 2009

Billy Jack Stiles passed peacefully away on January 9, 2009, after battling a brief illness. With his family by his bedside, Jack left this earthly life while listening to his favorite gospel music. Family always came first for Jack. He was a husband of unparalleled devotion to his wife, Lillian, for 55 years. Jack was happiest when he was spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jack will be remembered by his family and friends for his kindheartedness and his desire to always lend a helping hand to those in need. Jack was born May 1, 1929 in Wilson, Texas, Lynn County to the late Erwin Graves Stiles and Mable Conoley Stiles. Jack was the youngest of twelve children and a graduate of Thorndale High School. On July 21, 1950, he was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Lillian Garner Stiles, at the University Baptist Church in Austin. Jack served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He attained the rank of S/Sergeant and was honorably discharged September 30, 1959. Jack retired from the State of Texas after working in administrative services for the State Board of Insurance. Recently, Jack successfully worked with state legislators to pass Lillian's Law. Lillian's Law holds Texas dog owners criminal liable for death or injury caused by their pets. Jack is preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Stiles, brothers; Erwin Graves Stiles, Jr., Boyd Conoley Stiles, Jessie Larkin Stiles, Byron Burke Stiles, David Lake Stiles, Frances Wilburn Stiles. Sisters; Mary Louise Stiles, Stell Buchanan Phillips, Nina Ruth Stiles Kirkpatrick Kotrola, Sarah Virginia Stiles Elliptt, Grace Lorraine Stiles Peck. Sister-in-laws; Evelyn Adams, Verna

Jo Malone. Brother-in-laws; Clifford Duncan Garner and Andrew Jackson Garner III. Jack is survived by his three children, nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and his sister, Shirley Ling of Thorndale. Children include Jacqueline Williams of Cortez, Colorado, Marilyn Shoemaker and husband Bill of Austin and Mark Stiles and wife Cheryl of Thrall. Grandchildren include Nicole Williams and husband Vernon King of Rockdale, Alexander Williams and wife Danette and Jess "Trey" Williams III all of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Justin Stiles of Thrall, Johna Stiles of Thorndale, Brook Hampton of Bryan, David Hampton of Georgetown, Amanda Shoemaker of Austin and Shawn Shoemaker and wife Kyndal of New Braunfels. Great-grandchildren include Chase Williams, Andrew Lopez, Amanda Lopez, Harley King all of Rockdale, Savannah Williams and Landon Williams of Albuquerque, Devon Perkins and Paige Stiles of Rockdale. Surviving sister-in-law include Doris Haepf of Farmington, New Mexico, Bobbie Treuthardt of New Braunfels, Mary Ann Hill and husband Bill of Canyon Lake and Lucy Ditmore and husband Frank of Austin. The family will receive friends at First Baptist Church in Thorndale on Monday, January 12th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Thorndale on January 13th at 2:00 PM with Rev. Larry Griffith as clergy. Interment will follow at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale. Active pallbearers are Justin Stiles, David Hampton, Shawn Shoemaker, Jeff Kirkpatrick, Alexander Williams, Trey Williams, Les Adams, David Ling, Honorary pallbearers, Jeff Abbott, Basil Mahmoud, Chase Williams, Andrew Williams, Don Ling, Chris Ditmore. Memorial donations to Jack and Lillian Stiles scholarship fund at Thorndale High School. Memorials can be sent to the Thorndale Ex-Student Association, Attn. Angie Becker, P. O. Box 393, Thorndale, Texas 76577 or First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 217, Thorndale, Texas 76577 or Lillian Stiles Memorial Fund, City National Bank, P.O. Box 1099, Taylor, Texas 76574

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