



## Charles William Hancock

September 14, 1921 - January 24, 2018

Charles William Hancock, 95, passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 in Temple, Texas. Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018 at the Caldwell Masonic Cemetery, with burial to follow.

Charles was born on January 14, 1921 to Prince Albert & Precious Jewell (Riley) Hancock in Swisher County, TX. He enlisted in the USAAF in 1939 and served until 1945. During that time, he served in World War II, where he flew 26 missions over Europe as a navigator on B-17s. Charles was awarded the Air Medal & Distinguished Flying Cross. He attended University of Texas and received a Bachelor's Degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1949. He married the love of his life, Dorothy Butler, on June 7, 1946. They relocated to Caldwell in 1977, where he would become the president & chairman of the board at the former First State Bank in Caldwell. He was also a respected petroleum engineer and manager. Charles retired as president of American Petrofina Exploration Company in the late 1970's. He was on the Board of Visitors at Scott & White Hospital in Temple and a board member of the Caldwell Masonic Cemetery Association. He and his wife enjoyed their thoroughbred champion race horses in their spare time. An avid golfer, Charles twice qualified for the Senior Olympics golf tournament.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dorothy Hancock; son, Butler Albert Hancock; brother, Lonnie B. Hancock; and sister, Mary Riley.

He is survived by his son, William "Bill" Hancock of Glenwood, Iowa; granddaughter, Marquita Adrian of Bryan; and daughter-in-law, Lisa Nunez-Hancock.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, Texas 77210-4486

# Cemetery Details

## Caldwell Masonic Cemetery

1411 W. Buck St.  
Caldwell, TX

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN **29**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Caldwell, TX

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Stayed with him for a short time. He was a sweet person and very independent. Enjoyed hearing stories of his many faceted life. May your gentle soul RIP with your beloved wife.* ”

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