



Clarence E. Richter

October 22, 1932 - August 11, 2012

Clarence Richter entered his eternal glory on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at the age of 79 years, 9 months and 20 days. He was born on October 22, 1932 to Karl Richter and Olga (Unger) Richter in Giddings, Texas. He was baptized into the Christian faith at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings on November 6, 1932. He renewed that vow of baptism on the day of his Confirmation, April 5, 1946, at Immanuel in Giddings. On October 19, 1957, Clarence married the love of his life, Betty Koenning, at St. Michaels Lutheran Church in Winchester, Texas. On December 3, 1963, a precious daughter, Tracye, came to live with them. He was very proud of her and always carried a picture of her in his wallet. It brought him added joy to be able to add the photos of grandchildren next to hers. Clarence served in the U.S. Army for three years beginning in 1953. He worked for Steck Co., Ward Body Works, the City of Austin and was a welding instructor for Austin Community College for many years. He retired from the City of Austin with 25 years of service after which he and Betty moved back to Winchester. In Clarence's lifetime, he served his church as an Elder and was on the finance board. He loved Bass fishing and participated in many tournaments. He also helped to organize two Bass clubs and was a lifetime member. He was a member of the Winchester Civic Association and the Winchester Volunteer Fire Department. Clarence spent many hours with his special grandchildren, Colton and Alyssa, taking them fishing, hunting and to the beach with family and friends. Clarence is survived by his wife, Betty Richter of Winchester; special daughter, Tracye

and son-in-law, Tony Jones of La Grange; grandson, Colton Jones of La Grange; granddaughter, Alyssa Jones of La Grange; sister, Annie Cook of La Grange; brothers, Charles & Mamie Richter of Nechanitz and Edgar & Sharon Richter of Houston; in-laws, Evelyn Parker of Winchester, Nancy & Don Buck of Round Rock and Linda & Ronnie Hart of Winchester as well as many nieces, nephews and wonderful friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, three brothers-in-law and his parents-in-law, to whom he was like a son. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m and on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at St. Michaels Lutheran Church in Winchester, Texas with Rev. Nate Hill officiating. Burial with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion Post 276 will follow at the Winchester City Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Brian Buck, Jeff Cook, Marcus Cook, Jonathan Hart, Eddie Marburger, Curtis Moerbe, Mark Parker, Scott Parker, Scott Richter and Kevin Von Minden. Honorary pallbearers will be Troy Carmean, Jim Clampit, Carl Exner, Marvin Faske, Bill Jenkins and Bobby Miertschin. Memorials may be made to the St. Michaels Lutheran Church Repair Fund, the Winchester Volunteer Fire Department or to the charity of one's choice.