



James "Muddle" Allen Knipstein

March 14, 1931 - August 29, 2012

James (Muddle) Allen Knipstein, 81, was born in Burton, Texas on March 14, 1931 to Louis Charles Knipstein and Lena Anna Roemer Knipstein. Muddle graduated from Giddings High School in May of 1949. After high school, he worked for Droemer Construction Company in Giddings. From October 10, 1952 until September 10, 1954 he served in the U.S. Army in Japan. Muddle married Mary Sue Burns on April 14, 1956. They had three children, Kimberly, Charles (Chuck) and Michael. Muddle worked for Droemer Construction until August of 1972. In September of 1972 he went to work with his brother Louis (Junior) Knipstein building houses and commercial buildings, which he continued until he retired. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Lexington, Texas and served on the Building and Grounds Committee at the church for years. Muddle also served on the Lexington Cemetery Association. Muddle enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed camping and going to the beach. Muddle was survived by his loving wife of fifty-six years, Mary Sue; daughter, Kimberly (Kim) and husband James Dismukes; son Charles (Chuck) and wife Tami; son, Michael (Mike) and wife Heather; grandchildren, Andrea Dismukes and Louie Burkle, Kyle Dismukes and Tina Browder, Phillip Knipstein, Rachel Knipstein, Sara Knipstein, Ava Knipstein, Baelyn Knipstein and Hope Knipstein; great grandchildren, Cloe Burkle and Jayden Dismukes; aunt, Mildred Roemer of Georgetown; brothers: Louis (Junior) Knipstein and wife Deckie of Lexington, niece, Tana Knipstein Renfroe and husband Ned

Renfroe of Lexington, Raymond and wife Becky of Austin, niece, Pam Knipstein of Austin, Texas, niece, Kristi Knipstein Dowding and husband William Dowding of Austin, Texas; brother-in-law Dr. Charles Burns and wife Cathy of Giddings; nephews, Robert Burns of Pleasanton, Joel Burns of Charlotte, James Burns of Giddings, Troy Wittenbach of Pleasanton and several great nieces and nephews. Muddle was preceded in death by a brother; his parents, Louis and Lena Knipstein; his in-laws Dr. Robert and Mary Alice Burns; a nephew, Neal Knipstein and a brother-in-law, Robert (Bobby) Burns. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings followed by a private burial. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the American Legion Post #6 of Lexington, P.O. Box 94, Lexington, Texas 78947.