



John W. Parker

April 9, 1917 - January 26, 2012

Services for John W. Parker, Sr., are scheduled for 2:00 PM Thursday, February 2, 2012 in the First Baptist Church in Lexington. Burial will follow in the Prospect Cemetery near Lexington. Visitation: 5PM to 8PM Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Lexington. John W. Parker, Sr., of Granbury was called to God Thursday, January 26, 2012 at the tender age of 94. He was born April 9, 1917 to Nancy and Curtis Parker in Lexington. John's family continues to operate one of the longest continually running ranches in the state of Texas, a designation given by the Southwest Texas Cattlemen's Association. Mr. Parker proudly served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a pilot, achieving the rank of Captain. Mr. Parker drove for Mayflower Moving Company for over 25 years, before starting his own trucking company, and ending up owning over a quarter of the trucks in Mayflower's Electronic Fleet. He then moved into financing trucks of other drivers who had fallen on hard times, leading him into a lucrative and rewarding life of helping those men become independent owner/operators. Mr. Parker moved to Granbury in 1978 with his wife, Theda Rhea. She preceded him in death in 1987 after 49 years of marriage. He then met and had a loving 25 year relationship with Kay Willis, who passed away in 2011. Mr. Parker is survived by; Son, John W. Parker, Jr.; Daughter, Donna Hill; Brother, Edward Parker; Sister, Rebecca Lewis, 5 grandchildren, Scott Parker, Melissa Parker, Gregg Hill, Bradley Hill, Regina Graves and 7 great grandchildren.

Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Parker*

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