



## John H. Reat

May 9, 1918 - August 14, 2011

John H. Reat was born May 9, 1918 in String Prairie near Lexington, Texas to John Arvel and Elvira (Stockton) Reat. Graduated from Friendship High School in 1935. Attended Tarleton Agriculture College 1935 to 1937, graduated from Texas A&M University in 1939 and was part of the Football National Championship in 1939. He taught agriculture near Brownwood 1939-1940. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II, served as 2d Lt and discharged as a Captain, and later as a Major while serving in the Reserves. On February 11, 1944, he married Dixie Gowan in San Antonio, Texas. John and Dixie have lived in Taylor the past year, but had resided in Lexington from March 1946 to August 2010. John was a very active member of the community. He taught Veteran Agruculture Classes for Lee County from 1946-1949, was a dairy farmer from 1948-1958, worked as District Sales Manager for Moorman Mfg. Feed Co. 1959-1973, retiring in 1973. He was a member of the Lexington American Legion #6, served as Director of the Lee & Burleson County Soil & Water Conservation District, as well as on the Lexington ISD School Board, and was former President of the Lee County Cattleman's Association. Taught Sunday school at Lexington United Methodist Church and was Charter President of the First Methodist Men's Club. John was quite the sports enthusiast, and enjoyed following the Lexington Eagles and the Aggies. John passed away Sunday, August 14, 2011 in the Lighthouse Altenheim Hospice in Round Rock, at the age of 93. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Clare Edith Ashley. John is

survived by his wife, Dixie Reat of Taylor. Son, Richard Arvel Reat and wife Geri Pogue Reat of Tanglewood. Daughter, Samye Jane Turner and husband Owen of Taylor. Sister, Elvira Aminda Hanson of Chattanooga, Tennessee. 2 grandchildren, Dana Barber and John Murry "Jody" Reat, as well as 3 great grandchildren, David M. Reat, Richard Corbin Reat, Logan D. Barber. Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at the Lexington United Methodist Church in Lexington with Rev. Travis Summerlin and Rev. Lee Lamb officiating. Burial will follow in the Lexington Cemetery. The family will be accepting visitors from 6PM to 8PM Tuesday, August 16, 2011 in Phillips & Luckey in Lexington, Texas. Serving as pallbearers, Greg Langehennig, John Ashley, John Murry Reat, David M. Reat, Owen Turner, Jeff Reat, Kelly Reat. Honorary pallbearers, Gail Blackmon, Bruce Reat, Ralph Thompson, Richard Townsend, Adolp Herter, Fitzie Connally, Richard Corbin Reat, Logan Barber, J.D. Turner, Bill Morris. Memorial may be made to Lexington American Legion Post #6, P.O. Box 94, Lexington, Texas 78947 or to Lexington United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 116, Lexington, Texas 78947.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *John H. Reat*

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**David, Joanne Tally, and Samuel Bergsten** - August 18, 2011 at 07:56 PM

LH

“ *John H. Reat*

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**Linda Havins** - August 16, 2011 at 08:24 PM

AH

“ *John H. Reat*

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**Adolph Herter** - August 16, 2011 at 03:06 PM

SK

“ *John H. Reat*

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**Sheryl Kleinschmidt** - August 16, 2011 at 11:05 AM

DF

“ *John H. Reat*

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**Darrell & Jennifer Marek and Family** - August 16, 2011 at 10:49 AM

PR

“ *John H. Reat*

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**Pat McRee Rao** - August 15, 2011 at 10:54 PM