



Leon Charles Shaw

September 14, 1921 - November 13, 2013

Leon Charles Shaw Obituary After a long and full life of 92 years, Leon went to his final home on November 13th, 2013, after a brief hospital stay. With the exception of his service years in the Navy during World War II, and a short time in Bryan, Leon was a lifelong resident of Caldwell, Texas. Visitation with the family will be held at the Phillip and Lucky Funeral Home in Caldwell, Texas November 16th from 6:00 to 8:00pm and graveside services will be held at 2:00pm, November 17th at the Masonic Cemetery in Caldwell. Leon was born September 14, 1921 in Caldwell. His parents were George and Minnie Cruse Shaw. Leon graduated from Caldwell High School where he quarterbacked the 1939 Caldwell football team to a regional championship, the highest level that playoffs went back then for Caldwell's classification. It was while he was in high school that he also developed his fascination with electronics and shortwave radio, gaining his Class C radio operator's license while still in school. After high school, Leon joined the Navy. Following his passion, he qualified for radio engineering school where he made the highest grades in all fourteen subjects since the beginning of the school, twenty years before. He scored 100 percent in each of the fourteen subjects. He was assigned to duty as a radioman in naval aviation, and spent the war participating in submarine patrols off of the east coast of the US, the Caribbean and South America. Returning to Caldwell after the war, he joined his brother Henry and father to run the Shaw Furniture Store. Being the younger brother, he was assigned appliance installation duties. It was on a

stop at Mutual Lumber Company during one of those installation jobs that he spotted a pretty blond, Doris Nowak, behind the counter. He found the courage to ask her out and after just two dates he asked her to marry him. She held out for eight months before agreeing to be his bride of 67 years. Leon left the family business to start his own plumbing contracting business, which he operated until 1978, when at age 57 he and Doris went to night school and obtained their real estate licenses. They operated their successful real estate business in Caldwell until just a few years ago when Leon turned 90 and he and Doris decided to close the business and retire. Leon was a life time member of the Cooks Point United Methodist Church. He was a Master Mason 60 years, as well as a member of the Shriners. Leon also served on the Caldwell City Council for approximately 20 years. He is survived by his wife Doris Nowak Shaw, two daughters Linda Shaw Piwonka and Oleta Shaw Reeves, two son-in-laws, Bob Piwonka and Jeff Reeves. He is also survived by two grandsons Nick Piwonka and Preston Wendt and Preston's wife Heather, two great grandsons Jackson and Jake Wendt, a sister-in-law Joyce Dusek, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and the many friends who often visited in their home. Pall Bearers are Preston Wendt, Nick Piwonka, Jeff Reeves, Bob Piwonka, Ted Dusek, and Dick Dusek. Honorary Pall Bearers: Carmen Hernandez, Gerald Steck, James Matcek, Raynard Shaw.

Tribute Wall



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Rachel Finke, RN - November 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM