



Rafael Nieto, Sr.

June 21, 1921 - July 27, 2013

Funeral Services for Rafael Nieto Sr. age 92 of Rockdale, will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at the Phillips & Luckey Funeral home in Rockdale at 11:00 A.M. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery in Rockdale with Military Honors. Pastor Harvey Wampler will officiate. Visitation will be held Monday July 29 2013, from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Mr. Nieto was born on June 21, 1921 in Rockdale, he was the son of Evaristo and Juanita (Almazan) Nieto. Rafael and Florence Garza were married on April 12, 1947 in Rockdale. Mr. Nieto has lived in Rockdale since 1992 when he returned from Bryan where he had lived from 1950 to 1992. While living in Bryan he was a mechanics helper for International Harvester Farm Equipment and retired in 1982. Mr. Nieto served in the US Army during WWII in the Infantry. He was acting as a scout of Company "B", 353d Infantry on April 7, 1945 near Wutha, Germany when heavy enemy automatic weapons and rifle fire wounded his squad leader and another comrade during his platoon's attack on the town. Private First Class Nieto crossed 40 yards of exposed terrain to their aid and was wounded before reaching them. Despite his wound, he carried both comrades across an open field to a position of safety. His courage, initiative, determination and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his comrades and reflected great credit upon him. His actions were in keeping with the best traditions of the armed forces of the United States. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Victory Medal, European-Asian-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, American Defense Service with 1

Bronze Star, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge. Mr. Nieto passed away on Saturday, July 27, 2013 in the Central Texas Veterans Hospital in Temple. He is preceded in death by his parents, two daughters, Rebecca Nieto and Florence Nieto, also a brother, Heraclio Nieto and 3 sisters, Noemi Cervantes, Lydia Rivera and Maria Nieto. He is survived by his wife of 66 Years, Florence Nieto of Rockdale, Sons; Rafael Nieto, Jr. of Bryan, Frank Nieto of San Antonio, Reuben Nieto of Rockdale, Jonathan Nieto of Bryan and Joseph Nieto of Rockdale; Daughter, Rosemary Nieto of Rockdale, 11 Grandchildren, Rafael III, Sonia, Roseanna, Amber, Corey, Reuben Jr, Leah, Lauren, Julianna, Sophia and Sarah Nieto; 3 Great-Grandchildren Adrian, Kobe and Maykala Nieto.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rafael Nieto, Sr.*

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