



Robert Edward Thornton

May 13, 1924 - May 12, 2008

Service for Robert Edward Thornton will be Wednesday, 3:00 PM, May 14, 2008 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Roodale. Visitation will be Tuesday 5 to 8 PM at the funeral home. Burial in the Lexington Cemetery. Robert Edward Thornton was born May 13, 1924 in Malone, TX to John and Carrie Thornton. He graduated from Lexington High School in 1941. He attended Tarlton Junior College until he joined the US Merchant Marines in 1943. He served proudly as a radio operator until 1946. He married his high school sweetheart, Elza Bess Tally in 1944. After the war, he attended SMU and earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. He went to work in Houston where he and his wife eventually opened their own firm, Robesco. He retired in 2004 at the age of 80. Robert is preceded in death by his daughter, Dr. Paula T. Beall. Survived by his wife Elza Bess; his daughter Norma Bray and husband Jim; Granddaughters, Amy Campbell and Barbara Allen; Great Grandchildren, Aislinn Campbell, Jonathan and Danielle Allen.