



## Rufus Knox Conoley

February 15, 1916 - October 21, 2012

Rufus Knox (Knox) Conoley died October 21, 2012 at age 96 and then some. Knox was a child of the great depression who raised himself from abject poverty to prosperity through hard work, frugal living, academic learning, and applying common sense to life issues. Rufus married his beloved Maxine Ellis of Caldwell in 1942. He answered his country's call in World War II serving in the European Theater. Rufus and Maxine returned to Caldwell after the war and remained until 1958 when military duties assigned him elsewhere. Rufus continued his service through the Korean and Cold Wars, retiring to Austin in 1968. He continued as a successful businessman and home builder in his hometown community of Thorndale. Knox slowly retired from active business life in the early 1980's, remaining happily at home with his best friend/wife Maxine. They resided in Austin 33 years. Rufus was always ready to listen, play bridge, and until age 74 baseball or handball. He was an avid gardener all of his life. The wisdom of the ages, in the form of at least 600,000 lines of memorized poetry, will accompany him on his journey. He was most proud of his wife Maxine who predeceased him. He is survived by sons Patrick and Ellis, daughters-in-law Bronne and Evelyn, grandchildren Alita, Andrew, Ila Maxine, and Matthew, sons-in-law Eric Wurzbach and Matthew Paladino, and his newest descendent and great grandson Soren. He is also survived by Nadine McCoun Conoley, wife of his later years. A graveside celebration of his long life will take place at the Masonic Cemetery in Caldwell, TX on Saturday, October 27, 2012, 11:00 am, Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home conducting. In

lieu of flowers, if attending, bring a vegetable to adorn the site with a cornucopia of produce, as he would have liked.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rufus Knox Conoley*

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**Cynthia (Richter) &Geroge Galbreath** - October 25, 2012 at 02:01 PM