



Willard Albrecht Rabe

September 17, 1922 - October 14, 2008

Funeral services for Willard A. Rabe, 86 of Lexington, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington, Texas. Entombment will follow in the Giddings City Mausoleum. Visitation will be held on Friday from 10:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Lexington. The Rabe family will be present for visitation from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Mr. Rabe passed away Tuesday evening in Austin, Texas. He was born on September 17, 1922 in Port Arthur, Texas to August & Emilie (Schkade) Rabe. Mr. Rabe served in the United States Air Force during WWII and was a former Prisoner Of War. He was united in marriage to Edna Fritsche on July 4, 1948 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Houston. Mr. Rabe retired from Dupont where he was a technical engineer in the nylon department. Mr. Rabe was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Andrew Rabe. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Edna Rabe of Lexington; 3 sons, Dale & Susan Rabe of Austin, Doyle & Pam Rabe of Austin and Mark & Kari Rabe of Plano; a daughter, Pam & Dan Gardner of Austin; 6 grandsons, Dale & Lori Rabe Jr. of Childress, Brandon & Vanessa Rabe of Austin, Sean Rabe of Austin, Zachary Gardner of Austin, Kyle Gardner of Austin and Jackson Rabe of Plano; 5 granddaughters, Katherine & Jimmy Kull of Austin, Emilie Gardner of Austin, Jessie Rabe of Austin, Brooke Rabe of Plano and Chloe Rabe of Plano; 5 great grandchildren, Savannah Rabe, James Kull, Audrey Kull, Dale Rabe III and John Kull; sister, Dorothy Storey of Beaumont as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to The Lutheran Hour or to St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington.