



William Carl "Bill" Caldwell, Sr.

July 23, 1936 - August 19, 2010

William Carl "Bill" Caldwell, Sr. of Rockdale, known to all as a kind and gentle man, passed away Thursday, August 19, 2010 in the Richards Memorial Hospital in Rockdale. He is the son of Walter Carl and Evelyn (Loggan) Caldwell, born July 23, 1936 in Independence, Kansas. Bill graduated from Irving High School in Irving, Texas in 1955. He attended University of Texas at Arlington. Bill became a licensed radio operator in 1953 and as W5D1F, had many life long friends. He belonged to RACES and served as president of Irving Amateur Radio Club. He began his career as an electronics technician at General Dynamics, then went to Texas Instruments and began work for Sun Oil Company in their Richardson research lab in the late 1960's. While there he did extensive work in the Canadian Arctic. His later career included overseeing electronics installations at Sun's Dallas Computer Center, supervision of installation of the Western Gulf microwave system, stints in Sudan and Venezuela. He retired from Kerr-McGee Oil Company in 1991. After retirement he was an active participant for many years in the Holiday Lake Estates in Goodrich, Texas homeowners association, serving two terms as chairman. Bill married Margaret Smith Etter, better known as Peggy in 1974. He was supportive of her career in nursing and in her professional associations. He was only the second person named as an honorary member of the Licensed Vocational Nurses Association of Texas in recognition of his years of service to the organization. Bill was preceded by his youngest son, Kelly Joe Caldwell. He is survived by his wife; Margaret "Peggy" Caldwell of

Rockdale. Three sons; Bill Caldwell, Jr. and wife Janean of Garland, Lonnie Caldwell and wife Nancy of Grand Prairie, Ty Caldwell and wife Elena of Las Vegas, Nevada. His parents, Walter and Evelyn Caldwell of Irving. Step sons; Dan Etter and wife Melanie of Thrall, Robbie Galloway of Las Vegas, Nevada. Step daughters; Belinda Burton of Bentonville, Arkansas, Carolyn Estes and husband Monty of Austin. Brother; Tom Caldwell and wife Barbara of Altus, Oklahoma. Sisters; Marilyn Berlin and husband Harry of Garland, Dorothy Lawrence of Irving. Eight grandchildren, Candis Hackenjos, Laura Caldwell, Valerie Caldwell, Jacqueline Caldwell, Brianna Caldwell, Will Caldwell, Daria Caldwell, Katie Petty. Three great grandchildren, Beverly, Brooke and Cooper. Memorial services will be held 4:00 PM Saturday, August 21, 2010 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home with Rev. Margaret Clemings officiating. Memorials may be made to VistaCare Hospice, 2626B South 37th Street, Temple, Texas 76504.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Carl "Bill" Caldwell, Sr.*

W. Truett Smith, Jr., Ph.D. - August 31, 2010 at 11:46 AM