



## Woodrow Alexander Spacek

January 12, 1921 - February 8, 2012

Woodrow Alexander Spacek was born on January 12, 1921 in Dime Box, Texas. He passed away on February 8, 2012 in Bryan, Texas under the care of the Hospice Brazos Valley Inpatient Facility. Woodrow was the first born child of Adolph and Johanna Zielniewicz Spacek. After graduating from Dime Box Rural High School in 1939, Woodrow attended Sam Houston State Teacher's College from 1940 until early 1942. He left college to enlist in the military. During WW II, he served in the US Army Air Corps from September 1942 until September 1945. As a member of a B-24 bomber crew based in England, Woodrow flew 35 combat missions in the European Theatre and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. Upon being honorably discharged from the service, Woodrow practiced his family's profession of farming and ranching. He continued to do so all of his life. In addition to this, he worked at other jobs through the years. From 1945 until 1950, Woodrow was employed in the heavy construction business. He served as County Commissioner for Lee County Pct. 4 from January 1, 1950 to January 1, 1963. Woodrow then worked as a bull dozer operator on the construction of the Lake Somerville Dam. During 1964, Woodrow was the manager of the Dime Box Chair Factory. Woodrow was employed with the Houston branch of 3M Business Products in 1965. The company transferred him to Austin in 1966 and in 1971 to the Grand Prairie, Texas branch where he worked until his retirement in 1987. Woodrow married Georgia Marie Tydlacka at the old St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dime Box,

Texas on April 29, 1947 with Father Thomas Matl officiating. The young couple engaged in farming and ranching on family land they purchased. Woodrow called this place home until his death. To this union were born three children, James, Charlotte, and Kathryn. Georgia passed away on May 16, 1973. On October 20, 1979, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dime Box, Woodrow married C. Elizabeth Jones with Father Isidore Rozycki officiating. Joining them in their home was Elizabeth's youngest daughter, Lisa. Hobbies that Woodrow enjoyed included deer hunting, fishing, and barbecuing. Woodrow spent many hours with his friends preparing BBQ for weddings, fire department picnics, church bazaars and various other fund raisers. Woodrow was the King of the Red Sausage Crew! He was a charter member of the Dime Box Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of the Dime Box Lions Club, SPJST Lodge #13, and the Dime Box Heritage Society. Woodrow was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dime Box all of his 91 years of life. The many facets of his devotion included membership in the Catholic Union of the KJT, altar boy service in his youth, service on the parish council, hard-working volunteer for parish fund raisers, chair for facilities maintenance, and church cemetery custodian for over 25 years. In June, 2007, Woodrow received the Catholic Diocese of Austin, Lumen Gentium Award to recognize individuals who exemplified the Spirit of Christ through their good works in parish stewardship and leadership. His grandchildren were the pride and joy of his life and the great grandchildren brought a special sparkle to his eyes! Woodrow was preceded in death by his father, Adolph Spacek; mother, Johanna Zielniewicz Spacek; first wife, Georgia Tydlacka Spacek; brothers, E. N. (Sonny) and Riney Spacek; sisters, Judith Pekar, Bernadette Reichle, and Electra Koeniger; son, James W. Spacek; son-in-law, Dennis P. Mikulin; and step-grandson, Brian Simmons. Survivors include his wife, C. Elizabeth Spacek of Dime Box; daughters, Charlotte Mikulin and Kathy and Bruce Cowen of Dime Box; other daughter Lisa and John Kennedy of Arlington; and step-daughters, Susan Simmons and Patty Simmons of North Carolina. Also surviving are ten grandchildren, Brian and Misty Spacek,

Allison Spacek, Amy Mikulin, Paula and Jorge Garcia, Dennis W. and Gina Mikulin, Jaime and Isreal Aguilar, William and Latosha Mikulin, Chris and Emily Cowen, Jeff and Becky Cowen, and Matt and Dawn Cowen. Step-grandchildren include Monica and Tyler Crook, Isaac Jennette, Jason and Susan Jennette, Emily and Janelle Simmons, Tiffany and Matt Fisher, and Benjamin Kennedy. Eleven surviving great grandchildren are Cole, Lauren, and Case Spacek; Gracie, Paige, Jayla and Gabriel Aguilar; Joseph Mikulin; Kelby and Kevyn Cowen; and Lyla Cowen as well as six step-great grandchildren. Woodrow is survived by three sister-in-laws, Monica and Nellene Spacek, and Gloria Tydlacka as well as one brother-in-law Peter Koeniger. He leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a multitude of friends. Arrangements were under the direction of the Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Caldwell, Texas. A memorial and rosary service was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Friday, February 10 with Rev. Ramon Frayna officiating. A Catholic Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 11 with celebrant, Msgr. Isidore Rozycki officiating. Other con-celebrants were the Most Reverend Michael Mulvey, Bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi (in absentia); Msgr. Emilian Foltyn; Rev. Ramon Frayna; Msgr. John C. Malinowski; and Msgr. Lonnie Urban. Burial was at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery with military honors provided by the Caldwell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4458. Serving as pallbearers are: Chris Cowen, Jeff Cowen, Matthew Cowen, Brian Spacek, Dennis W. Mikulin, and William Mikulin. Honorary pallbearers are: Bobby Reichle, Ronnie Pekar, David Pekar, Paul Pekar, Robert Spacek, Russell Spacek, Richard Spacek, Adrian Tydlacka, Glenn Tydlacka, Frank Tydlacka, Kevin Sukup, Bruce Cowen, Bobby Swensen, Dee Mulvey, Bob Dalrymple, Ted Koudelka, Clint Oppermann, Jacob Beran, John Kennedy, Benjamin Kennedy, Isreal Aguilar, Jorge Garcia, and Bishop Michael Mulvey. Memorial contributions may be made to the Woodrow Spacek Memorial Fund at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Dime Box or to Hospice Brazos Valley Inpatient

Facility, Bryan, Texas.

# Tribute Wall



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