



Allen Thorndike

May 18, 1922 - June 30, 2012

Graveside services for Allen K. Thorndike Jr., 90, of Tyler, will be held on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 9:30 AM at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery in Tyler. A Memorial service will follow at 11:00 AM at the First Christian Church in Tyler with Rev. Chris Pulliam officiating, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral home. Mr. Thorndike passed away Saturday, June 30, 2012 at The Hospice of East Texas. He was born May 18, 1922 in Marshall to Allen Kingsland and Genevieve Bryant Thorndike. Allen was a member of the First Christian Church where he was an Elder Emeritus and past Chairman of the Board. He graduated from Tyler High School in 1939, attended Tyler Junior College from 1940 to 1942 and graduated from Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science in 1947. He served in the Army Air Corps three years, entering as an aviation cadet and separating as a 1st Lieutenant. He was a B-17 bomber pilot, flying 35 combat missions from England. Mr. Thorndike was formerly a partner in Thorndike-James Funeral Home. He was employed by McMurrey Refinery which later became known as LaGloria Refining Company and retired after 34 years on June 30, 1985 as Operations Supervisor. Allen was preceded in death by his son, Allen Brian Thorndike in 1990 and sister, Frances Malloy in 2010. He is survived by his loving family including wife of 63 years, Nina Sue Thorndike; grandson, Jarod Thorndike of Dallas; granddaughter, Trisha Thorndike Krause and husband Daryl and great-grandson, Conner of Austin; daughter-in-law, Janet Bussey and husband Ron of Longview; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dr. LeRoy and Wanda

Hoermann of Corpus Christi; niece, Janet Simonds of Tyler and nephew, Rick Malloy and wife Terry of Longview. Honorary pallbearers will be Jarod Thorndike, Daryl Krause, Ron Bussey, Rick Malloy, Chip Simonds, Larry Gilliam, Dr. Sidney Spain, Rev. Tom Tucker, David Lowry, Men's Bible Group, Disciples Sunday School Class and Hamptons Men's Coffee Group. If desired, memorials may be made to The Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm so sorry to learn of your loss of AK. And also Wanda Jean. You and yours are in our prayers.* ”

Denny & Therese Herndon - June 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM