



## Arthur Umberger

August 30, 1922 - February 4, 2011

Services for Arthur Louis Umberger, 88, of Tyler, will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 1:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ray Alden and Rev. Randy Clay officiating. Burial will follow at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Umberger passed away Friday, February 4, at Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler. He was born August 30, 1922 in Hennessey, OK to George Washington and Hattie Gregory Umberger. Arthur joined the Air Force at age 18 serving during WWII where he flew 50 missions. He retired as a Major after serving 23 years. During his last five years in the Air Force, Arthur served in Panama and flew air to sea rescue missions. On July 9, 1984, he was ordained as a minister. Arthur enjoyed prison ministry and started the Lord's Refuge Church in Tyler, 27 years ago. Arthur was preceded in death by his parents and his sister. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 45 years, Jewel Gentry Umberger, of Tyler; sons, Cary Kent of Tyler and Art Umberger, Jr. and wife Helen of Oregon; grandchildren, Kelley DiSilvestro and husband Tom, Kurtis Kent and wife Jan, Stephanie Thompson and husband Adam, John Kent, Paul Kent, Arin Lynn Umberger, Michelle Umberger and Crystal Lynn Arredondo and husband Jaime; great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and great niece, Denise Wedel of Madison Park, OK. Pallbearers will be Kurtis Kent, John Kent, Paul Kent, Tom DiSilvestro, Jerry Powell and Jaime Arredondo. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Frank Green, Dr. Frank P. Reuter, Randal Gilbert, Victor Fisher, Mike

Craig, Adam Thompson and Rusty Matheny. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Monday, February 7, 2011 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, Texas 75703. If desired, memorials in honor of Arthur Umberger may be made to The Lord's Refuge, 7206 Pinetree Place, Tyler, 75203.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Art was truly a blessing to us.  
We have alot of respect for his service to his country and to the Lord.  
He will be missed.  
Love, Terry & Sherry Pettit*

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**Sherry Pettit** - February 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To the family of Arthur Umberger Sr.,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Great-Uncle Arthur was a wonderful man with many adventures from his success in the military, being an author of several books, restoring beautiful history homes, and finally his work with the Lord. The family will always have great stories to share and remember about his life. I wish we could be with you on this day.*

*Denise & James Wedel*

*(P.S.- Sorry we could not make the funeral. James was not able to find a replacement for work and we have a bad winter storm coming in Monday. I do not have vehicles that handle well on ice. In OK we are not prepare for the weather we have been having.)*

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**Denise Wynia-Wedel & James Wedel** - February 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Though its been a month since you've been gone. My mom and I just found out not through "family" but by a note from the church. I wish i would have had a chance to meet you. My mom says nothing put wonderful things about you. She loved you very very much. May you rest in peace as your are now in Gods Glory!! I look forward to meeting you when I go home to the Lord.. xoxox*

*Kimberly Nutter*

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February 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Aunt Jewel and cousins, am so sorry to hear of your loss. I am grateful for Uncle Art's service to his country and his community, and celebrate his life with you. I wish we could have gotten to know our mom's family better...all the best to you always.*

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**Valerie Lovelace** - February 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM