



Buren Smith

May 21, 1929 - January 4, 2010

A memorial service for Buren Charles Smith, 80, of Tyler, will be held Monday, January 11, 2010 at 11:00 AM at Christ Episcopal Church in Tyler with Rev. David Luckenbach officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Buren Charles Smith was born in Shawnee, OK. on May 21, 1929, to Buren Cecil and Edna Tinsley Smith. In 1947, Charles graduated from French High School in Beaumont, Texas., from Lamar Junior College in Beaumont in 1949 and went on to obtain a Chemical Degree from Hendrix College in Conroe, AR in 1954. He continued his education and obtained a degree in Chemical Engineering. He was very proficient in his profession and was a member of the Instrument Society of America. Charles worked for Goodrich-Gulf in Port Neches, Texas, prior to employment with Monsanto Chemical in St. Louis, Mo. He traveled to the United Kingdom, Holland, Japan, Australia, and other worldwide facilities overseeing the instrumentation for the Monsanto plants. Charlie was always interested in the Model "A" Ford. He purchased two rusting old vehicles in 1992 and managed to make one great antique car. There were parts everywhere but he got them all assembled into one marvelous Show Car which won many awards. He drove it many a mile and enjoyed every minute of it. Antique cars were his passion. Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, Buren, brother, Rev. Donald W. Smith, and a sister, Phyllis L. Smith Doshier. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Ruth; sons, Perry and his wife Sally, Alan and his wife Peggy; daughter, Carol and her husband Kyle Keith, a step-son Gary

Monkhouse, nine grand-children, two great-grandchildren three step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren. He had a positive nature, was often amusing and a very pleasant and personable person who made friends easily. He was very active in Christ Episcopal Church, The Brotherhood of St. Andrews, the Tyler Seniors Bowling Assn., the Alzheimer Association, and the TASCA Men's Coffee Club. Donations may be made to the Brotherhood of St. Andrews, Christ Episcopal Church, Tyler, Texas or a charity of your choice.