



## Col. W. Covault, USAF Retired

February 1, 1920 - August 12, 2010

A memorial service for Colonel Vern W. Covault, will be held Monday, August 16, 2010 at 10:00 AM at Emerald Bay Community Church with Dr. Jay Riley officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Colonel Vern W. Covault, USAF Retired, passed to a bright new life Thursday evening, August 12, in Tyler, TX. He was born in Guthrie County, Iowa, on the family farm February 1, 1920. Colonel Covault entered military service as the first volunteer from his county under the new Selective Service Act in December, 1940, signing up for a one year training commitment. Pearl Harbor changed all that. He was later selected for Aviation Cadet Training, graduating as a fighter pilot and 2nd Lt. in 1943. An extended combat tour flying P-51 Mustangs out of England over Europe followed. Colonel Covault was a veteran of WW-II, Korea and Viet Nam. Combat awards include the Silver Star Medal, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star Medal and 14 Air Medals. He retired from the USAF in 1970 after 30 years of military service. Colonel Covault married his high school sweetheart, Nadine Watson, in 1943. It was a wonderful and joyous partnership over 67 years and many military separations. Colonel and Mrs. Covault moved to Emerald Bay, Bullard, Texas in 1973 and thoroughly enjoyed the growth of the community and the many friendships they developed over 37 years in residence. He was an avid golfer and played many hundreds of rounds in friendly competition. He shot his age or better 26 times over the years, including 3 hole-in-ones! Colonel Covault is survived by his wife, Nadine; his son Michael and wife Mary, and

son Mark and wife Pauline, along with 4 grandchildren, Brian, Shawn, Jason and Adam, and 3 great grandchildren, Tyler, Tayler, and Hannah. The family will receive friends following the service at the church. In lieu of flowers please consider contributions to the Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Dr., Tyler, Texas 75701 or Emerald Bay Community Church, 160 LaSalle, Bullard, Texas 75757.