



Owen Rossi

November 17, 1925 - May 18, 2005

Owen Kane Rossi of Tyler went home to be in Heaven with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Wednesday night, May 18, 2005 at the age of 79. He was born on November 17, 1925 to the late Alessandro Rossi & former Josephine Dawson in Highland Park, Illinois. Mr. Rossi met and married the former Nancy Joan Wenthur on July 20, 1959. He was a Public Accountant in California prior to moving to Tyler with his family in August of 1978. He owned and operated the Mr. Rooter franchise from 1978 to 1988, and then established the company as Able Rooterman. He was a member of Vanderbilt Baptist Church. He served his country as a Radio Gunner in the Marine Corps from 1942 to 1944 during World War II and was awarded a Purple Heart. In addition to his relationship with the Lord, he most enjoyed and treasured spending time with his family, and was always a loving and devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife of almost 46 years, Nancy Rossi of Tyler; son Rick Rossi and wife, Mae of Crowley; daughters, Denise Harrington of Tyler, and Rhonda Parsons and husband, Russell of Tyler; grandson, Daniel Rossi of Provo, Utah. The family will receive friends from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Saturday at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., south Tyler. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, May 22, 2005 at Vanderbilt Baptist Church in Tyler. A military memorial service will also be held at 3:00 P.M., Monday, May 23, 2005 in Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery in Grand Prairie where he will be laid to rest. Memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, 75701 or

Vanderbilt Baptist Church, 17495 Hwy. 69 south Tyler, 75703.