

Reed, Gaylon Earl | 1919-2011

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Funeral for Gaylon Earl Reed, 91, of Decatur is 2 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Decatur with the Rev. Alvis Edmondson officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery. Visitation was to be 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Reed died Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, in Weatherford.

Born Aug. 28, 1919, in Lometa to Gene and Beulah Reed, he was a building contractor. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force after high school, and during his seven years of service, he attained the rank of master sergeant of the 20th bomber command stationed on Tinian Island in India. As a flight engineer, he traveled over the Alps during World War II on a B-29 bomber.

Upon returning from the war, he married Sue Burton Jan. 22, 1946. He golfed, fished and hunted.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Reed is survived by his wife; daughters Merlene Walker and husband, Steve Gold, of Arlington, Sharon Manfred and husband, Bob, of Grand Junction, Colo., and Rayelynn Dady and husband, Glenn, of Dallas; son Craig Reed and wife, Rose, of Decatur; grandchildren Amanda, Nathan, Rachel, Andrea, Wendy, Chris, Brent and Tyler; and great-grandchildren Davis, Dawson, Dominique, Blake, Avery, Madison, Malachi, Rachel, Eliana and Isaiah.

Pallbearers are Wayne Boydston, Kip Boydston, Shawn Burton, Blake Sandford, Bobby Washburn and Randy Washburn.

Honorary pallbearers are Bert Caraway, J.E. Carson, Farrell Fisher, Chad Harvey, Willard Howell, Buddy Jackson, Hollis Jones, Dr. Tom Long, Chuck Norton and Sam Renshaw.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 101 Summit Ave., Suite 300, Fort Worth, TX 76102.