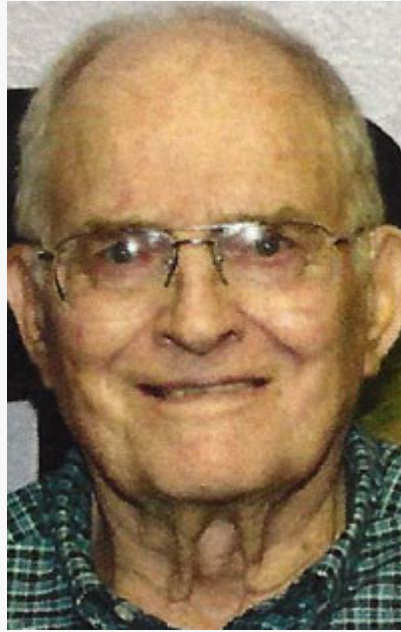


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Mays Fuqua

Mays Fuqua, 93, of Decatur, died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017, in Decatur.

Funeral is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at Rhome Church of Christ with Roy Deaver officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton.

Pallbearers are Chris Fuqua, Kevin Fuqua, Rob Cartwright, Daryl Box, Jason Tibbels, Jason Wren, Todd Scroggins, Todd McCormick and Brent Watkins.

Mays was born Nov. 8, 1923, in Justin to Temple and Allene (Mays) Fuqua. After graduating from Rhome High School, he attended the A&M College of Texas (now Texas A&M) but World War II intervened. Mays entered combat with the 75th Infantry Division in Belgium in December 1944, which became known as The Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman Badge.

After Mays' WW II service, he resumed his studies at Texas A&M. He received his bachelor's degree in agricultural education and married Billie Moore, both on May 30, 1947, in College Station. Mays then taught high school vocational agriculture for more than 30 years and retired as assistant superintendent at Northwest High School. During that span, Mays earned his master's degree and a counseling certificate from Texas A&M. A second career in manufacturing purchasing rounded out his working life.

Mays and Billie traveled, enjoyed children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They participated in many civic activities and volunteer organizations. Mays and Billie were longtime Aggie supporters and attended decades of football games. Throughout his life, Mays focused on helping others and making friends out of strangers.

He was a member of the Rhome Church of Christ and served as an elder for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mays is survived by his wife of 69 years; sons Ron Fuqua and wife, Jan, and Leon Fuqua and wife, Jan; daughter Suzanne Long; grandchildren Tiffany Box and husband, Daryl, Chris Fuqua and wife, Amanda, Kevin Fuqua, Molly and Bailey Long, Christy Cartwright and Rob Cartwright and wife, Sara; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters Geneva Bratton and Mary Helen Gadberry; brothers H.T. Fuqua and Verne Fuqua; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wise Health Foundation Physical Therapy Department, Decatur or a charity of choice.