

CW3 (Ret) Clyde King

March 3, 1926 - October 19, 2009



Clyde King, 83, of Lubbock escaped from the grips of emphysema into the arms of his Lord on Monday, October 19, 2009. He was born in Garza County near Southland on March 3, 1926 and graduated from Southland High School in 1953.

As CW3, he retired from the United States Army after serving his country for twenty-five years including World War II, the Korean Conflict, and Vietnam where he received the Bronze Star. Additionally, over the course of his service, he also received Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, and Citations too numerous to list. He was stationed many times at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, where he retired. He moved from Lawton, Oklahoma to Lubbock in May of 2004.

The joys in his life were his family, watching the Lady Raider's play basketball and Red Raider basketball and football, the Atlanta Braves, and playing cards with family and at the Bridge Center where special friendships were formed. He was always ready for any game with the prompting of, "Deal 'em!" He was a life member of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 751.

Family left to remember him are his children, Mike and Pam King, and Pat and Johnny Wood all of Lubbock; his grandchildren, Angela and Mark Moore of Illinois, Jodi and Dave Schumaker of Michigan, Tina and Ruben Martinez of Lubbock, Justin and Christen King of Maine, Melissa and Chappy Fuller of Abilene; 22 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren; a brother, Leslie of Booneville, AR; a sister, Faye Johnson of Covina, CA; nieces and nephews; and Bridge partners and friends.

A celebration of Clyde King's life will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at Sanders Memorial Chapel with Rev. Jim Hargrove officiating. Burial with honors from the United States Army Honor Guard from Ft. Hood, Texas will be held at the Southland Cemetery in Southland, Texas following the service at the funeral home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday evening from 6:30-8:00 p.m. He is preceded in death by his twin sister, Cleo; parents, E. L. (Ed) and Theodocia King; brothers, Roy and Grady; sister, Helen Young; and a great-great grandchild.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home:
www.sandersfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, please consider VistaCare of Lubbock or The American Lung Association, 8150 Brookriver Drive, Suite S102, Dallas, TX 75247, att: Lori Bailey