

RICHARD CHARLES KOONTZ

Mr. Richard Charles Koontz, age 89 of Grapeland, passed away Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at the Winfield Health Care Center. Mr. Koontz was born November 19, 1918, in Bloomington, Indiana to John Stanley Orville Koontz and Stella Burkett Koontz. Mr. Koontz was in the auto body shop business, an ordained minister, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

After his military training in Ft. Knox, Kentucky, he served in the European Theater in World War II, receiving five bronze stars. Mr. Koontz was in the 355th Corps of Engineers, the 101st Air Borne and the 1st Armor Tank Division. Mr. Koontz was in several major battlefronts including Omaha Beach, Battle of the

Bludge, St. Lo, Normandy, and Ardennes Forest. Upon his return home from active duty he joined the Civil Air Patrol and later owned and operated an air transport service.

Survivors include his two daughters Emilie Cunningham, of Grapeland and Dana Taylor, of Groves; niece Phylis Mitchell, of Little Rock, Ark.; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents John Stanley Orville Koontz and Stella Burkatt Koontz; wife Marjorie Koontz; two daughters Yvonne Moat, and Patricia Poindexter Fleming; son Forrest Wells; and a sister Pearl Rogers.

Funeral Services for Mr. Richard Charles Koontz, were held Saturday, October 25, at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Grape-land with the Rev. Bill Denham and the Rev. Richard Dobbins officiating. Interment followed in Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches.

Pallbearers were Christopher Stephens, Robert Winfrey, Walter Authement, Glenn Cunningham, Kevin Westbrook, Jared Murray, Justin Cunningham and Alton Moore.

Bailey & Foster Funeral Home