



**ROBERT T. (BOB)
MATTOX**

Mr. Robert T. (Bob) Mattox, age 88 of Crockett, passed away, Monday, December 1, 2008 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Mattox was born April 6, 1920 in Winnsboro, Texas and attended grammar school in Gilmer, Texas and high school in Lindale, Texas.

Mr. Mattox joined the United States Army in 1940 in Jacksonville, Texas where he served as Communication Officer in the 326th Glider Regiment of the 13th Airborne Division serving in France and was discharged to the Reserve as a Captain of Infantry in 1946.

Mr. Mattox came to Crockett to join his parents who had moved to Crockett during the war. Mr. Mattox entered Texas A&M in 1946 and married the former Peggy Knox in 1948. He graduated in 1950 and returned to Crockett where he worked in business and ranching from 1950 to 1954.

In 1954 to 1957, he was manager of the Crockett Chamber of Commerce. While with the Chamber, he had a part in obtaining Loop 304 for Crockett, a county wide telephone system and organizing the Trinity River Authority of Texas. Mr. Mattox later served three six-year terms as a board member and president of the T.R.A. having been appointed by Governors Dolph Brisco, Mark White and Bill Clements.

During an earlier period, he served as Civil Defense Director of Crockett as well as Executive Director of the United Fund. Mr. Mattox was manager of the Paris Milling Co.

branch from 1957 to 1962 when he organized the Credit Bureau which he and his wife operated until they retired in 1982.

After returning to Crockett in 1952, he was active in the Jaycee projects including building the swimming pool, promoting the Fiddlers Festival and many other projects. Mr. Mattox was active in organizing the Houston County Development Foundation where he served as president and had a part in securing the first modern motel, the first nursing home, a modern hospital, the airport, Houston County Lake, the Library and the many industries that have contributed so much to our economy.

Other civic organizations had his interest including the Rotary Club and the Lions Club where as president he instituted the Student Exchange Program whereby students from Crockett exchanged visits with students from other countries where they learned about life in these countries.

Mr. Mattox has always been interested in high school sports especially since he had a son and nephews who were stars on the Bulldog football team. He did the *P.A.* announcing at the games for many years. His latest activity has been on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club where he worked to secure the old field house and the property around it and to get the building restored so it could be used.

Mr. Mattox is a life time member of the Methodist Church and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Crockett and served in almost every capacity as Lay Speaker, Board President, Finance Chairman, Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Cook, you name it. Mr. Mattox started the program whereby different teams of men cook for the monthly Family Night Suppers. They are called the Kitchen Disciples which has been very popular.

Mr. Mattox liked to fish, play some golf, do some gardening and although he didn't fire a gun, he still liked to ride the quail hunting rigs the boys use and watch the dogs work.

Survivors include his wife Peggy Knox Mattox, of Crockett; son John Knox

Mattox and wife Pat, of Murphy, N.C.; grandson Chris Stinnett, of Asheville, N.C.; daughter-in-law Jane Mattox, of Crockett; granddaughters Kathryn Mattox Jenkins, and husband Russell, of Madisonville, Julie Mattox Forsee and husband Jim, of Shenandoah; great-grandchildren Haley and Jordan, of Madisonville, Adeline, of Asheville, N.C.; sisters June Edie, of Dallas, Jerry Harris, of Houston; sisters-in-law Vencie Knox, Dottie Knox, both of Crockett, Alma Knox Taylor, of Abilene; brother-in-law Murphy George, of Lufkin; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by his son Jim Mattox.

Funeral Services for Mr. Robert T. (Bob) Mattox were held Wednesday, December 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Crockett with Dr. Jerry House officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Boys and Girls Club, First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 984, Crockett, TX. 75835 or Kalin's House.

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