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**JOHN CHANDLER
"JIGGS" ALLEE**

Mr. John Chandler "Jiggs" Allee, age 87 of Houston, passed away Saturday, October 29, 2005 at his residence. Mr. Allee was born December 18, 1917 in Crockett and had resided in Houston for many years.

Mr. Allee grew up in his beloved Austonio. Mr. Allee's work ethic was honed in his early years and by the time he was 12 years old, he and his family were facing the Great Depression that would plague the nation for a decade. To help his family deal with the conditions of the period he found himself working full-time jobs by age 14 and a formal education became a luxury not to be afforded.

The early 1930s found him working for the famed Civilian Conservation Corps at a salary of \$30 per month on construction projects for the U.S. Government designed to put Americans back to work.

In March of 1942, about 90 days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he joined the U.S. Army and was dispatched to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Twelve months later he emerged as a member of the 473rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion that was sent to North Africa to help allies stop German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel. Mr. Allee served with other brave Texans at Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt.

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Funeral Services for Mr. John Chandler "Jiggs" Allee, Jr. were held Wednesday, November 2, at 12 noon in the American Heritage Chapel. Interment followed in the Houston National Cemetery.

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Mr. Allee's battalion participated in battles for such landmarks as Tobruk, Oran, Tunis and Algiers and served at the Battle of Kasserine Pass and El Alamein. He would occasionally reflect on his religious belief that within two hours of his baptism in Carthage, Algiers along with five other Texans on May 12, 1943, Irwin Rommel surrendered and always thought that event to be a reward for faith.

Mr. Allee's next assignment was with the 434th Anti-Aircraft Battalion that entered Naples, Italy in the Fall of 1943. When Italy surrendered in September of 1943, Allied forces became liberators and marched through the battlefields and beaches of Anzio, Monte Cassino and was witness to the first Axis capital to surrender to Allies in WWII. Rome was occupied in June of 1944. Needless to say, World War II was Mr. Allee's "informal" education.

Returning to Texas in 1945, he married ~~Callaway~~ ~~Callaway~~ ~~Callaway~~ Weaver in 1946, established his grocery business in 1948 and raised four children over the next 20 years. After selling his grocery business in late 1960s, he actually retired from the City of Houston in the late 1970s.

Survivors include his wife Ollie Allee, of Houston; daughter Ginger Singley and husband David, of Galveston; sons Don Allee and wife Michelle, of Pass Christian, Miss., Jerry Allee and wife Cindy, of Houston; eight grandchildren; sisters Lois Alford, of Austonio and Pearl Synder, of Point Blank; brothers Pete Allee, of Houston County Lake, Cecil Allee, of Marble Falls and Ken Allee, of Magnolia; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by his son John Chandler "Johnny" Allee, III.; parents John C. and Ma Mae Allee; brother Tommy Allee; and sisters Johnnie Mae