

**RUSSELL M.
BLAIR JR.**

Russell M. Blair Jr., born Jan. 23, 1919, in Houston, passed from this life on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001, in Austin at the age of 82. Raised in Houston, Russell graduated from Milby High School in 1937. He served in the US Army Air Corps in India during World War II. Much of his life was spent working in the oil field supply industry at Oil Center Tool Company and Beaumont Weld Works before retiring and moving to Crockett.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Keels Blair; parents Russell M. and Jewel B. Blair and brother Gayle.

His loving family includes daughter, Catherine Brandewie; grandson, Stephen; granddaughter, Lauren, all of Austin; sister, Marjorie J. Fleischhacker, Largo, Fla.; brother, Bobby R. Blair, Pasadena; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service and interment were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27 at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery with the Rev. Kelly Sullivan of First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15186, Austin, TX 78761-5186.

Pasadena Funeral Chapel