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WILL EVANS DRISKILL

Mr. Will Evans Driskill, age 90, a fourth-generation Houston County native, passed away on Monday, March 12, 2007. Mr. Driskill was born in the family home in the Jones Schoolhouse Community on January 22, 1917 to Zackey and Evvie Johnson Driskill. Mr. Driskill spent most of his life working and living on the land, part of which was originally purchased by his great-grandfather, L. W. Driskill, who came to Houston County with his wife Judith in 1850.

Mr. Driskill met his wife, Hazel Marie Turney, in San Marcos and they were married there on November 6, 1943. They recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Mr. Driskill was a retired Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force. Mr. Driskill entered the service in the U. S. Army in 1935 at Fort Sam Houston and later transferred to the Army Air Corps. Mr. Driskill spent much of World War II training at various locations in the United States as a Flight Engineer on B-29 Bombers and was stationed as a Crew Chief with the 39th Bomb Group, 61st Squadron Ground Echelon on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands in the Pacific, at war's end. Mr. Driskill remained in the Air Force after the war, serving in the Berlin Air Lift and the Korean Conflict, and retired at England Air Force Base, Louisiana on August 31, 1959.

After his retirement from the Air Force, he returned to Crockett with his family where he worked for the United States Post Office for 16 years, until his retirement. During this time, he raised cattle and continued to operate the family farm. Mr. Driskill was a devoted Christian and a member of the First Baptist Church of Crockett.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Hazel Turney Driskill of Crockett; children Don Driskill, of Arlington, Cheryl Driskill Bass, of Crockett, and Ed Driskill, of Clear Lake City; one sister Mattie Clark McLeod, of Augusta; eight grandchildren, Jill Allen, Ryan Driskill, Alexandra Driskill, all of Arlington, Meredith Driskill, of Whitney, Kim Bass and family of Round Rock, Brooke Bass, of Houston, and Emily and Evan Driskill, of Clear Lake City; two great-grandchildren; beloved nieces, nephews, and friends of many years.

Preceded in death by his parents Zackey Jr. and Evvie Johnson Driskill; two brothers Zackey David Driskill III and Harold Edwin Driskill; and two sisters, Lida Mace Hardtner and Marga Jean Reeves.

Funeral services for Mr. Will Evans Driskill were held Thursday, March 15, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Crockett with the Reverend Terry Cashion and the Reverend Keeney Dickenson officiating. Afterward, he will be interred with military honors, joining three preceding generations of the Driskill family at the New Energy Cemetery in the Belott Community.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Hospice in the Pines, 116 South Raguet, Lufkin Texas, 75904. You can donate online at <http://www.hospiceinthepines.org>

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