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**BILL HAMILTON, III**

Mr. Bill Hamilton, III, age 75 of Crockett, formerly of Houston, passed away Monday, September 23, 2002 in the East Texas Medical Center-Tyler. Mr. Hamilton was born July 22, 1927 in Houston and had lived overseas for 22 years in Europe and the Orient until moving to Crockett in July. Mr. Hamilton was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and he was the first resident priest of the Catholic Church in Crockett. Mr. Hamilton was a veteran of the U.S. Coastguard having served during World War II. Mr. Hamilton was a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Houston Bar Association, the Toastmasters International, Professional Speakers Association, Phi Delta Kappa, the Knights of Columbus 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, and he was also a member of the Notre Dame Alumni Association. Mr. Hamilton was an attorney and a member of the St. Francis of the Tejas Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife Ardelle Hamilton, of Crockett; brother Barney Hamilton and wife Hope, of Luling; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Preceded in death by his parents Bernard James Hamilton and Maggie House Hamilton; half-brother Joe Hamilton; and half-sister Mary Van Buskirk.

Funeral services for Mr. Bill Hamilton, III were held Thursday, September 26, at 11:00 a.m. in the St. Francis of the Tejas Catholic Church with Father Zacharias Kunnakkattuthara and Father Stephen Payne officiating.

Graveside funeral services were held Friday, September 27, at 1:30 p.m. in the Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston with Monsignor Leroy Braden officiating.

Rosary services were held Wednesday, September 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel.

**In lieu of flowers memor-**

**contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, C/O Kathy Haeckler, 404 North 7<sup>th</sup> St., Crockett, TX 75835.**

**Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**