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**CHARLES ARTHUR
KENT**

*Emergent
Crockett*

Mr. Charles Arthur Kent, age 89 of Crockett, passed away November 15, 2005 in the Memorial Hospital in Lufkin. Mr. Kent was born in Grapeland on June 28, 1916 to Tom Smith Kent and LuEllen Kent.

Mr. Kent married Maggie Shivers in 1939 in Huntsville. They then lived in Grapeland until he went into the Army in 1942. During his service in World War II he fought in the African/Middle East Theater and the European Theater, where he participated in the Battle of the Bulge. Mr. Kent received medals while in the Army, including two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, and an Infantry medal with two oak leaf clusters. When he returned from the Army in 1945, he and Maggie set up house in Crockett, and in 1946 the first of their sons, Charles, Jr. was born. In 1956, a second son Robert Lee, was born.

Mr. Kent was active in the First Baptist Church of Crockett, where he was a deacon, chairman of the deacons, and Sunday school superintendent during the many years that he and Maggie worshipped there. Mr. Kent was a man devoted to God and his church, and received many blessings through the years from his association with First Baptist.

Mr. Kent retired from the U.S. Postal Service where he worked as a rural route letter carrier. Mr. Kent was a man of genuine warmth and kindness, a Christian man devoted to his family, who was always ready to help others in any way he could. Mr. Kent will be especially missed by his wife and sons, because as Maggie always reminds Charles, Jr. and Robert, "You had the best daddy that ever lived."

Survivors include his wife Maggie Kent, of Crockett; two sons Charles Kent, Jr. of Houston and Robert Kent, of New Braunfels; brother Dan Kent and wife Barbara, of Fort Worth; and many nephews and nieces.

Preceded in death by his parents Tom Smith Kent and LuEllen Denton Kent; three sisters Dorothy (Smith) Watson, Helen Seamon, and LuEllen Van Antwerp; and five brothers, Tom Smith, Donald, Dick, Harry and Pat.

Funeral Services for Mr. Charles Arthur Kent were held Friday, November 18, at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Crockett with the Rev. Keeney Dickenson officiating.

Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park.

Callaway-Allee Funeral Home