



**ALVIN RUE MANESS**

Mr. Alvin Rue Maness was born July 3, 1915 to Sam and Ethel Maness at Rusk, Texas. Life's departure was Wednesday, December 5, 2001. He attended high school at Rusk where he was a star basketball player, graduating in 1933. He attended Lon Morris College in 1934 and 1935. Mr. Maness also, attended the Federal Institute in Tyler in 1937. He attended Chicago Business Institution majoring in Public Accounting graduating in 1938 as a C.P.A. He married Miss Louise Messer of Tyler, who sang the Sweet Adelines in Tulsa and the music played before the service were his favorites. No children were born to this union but there were plenty of nieces and nephews to fill the walls with the sounds of happy children. Mr. Maness enlisted in the U.S. Navy July 1942 receiving boot training at Camp Allen in Norfolk, Virginia. While there, his Battalion was assigned to the second Marine Division and he was assigned to the 18<sup>th</sup> U.S. Naval Construction Battalion (The SeaBees) with Yeoman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Rating. After five

weeks of Boot Camp, his battalion was sent to Guadal Canal and he was assigned to commander L.E. Tulls as his yeoman and received his bar for Chief Petty officer. His Battalion participated in four combat operations Guadal Canal, Tarawa operation, Siapan operation and Tinian operation. While he was on Guadal Canal he went deep into the jungle at night carrying his Bible and his piece to tell the natives about Jesus. Mr. Maness was a Lions Club member in five states, Texas, Georgia, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and North Carolina. He was an avid gardener and he and his wife were long time campers. Mr. Maness retired from Natomas Oil Company, July 3, 1980 and moved, with his wife, to Crockett, where he lived until his death. He was a life-time member of the Methodist Church where he served in many office capacities in twelve states. Mr. Maness served as church Treasurer at Will Rogers Methodist church 7 years and Head Usher for 3 years. He served as Head Usher at First United Methodist Church in Crockett for 10 years.

Preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Ethel Maness and his brother, Clyde Maness.

Survivors are his wife Louise (better known to us a Easy), two nieces, Rita McDonald and husband, Chuck of Tyler, Texas; Sheila Van Kirk and husband, Jeffery and their two daughters, Jessica and Sarah of Flower Mound, Texas; and two nephews, Guy Maness and Jerry Maness both of Tyler.

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Funeral services for Mr. Alvin Rue Maness were held Friday, December 7, 2001. At 2:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Jerry House officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park.

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