McDaniel

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 3, 2007 for John Thomas McDaniel, 96, at Coldspring United Methodist Church. Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery in Coldspring.

He was born March 3, 1911 in Cooper, Texas and died on May 31, 2007 in Austin.

He and his wife of 68 years, Shirley Patrick McDaniel, were longtime residents of Coldspring, where he was an active member of the Lions Club, the Senior Citizens' Center, and the Coldspring United Methodist Church, as well as a strong supporter of the Coldspring Area Public Library.

Mr. McDaniel served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and went ashore at Normandy. He retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1960.

After retirement, the McDaniels enjoyed traveling across the United States and Canada with their Airstream trailer. They were known for their hospitality and had friends throughout the country and around the world.

Survivors include his daughter, Kathleen McDaniel Trachta; granddaughter, Kendra Trachta; her husband, MacGregor Magruder; and great-granddaughters, Adair and Arden; granddaughter, Tracey Trachta-Ferstl and her husband, Chris; great-grandsons, Parker and Carson; and grandson, John Joseph Trachta and wife, Yvonne; great-granddaughters, Marissa and Alexandra; and great-grandson, John Joseph.

Pace-Stancil Funeral Home, Cleveland, was in charge of arrangements.