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**JOHN NEIL
MORGAN**

Mr. John Neil Morgan, age 81 of Kennard, passed away Wednesday, November 21, in Tyler. Mr. Morgan was born in Center Hill on January 24, 1921, and with the exception of his war service and six years in Lufkin, was a resident of Center Hill and Kennard all of his life. He attended school at Center Hill, served in the Civilian Conservation Corp. and worked for North American Aviation in Dallas, where he met Evelyn Louise Donovan from Tyler, who also worked at the plant. They were married in Kaufman on December 29, 1943.

Mr. Morgan served in the Army Air Corp. in WWII, and was on the inland of Iwo Jima at the end of the war. Following the war, he returned to Kennard, working at the Farmers Guaranty State Bank for 38 years, daily touching the lives of people in his special way with financial advice and help. Following retirement in 1994, and especially since the death of his wife Evelyn, Mr. Morgan enjoyed the company of his children and grandchildren and the camaraderie of his long-time Kennard friends. Starting with a morning walk, coffee and talk at Kennard's Thomas Conner, followed by more talk and lunch at the same Corner, then afternoon coffee and banter at Curry's Grocery in Kennard, and an afternoon drive around his old haunts in Center Hill, Mr. Morgan continued his lifelong love relationship with the people in and around the community of Kennard. He especially enjoyed his worship with friends at Kennard First Baptist Church, where he attended faithfully.

He was a fifty-year member of Coltharp Lodge No. 419. Today he is enjoying the presence of his Lord in Heaven and the sweet company of his loved ones who have gone before him.

Survivors include sister Bernice Foster of Huntington; daughters Dianne Finch and Loyd of Clawson; and Melody Hollister and husband Danny of Kennard; son John Morgan, Jr. and wife Rita of Center Hill; grandchildren Lance Finch, Dianne Seale, Kristi and Mandy Hollister and Elizabeth and Katherine Morgan, nieces Norma Jean Havemann, Jane Todd, and nephews Reggie Wills and Larry Morgan.

Mr. Morgan was preceded in death by wife Evelyn Louise Donovan Morgan, father Lewis T. Morgan and mother Effie Ratledge Morgan Sellars, sister Esther Mae Wills, brothers Norman, Morris, Frank Lee, and L.T. Morgan, granddaughter Julie Finch and grandsons Whitney and Eric Finch.

Funeral services for Mr. Morgan were held on Saturday, November 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Chapel with the Rev. Jim Durham officiating. Interment followed in the Corinth Cemetery.

Memorials and contributions may be made in the memory of Mr. Morgan to the First Baptist Church, Kennard, Texas 75847.

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