

Big Thicket Messenger
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Noack

A celebration of the life of Richard S. Noack, 81, was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, at The Gardens Chapel in Fallon.

He was born October 8, 1926 in Wichita Falls, Texas, the son of Lorton and Effie Noack. He graduated from Hull-Daisetta High School in 1943. Richard had lived in Fallon for 13 years, coming from Las Vegas, Nevada.

He was a retired school teacher and has taught elementary, junior high and high school students for 28 years. He also worked in the oil fields as a mud engineer in Texas, the Gulf Coast, Brazil and the Mercury Test Site.

At 19 he joined the Merchant Marines and served in 1944 and 1945 as a fireman/water tender on Liberty ships to support the Allied Forces in the European Theater.

He served in the Army from 1952 to 1954, teaching English classes to Puerto Rican soldiers in Japan, and writing for Stars and Stripes in Korea.

He was known for his love of reading and books. He was well read and wide ranging in his interests, which in later life found expression on the computer. He kept up correspondence, both written and e-mail, with friends of 70 years. He best demonstrated grace under pressure during his six-year battle with leukemia.

He passed away on Thursday, November 29, 2007, at his home in Fallon, Nevada.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Billie Dean; son, Eric and wife, Debi, of Reno; daughters, Rebecca Walumas and husband, Paul, of Fallon and Karen Hoy and husband, Mark, of Fairbanks, Alaska; grandchildren, Ray Hoy and wife, Jen, Nick Hoy, Laura Hoy, Keri Noack and Alex Noack; and great-grandchildren, Emily Brennan, Owen and Mason Hoy. Finally, he will be sorely missed by his dog, Mac.