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### EDWARD CARL POPE

Edward Carl Pope of Crockett, formerly of Moline, Illinois was called home by God on Sept. 11 following a short illness. He passed away on his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday at the University Hospital in Iowa City. A military graveside service conducted by American Legion Post # 246 was held Friday, Sept. 14 at 1 p.m. at the National Cemetery on Arsenal Island, Rock Island, Illinois. Family and friends met at Esterdahl Mortuary Ltd., 1216-5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Moline at 12:30 p.m. to

process to the cemetery. A memorial service in Texas is yet to be announced for his southern family and friends.

Ed was born on Sept. 11, 1924 in Moline, Illinois to Emil James and Caroline Elenora Mortensen Pope. Edward accepted the gift of salvation at an early age and traveled one summer with an evangelist group. Following his graduation from Moline High School in 1942, he joined the United States Army Air Corps. He served in Italy and Africa before his honorable discharge from Kelly Air force base in 1945. He married Julia Mary Langham in San Antonio, Texas on Sept. 26, 1945. Ed worked 35 years for John Deere Plow and Planter in Moline. He was elected to shop steward for local 1191 and later to Business Representative for District Lodge 102 of the International Association of Machinist. He served as Business Representative for over 20 years. He was a past president of the IAM Illinois State Council. He was a Democratic Precinct committeeman for many years. He served as Secretary/Treasurer for Rock Island County Mental Health Association and Secretary/Treasurer for the Rock Island Council on Alcoholism. Ed was listed in Who's Who in Illinois for his many accomplishments and for the numerous city and county committees he served on. Ed helped found Harrison Street Gospel Chapel in Davenport where along with other duties he served as the Sunday School Superintendent for several years. After retiring from John Deere and the IAM he moved to Crockett, Texas where he attended Grace Bible Chapel in Grapeland, Texas. Ed was an avid reader. He was a dedicated husband and a man

of strong faith. Mr. Pope was very active within the Democratic Party and delighted in the many accomplishments of his sons and grandchildren.

Mr. Pope is preceded in death by his parents, two

sisters, Baby Francis and Marjorie Davis.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Mary, and three sons, Ron and Leanne in Bitburg, Germany, David of Davenport, Iowa and Edward Kent and Nancy Pope of Williamsburg, Iowa. He leaves four grandchildren, Amanda and Rebecca of Williamsburg, Kirstin and Kai of Germany with many loving memories. Ed is also survived by two brothers, Charles and Darlyce of Hot Springs, AK, Don and Carol Geneva, Illinois and three sisters, Mary and Jerry Lovelace, Raleigh, NC, Carol and Ray Benedetti, Sacramento, CA and Lois and Bill Brewer of San Lorenzo, California. A general memorial fund has been established in Ed's honor to be awarded at a later date.