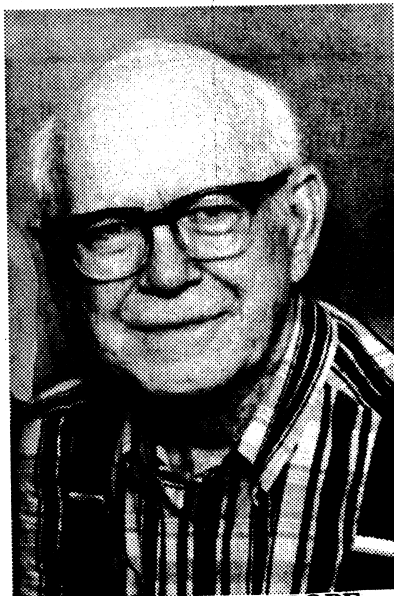


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JOHN WILLIS POPE

Mr. John Willis Pope, passed away Sunday, July 2, 2006 at his home in Lorend. Mr. Pope was born December 31, 1928 in Houston to John Pope Sr. and Maude Stienberg Pope.

Mr. Pope attended High School and graduated in 1945. After High School, he attended Sam Houston, Baylor and Waylon Baptist College. While in High School, he started working in the printing business and continued in that field at Sam Houston State. Mr. Pope started his own printing while at Waylon Baptist and worked for the local newspaper in Plainview. In 1957 while living in Quitaque, he bought and managed The Quitaque Post.

Mr. Pope and his family moved to Nacogdoches in 1960 where he went to work for the Abernathy Printing Co., then The Daily Sentinel as a

typesetter. In 1966 he opened his own business, P&G Press and later expanded to Popes Photography until 1984 when he moved to Crockett and opened Crockett Commercial Printers until 1996. Never wanting to retire, he then went to work for the Quick Copy business in Lufkin for several years.

Mr. Pope married Arthie Alma Walling on December 25, 1948 who preceded in death in June 1999. They had five children, four of whom survive him, James Leroy Pope and wife Shelly, of Slocum, Sherri Johnson, of Lima, Ohio, Karen Lazarine and husband Jim and Betti Little and husband Jerry, all of Nacogdoches; 18 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren. Bobby Lyn Pope preceded him in death in December 1993.

Mr. Pope remarried in June 2003 to Donna Bigelow who survives him and resided in Lorena. Mr. Pope was a beloved stepfather to Ken Bigelow and wife Janice, Kathy Olsen and husband Steve and Karl Bigelow; and seven grandchildren. Always thinking of the printing business, he started the Lorena Time and ran that paper until shortly before his death. Mr. Pope was a member of The First Baptist Church of Lorena.

Being an avid singer, Mr. Pope was a long time member of the SPEBSQSA, Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of the Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. Mr. Pope was a charter member of the Nacogdoches Chorus, Timbertones and also a member and president of the Nacogdoches Evening Lions Club and The American Legion.

Memorial Service for Mr. John Willis Pope will be Thursday, July 6 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lorena.

Memorial Service for Mr. John Willis Pope will be Friday, July 7, at 2:00 p.m. at Calvary Church. 936-569-2863.