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**CHESTER C. ROSSON,
SR.**

Mr. Chester Clyde Rosson, Sr. died suddenly at ETMC in Crockett on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999, after a lengthy illness. Known to his family as Clyde, he was born in the Wesley Chapel community on Aug. 21, 1918, the first child of Chester A. and Hattie Mae Rosson.

After attending school at Wesley Chapel and Crockett High School, he joined the United States Army in 1938 at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

On Feb. 1, 1941, he married his life-long, devoted wife, Selma Scheele of San Antonio, where their first child, Carolyn was born.

The American entry into World War II determined his life for the next few years. After winter training in 1943 at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, where a second child, Chester C. Jr., was born, Sgt. Rosson

went for further training in Ireland and England, preparing for the invasion of Nazi-occupied Europe. He landed at Normandy Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, and fought with advancing troops across France, Belgium and Germany.

In the first few weeks after the invasion, his brother Edward was killed at St. Lo, France. Before the end of the war, half of his own unit had lost their lives.

The end of the war found him in Czechoslovakia, where he guided a German tank battalion commander under a white flag to his surrender to American forces.

Upon his return to San Antonio after V-E Day, he left the army with many commendations and found work as a mechanic for the San Antonio Transit bus company.

Soon after the death of their first child, Carolyn, at the hands of a speeding drunk driver, their third child, Marilyn, was born as a consolation to the family.

In 1948 Mr. Rosson rejoined the army and served in Okinawa during the Korean Conflict. Further years of service took the family to St. Louis, Indianapolis, West Germany and Oklahoma before his retirement from the army in 1959 to a home-site near his parent's home at Wesley Chapel.

Besides attending to his farm, Mr. Rosson spent several years as service manager at King Motor Company, he worked at Dolly Madison Furniture Company and served as Veteran's Administrator for Houston County before retiring

to recuperate from heart surgery in 1983 at the age of 65.

Other service to the community included his many years as chairman of the Wesley Chapel Cemetery Committee. He was also a Charter Member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Crockett, a Missouri Synod Lutheran Congregation.

Survivors include wife Selma D. Rosson of Wesley Chapel; son Chester C. Rosson, Jr. and wife Dr. Barbara Burnham of Austin; daughter Marilyn Smith and husband Neal of Crockett; brother Willette Rosson and wife Annette of Crockett; sisters Vera Dishongh and husband Herman of Crockett, Lovetta Wood and husband John of Houston and Laverne Logsdon and husband Arlie of Crockett; grandchildren Tammy Anderson and husband David, Tina Spacek and husband Darryl and Robin Rosson; great-grandchildren Sarah Smoldas, Ashley Anderson, Lindsey Spacek and Cory Spacek.

Funeral services for Mr. Rosson were held Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999, at 11 a.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Arnold Mueller officiating. Interment followed at the Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were David Anderson, Darryl Spacek, Arlie Logsdon, Bill Logsdon, Andy Rosson, Robin Rosson, Steven Dishong, Jimmy Pinnell and Steven Sims.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Lutheran Church or to the charity of your choice.

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