

October 14, 2007

**Sirmons**

A memorial service for Oliver Kellum "Straw" Sirmons, 85, was held at Earthman Southwest Chapel at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2007.

He was born on January 11, 1922 in Sour Lake, the son of Oliver and Minnie Waldrop Sirmons. His mother later became Mrs. H.M. Hulsey of Hull.

Oliver graduated from Hull-Daisetta High School in 1940. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Houston in 1949, where he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa honors fraternity. He then embarked on a career as an insurance broker and later, an estate planner. Oliver was a resident of the Houston area for 57 years. He was a decorated WWII veteran, an avid golfer, and a devoted family man. He was well respected both in his professional career; and his personal life by anyone fortunate enough to know him.

Mr. Sirmons passed away peacefully on September 7, 2007. Oliver departed this life to join his loving wife of 52 years, Eldera Garner Sirmons. His brother, Jesse Dale Hulsey; and sister, Maurice Carter also preceded him in death.

He leaves behind their daughters, Linda Ruth de Vega and husband, Hector, and Laura Ann Sirmons; grandchildren, Sean David de Vega (wife Misty), Ryan Paul de Vega (wife Megan), and Jennifer de Vega Haines (husband Paul); great granddaughter, Isabella Loren de Vega; brother, Charles Henry Hulsey; and sister, Sabra Nell Hollister.

Those wishing to make donations in his honor, can contact the Houston Alzheimer's Association, [www.alztex.org](http://www.alztex.org), Sterling Funeral Home, 602 North Main Street, Dayton, Texas 77535.