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Cooper Skidmore

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated for Cooper Skidmore on September 23 at Holy Name Catholic Church followed by a committal service at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery with military honors. 2LT Cooper Skidmore US Army (Ret.) entered into rest September 20, 2006 at the age of 88. He was born November 21, 1917 in Grapeland, Texas to the late Joseph T. and Carrie (Brown) Skidmore. At the early age of 18 he enlisted into the US Army and was a proud member of the 4th Army 2nd Infantry Indian Head Division. He was a survivor of the Normandy Invasion, Omaha Beach. His achievements in his military career consisted of numerous prestigious metals, including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and the EAMEC with 5 Bronze Stars. He completed his military service as an ROTC commandant at Fox Tech and

Jefferson High School. He retired with over 25 years of dedicated service. Later in his life, he was a Deputy Sheriff for Bexar County, School Detective and Dispatcher for SAISD. During the years of 1952-1957 he, along with his family, was assigned to Attache duty for the US Embassies in Panama and Venezuela. He was a founding member of the Holy Name Men's Club and was loved very much by his wife, Ilene. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Ilene Skidmore; children Benny Joe Skidmore, Priscilla Ann Kincaid and husband Roger D., Wes Skidmore; five grandchildren, Kristelle, Kevin, Kimberly, Kelby, Kenneth; four great grandchildren, Kyle, Zachary, Kole, Mallory; three sisters, Beulah, Robbie, Evelyn; and a host of other relatives and friends.