

Walker

On Saturday, March 31, 2007, in the quietness of his home, surrounded by his family, the Lord took Don Walker to his heavenly mansion.

Don was born to Al and Mamie Walker on October 29, 1916 in Coleman. He graduated from Coleman High School and attended Long Beach Junior College. Upon graduation he volunteered for service in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

After returning home from the Navy, he went into the automobile business with his brother. Later in 1939, he came to Liberty while working with Austin Bridge Company. They built and widened the bridges between the county lines.

In April 1940, he met and married the love of his life Helen Marie Sanford. When Helen's mother became ill, Don took over her sewing machine business. He also opened "The Coffee Cup" Café. Don enjoyed his customers and was an excellent cook.

After selling the Coffee Cup, he went to work for Texas Gulf Sulphur. After 12 years, he began a career in insurance. He worked for Great American Reserve Insurance out of Dallas. Those that knew Don knew how much he enjoyed talking. So talking and selling insurance went hand in hand. He was named "Salesman of the Year" many times. It was not just selling; it was having a concern and compassion, for what his customers needed. He was an active member of First Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon since 1955.

Don enjoyed his family, fishing and hunting upon his retirement in 1976. He was a wonderful family man and devoted husband, father and Papaw. He bound his family with unconditional love.

Don Walker peacefully joined his parents; four brothers; and one sister in Heaven. Survivors include his loving wife of nearly 67 years, Helen; four children, Donna Robbins of Liberty, Jay Walker and wife, Carol, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Al Walker and wife, JoAnn, of Houston and Debbie Overton of Liberty; nine grandchildren, Dean Fry and wife, Julie, of Fort Worth, Chad Fry and wife, Amy, of Kingwood, Kim Wood and husband, Quinn, of Dayton, Jason Walker and wife, Caroline, of Memphis, Tennessee, Julie Tator and husband, Corey, of Purvis, Mississippi, Lisa Horton and husband, Jerry, of Hewitt, Amy Jo Walker of Katy, Scott Overton and wife, Kerry, of Winnie and Darin Reinhardt of Liberty; 18 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Honorary pallbearers were the Deacons of First Baptist Church, Tom Warner, John McCain, Norman Dykes, Charles McManus, Nicky Vance, Paul Henry, Richard Perry, Gene Bracewell, Kay Lanier, Ed Lee and Bill Cauthorn.

Funeral services for Don Walker were held Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Liberty. Visitation for friends was held April 2 at the Allison Funeral Service in Liberty. Burial followed at Cooke Cemetery in Liberty.

Allison Funeral Services, Liberty, was in charge of arrangements.