



Colburn, Russell Jr

Baytown, TX

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Russell Colburn, Jr. of Baytown was accepted into the loving arms of His Savior on Tuesday, July 17, 2007. Born in Walker County, Texas on March 1, 1924, the only son of Russell and Lida Colburn, Russell grew-up farming with his father in rural Walker and San Jacinto Counties. After graduating from Huntsville High School in 1941, he moved with his family to what is now Baytown. Russell served proudly with the Army's 96th Infantry Division during WWII in the Pacific Theatre, participating in the invasions of the Philippines and Okinawa. He was discharged from the Army as a First Sergeant, in 1946. Russell joined Ethyl Corporation at their Pasadena Plant in 1952 and worked until his retirement as a Unit Superintendent in 1985.

Russell's greatest love was for his Lord and his family. Accepting the Lord as his personal savior in 1936 he lived a purpose driven life, long before the phrase became popular. Russell was an ordained Deacon of Memorial Baptist Church for nearly sixty years and proudly served the Lord and his Church, actively participating in many areas of leadership. He especially loved participating in the music and outreach ministries.

Russell is preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Elsie Bird and Russelle Taylor. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years Ruth Ailene Jacobs Colburn; son Ronald Colburn and wife Sherry of Addison, Texas; grandchildren Stacey Beyhan and husband Tim of Pine Colorado; Christy Colburn of Waco, Texas; and Laurie Bien and husband Kirk of Estes Park, Colorado; great grandchildren Kylie, Tiffin and Tyler Beyhan and Luke Bien; daughter Dianna Colburn Estep and husband Mike of Spring, Texas; grandchildren Michael Estep, Jr. and Brandon Estep of Houston and Allison Estep of Dallas, Texas. Russell is also survived by his sisters-in-law Alice Kimmey and Betty Harrison and brother-in-law Curtis Harrison, all of Baytown, and many nieces and nephews.

The family expresses its sincere appreciation to the staff at Remington Park and nurses of Faith Community Hospice for their exceptional and loving care. In lieu of flowers the family requests that contributions be made to Memorial Baptist Church, 600 West Sterling, Baytown, Texas, 77520, music fund as a memorial to Russell's memory.

His family will receive friends at Navarre Funeral Home on Thursday, July 19, 2007 from 6:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M. Funeral services will be Friday, July 20, 2007 at 10:30 A.M. at Memorial Baptist Church with Rev. Brad Hoffmann and Rev. Harry Wooten officiating. There will be a private family interment at a later time at Memory Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Navarre Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Baytown, 2444 Rollingbrook Dr., Baytown, TX 77521, (281) 422-8111.