

NO PHOTO Richards, Cleo

Lubbock, TX

96th Signal Company

A memorial service celebrating the life of Cleo Richards, 89, of Lubbock, will be Tuesday at 1:30 at Oakwood Baptist Church with Dr. Stan Blevins and Rev. Kevin Hall officiating. Private graveside services with military honors will be Tuesday morning at Resthaven Memorial Park. Mr. Richards died Saturday at his home.

He was born in Wellington, Texas on January 16, 1917 to John and Dora Richards and moved with his family to Olton in 1925. He graduated from Olton High School and later was inducted into the Olton High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Richards was also a graduate of Lipperts Business College in Plainview, worked at Olton Hardware, and later owned Richards Variety Store. He was a retired accountant and had worked for Edwin Merriman & Company and Sandefur and Swindle, C.P.A.'s. Mr. Richards married Carrie Lou Phillips on February 7, 1942 in Olton. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Linda Bruskie of Mansfield, and Joyce Woody of Lubbock; 4 grandchildren, Michelle Edwards of Mansfield, Jason Spooner of Hurst, Shane Langston of Lubbock, and Cory Neal of San Antonio; and 4 great-granddaughters, Aubry and Emily Edwards and Megan and Erin Spooner. He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 sister and 4 brothers.

Mr. Richards served our country in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945 as a radio operator in the Signal Corp. He received many awards, including the Purple Heart, and was a charter and life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter, a life member of Disabled American Veterans of Lubbock, and a member of Yellowhouse Lodge of Lubbock. Mr. Richards was also a charter member of Oakwood Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends at Sanders Funeral Home from 6-7:00 p.m. Monday evening. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock, Oakwood Baptist Church, My Father's House, or your favorite charity.