



Clifton L. "Cliff" Grissom, Jr.

March 13, 1922 - March 13, 2011

Clifton L. "Cliff" Grissom, Jr., 89, formerly of El Campo and Beaumont, died Sunday, March 13, 2011, in Houston where he lived with his daughter, Catherine. Cliff, born December 19, 1921, in Romeville, La., is survived by daughters Rebecca Priesmeyer-Hermansen of El Campo, Catherine Goodman and husband Barry of Houston, 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Louise, his son Gerald W. Grissom, Sr., brother, Robert, sisters Ann and Margie.

A man of amazing energy and determination, Cliff delighted in deer hunting, saltwater fishing, cabinet making, gardening, and learning. He served in The Philippines during WWII, volunteered with the DAV and American Legion, and every church he attended. Retired from sales and management in the construction machinery business, he taught defensive driving and refurbished homes.

Visitation from 10 a.m.-noon, followed by lunch, with funeral service at 2 p.m. will be at First Baptist Church El Campo, on Tuesday, March 15, Rev. Rick Dubroc officiating. Graveside services with Military Honors will follow under the auspices of the American Legion Post 251 at Oaklawn Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Russell Priesmeyer, Gerald "Gerry" Grissom Jr., Stephen

"Steve" Goodman, Cliff Nielsen, Chase Nielsen, Clay Nielsen, Chris Nielsen, Ryan Nielsen, Reed Nielsen, Tayton Priesmeyer, Cody Grissom, Nicholas Goodman, and Andrew Goodman.