



## Ralph William Riha

March 22, 1923 - September 2, 2011

Ralph William Riha of El Campo died September 2, 2011 at the age of 88. He was born on March 22, 1923 in Pierce to the late Anton and Bertha Koudela Riha. He was an architectural woodworker and farmer. He had served in the US Army Air Corp and the Army Infantry during WWII, and was a member of the American Legion Post 251 and the VFW Post 2786.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Meriam Fallin Riha of El Campo; children Jerry Riha and wife Kathy of La Porte, Ronald Riha and wife Nancy of Houston, Laverne Craig and husband Mike of Alvin, James Riha and wife Margaret of Sealy, and Mary Renschler and husband Eric of Florissant, CO; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Joyce Lynn Halphen, and brothers Edward and Tony Riha.

Visitation will begin 11 am Tuesday at Triska Funeral Home with a parish rosary service being held at 7 pm. The Funeral Mass will be 2:00 pm Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church with Rev. Gary Janak officiating. Graveside services will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park under the auspices of the American Legion Post 251.

Memorial donations in memory of Ralph W. Riha may be made to the American Cancer Society.