



Andrew Edward Estes

June 30, 1928 - April 9, 2016

After a six year battle with Alzheimer's, Andrew Edward Estes passed away in his home on April 9, 2016. He is survived by Betty, his bride of 65 plus years and their two children: Sharon Smitherman, who shared care giving responsibilities with her mother; and Mark Estes and his wife, Norma. They also have 3 grandsons and 7 great-grandchildren.

He proudly served his country, enlisting in the Merchant Mariners, the only service to accept 15 year olds during WWII. Ed later transferred into the Army Air Corps and the Air Force. In 1968, he retired from the USAF as a Senior Master Sergeant (E-8). Ed later managed several commercial air conditioning and heating businesses, retiring from the industry in California in 1988.

Ed was an avid hunter, fisherman and world traveler. He left his family with many wonderful memories.

Services for Andrew Edward Estes, 87, of Belton, will be held at 11:00 on Saturday, April 23, at Lakeview Baptist Church in Belton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Thursday Club c/o Lakeview Baptist Church, 7717 N. State Hwy 317, Belton, TX 76513 or Alzheimer's Texas, 3520 Executive Center Drive Suite 140, Austin, TX 78731.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lakeview Baptist Church
7717 State Hwy 317
Belton, TX 76513

Tribute Wall



“ *Andrew Edward Estes*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Andrew Edward Estes*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Andrew Edward Estes*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM

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“Because I was blessed to have married his grandson, JR, I am blessed to be able to call Ed my Grankin, too. He was a one of a kind man - no nonsense, but with a gentle heart, especially when it came to his family. He loved his great-granddaughters, Georgia and Reed. He would grow a beard for their visits because they loved to run their hands through it; he let them pick from his garden even when the veggies weren't ripe for picking; and, he took them fishing every chance he got. We were fortunate to have visited Grankin in late March of this year and will cherish all of the memories we made on that visit as well as the ones we made over the years. Grankin, we can only wait here patiently until it is our turn to be reunited with our savior and loved ones gone before us.

“The dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever” (1 Thessalonians 4:16b-17).

Even though our hearts are heavy with grief for our loss, we are overcome with hope for our reunion. To Gigi (Betty) and Sharon and all those mourning Grankin's passing, my thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Love,

-Heather (playfully nicknamed "Hester" by Grankin)

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