



William Runnels

January 5, 1919 - April 19, 2011

William Alfred Runnels Jr., 92 of Corsicana, passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2011. He was born January 5, 1919 in Arlington to William Alfred Runnels Sr. and Myrtle McCaleb Runnels. Mr. Runnels was drafted into the Army while he was attending University of Texas. He served as Staff Sergeant in the Battery A 209th Field Artillery. While he was in the military he received the American Theater Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged November 5, 1945. He married Selma Wacker in 1941 and was married until her death in March of 1987. Mr. Runnels retired after 40 years of service with Mobil Pipeline. He is preceded in death by his wife, Selma Runnels and parents. He is survived by son, James Allan Runnels and wife Marsha of Pottsboro; daughter, Peggy Moore and husband Terry of Corsicana; granddaughter, Jennifer Renee Pettis and husband James of Frisco; and great grandson Ayden Pettis. Visitation will be 6-8pm Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 2pm Thursday, April 21, 2011 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with Tom Hart officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Tribute Wall



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JB

“ I have been working in Waxahachie, and just found out about Bill passing away. I am so sorry to learn of this sad news. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family and his ExxonMobil family and friends. I used to work with Terry for ExxonMobil Pipeline's Machine Shop as a contractor for 15 years. Of course, this is how I met Peggy, and made the connection that they were part of his family. We were all like family, both the employees and past employees. We, truly, had a special bond and relationship at ExxonMobil. Even though, I could not ever get hired as a full time employee, I was there for 15 years. I came to know and admire all of my ExxonMobil family, who were working then, and the past employees, such as Bill, and to look forward to his visits as a retired employee. I could tell he was a great man, and of great character, from the moment I met him. The time has surely gotten away, since then. It seems like not too long ago, I would see Bill pull up to our back door at the machine shop in his Ford F-150, coming in the back door. As soon as I was able to catch him, while I was working, I would tell him a joke. He always had one to tell me, in return, after laughing at the one I had told him. We all will miss Bill, very much. He was a great man, and will be missed by so many. I pray for strength, guidance, and support for his family and his many friends, during this time of great sorrow and loss.

Jonathan Batton - April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Peggy and family,
Mr. Runnels and I had a special relationship... He'd get frustrated, rant and rave, finally give in, and tell me how sweet I was. I will miss his unique personality. It was a privilege to be a part of his life--and yours. Thank you for sharing him with us. We will miss him!

Audra Phillips - April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Peggy our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.

Mona (Greene) Gorden - April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Please accept my prayer and Heartfelt Sympathy in the loss of Bill. We really enjoyed working with Bill over the year at Mobil Pipeline at Corsicana. The Mobil Pipeline family send their deepest regret in your loss and may the Lord keep and bless you

Doc Hawthorne, ExxonMobil, Corsicana.

Larry Doc Hawthorne - April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ William Runnels

April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ You know, that our hearts are with you. We can never understand how to feel, at a time like this, but be at peace and understand that it is NEVER hard to give up a loved one. Our hearts break, but our precious loved ones are so much better, than we. No Pain, no suffering, only peace and happiness and enjoying another life in the here after.

WE LOVE YOU!!!

Cindy and Mark Powell - April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ We were so sorry to hear of your fathers death. I really enjoyed perusing the memorabilia you often put online about his military experiences during WWII.

Love, Tommy & Nell

Nell & Tommy Thomerson - April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Peggy, Terry and Family...
So very sorry to hear about Bill, our hearts go out to you all. Brett and I know your loss so well. Time does help heal the hurt. Bill is free of the pain now and visiting with all of his family and friends that went before him. Heaven is a little brighter now. The love of our Daddy will be in our hearts forever. Cherish all the beautiful memories you have together and keep them close to your hearts. We are all going through this right now with our parents. You guys will be in our hearts and prayers... We Love Ya'll

Diane Douglas - April 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM