



James Edwards

November 13, 1921 - April 13, 2008

EDWARDS, MR. JAMES RALPH, age 86, of Birmingham passed away on April 13, 2008. He was preceded in death by his son, Granville Lee Edwards II; parents, Granville Lee Edwards and Rebecca Matthews Holt; and brother, Donald Kenneth Edwards. Mr. Edwards was from the Greatest Generation where he proudly served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. His service led to a career in professional flying, where he was a flight instructor with California Eastern Airways, Inc. and later was a Corporate Pilot with Cowan & Co. Inc. He was a longtime member of Gardendale's First Baptist Church. Mr. Edwards was survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Jeanne B. Edwards; children, Libby (Terry) Stephens of Gardendale; grandchildren, Keith Stephens (Amy) and Kelly Pendleton (Cory); great grandchild, Tyler William Stephens; sister, Rebecca Thornley; brother, James Holt (Martha); and sister-in-law, Sarah Edwards. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Gardendale Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Oakwood Memorial Gardens. Rev. Leon Zalenski officiating. Visitation will be held from 12:30 p.m. until the service time. Gardendale Funeral Home directing.