

Woodrow Benjamin Mehrkam

Oct 9 1918 - Aug 28 2009
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BENJAMIN
MEHRKAM, 90, died
August 28, 2009 in
Houston. He was born
October 9, 1918 in
Waller, Texas to
Benjamin Harrison
Mehrkam and Alma
Johanna Mayer. His
mother's family came to
Texas from Germany in
September of 1846, and
the Mehrkam family
came from Germany to
Pennsylvania on
September 17, 1738.
Woody attended the
Kickapoo and Waller
schools and joined the
Civilian Conservation
Corps F. 28-A Co. 2881
from October 14, 1937
thru May 20, 1938 at
Portal, Arizona. He was
inducted into the Army
in 1941 and served as a
Sgt. in the 5th Air Force,
433 Troop Carrier

Group, South Pacific ,
during the occupation of
Japan, and received his
discharge in 1946 at Ft.
Sam Houston, Texas.
After the war, Woody
went to work for the
McReynolds Printing
Co., then Gulf Printing
Co. until his retirement,
after 31 years, in 1983.
Woody was a Master
Mason in good standing
at the Grand Lodge of
Texas, Garden Oaks for
over 50 years. He was
preceded in death by his
daughter, Lela Ann
Mehrkam in 1957. He
married Lucille Clepper
on December 14, 1946,
and she survives him.
He is also survived by
son, Thomas Owen
Mehrkam and his wife
Patricia; daughter,
Sandy Andrew and her
husband Marvin
Rincker; grandson,

Loren C. Andrew;
granddaughter, Celine-
Marie Webb; great
grandchildren, Ryan
Calvin and McKenzie
Lynn Andrew; and his
brother, Carl Mehrkam.
Visitation will be held at
Garden Oaks Baptist
Church from 5-7PM
Monday, August 31,
2009 with a funeral
service to follow at
Garden Oaks Baptist
Church, 3206 N.
Shepherd, Houston TX
77018. A graveside
service will be held
10:30 AM Tuesday,
September 1, 2009 at
Brookside Memorial
Park, 13401 Eastex
Freeway at Lauder Rd.
For those that desire,
memorials may be made
to the [Alzheimer's
Association](#) or to
[American Diabetes
Association](#) .

Subject: Fw: Lucille Mehrham
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--- On Tue, 9/1/09, Pat D. Fite <patdfite@comcast.net> wrote:

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Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2009, 8:41 AM

I went to the visitation last night for Lucille's husband. She was there, but did not remember me. I told her that we were all thinking about her; I reminded her of our trips to North Carolina, San Antonio and, of course, Houston. She said that it sounded like we had a good time. I told her about all the research that she had done on the Alford family. I talked briefly with her son, but not about anything personal. I didn't stay very long.

She has dementia, not Alzheimer. She did recognize some of the people who spoke to her. She said that she was suppose to die first, not Woody. She is still in their same house, but I didn't ask anyone how long she will stay there. She needs constant attention.

Pat