



## Loinel L. Irwin

August 9, 1922 - January 12, 2014

LA FERIA, TX. -- Heaven received another angel on Sunday January 12, 2014 at Casa Grace, La Feria, TX, after a long battle with dementia, Alzheimer's disease & stroke damage.

Loinel L Irwin, 91, was born in Sands, New Mexico to W. H. & Rose Irwin. He grew up in Phillips, TX. where is started working in the newspaper business at the age of 14. He retired from Freedom Newspapers in 1990 as Mechanical Superintendent after 52 years of service at both The Brownsville Herald & The Valley Morning Star.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Kirven and Lowell, his sister, Thella Jones and his wife, Wanda Irwin. He was also preceded in death by his children, Gary Irwin and Mary Lee Powers.

He is survived by his daughter and caregiver, Dorothy (Dottie or Ditto) Copenhaver Melko, of Harlingen, his grandchildren, Jonathan Powers (Roger Cazares) of Brownsville, Nathan Powers of Tomball, TX, Dawn Copenhaver Stark (Shawn) of Tomball, TX, and Stuart Copenhaver (Tanya) of Hockley, TX. He is also survived by his great grandchildren, Justin, Stratton & Brandon Powell all of Tomball, TX, and Bayleigh Powers of Tomball, TX, and by a number of nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his ex-wife, Dorothy (Dotty) Collins who so graciously assisted in his care the last few years of his life and his grandson, Jonathan Powers, who also assisted in his care, and to his helper, Celia Donez.

Daddy, Grandpa, Uncle & friend of many was loved & will be missed as he is

reunited with his heavenly family. Special thanks to his doctors, Dr. Michael Evans and Dr. Rolando Posada for his care the last 20 years. Special thanks also to the Casa Grace staff, Merida Hospice, in particular, Nicole Vega & Fernando Galvan.

Graveside Services will be at Mont Meta Memorial Park, San Benito, TX on Tuesday, January 14 at 10:30 AM in the Mausoleum area & will be conducted by Rev. Steve Wiest of First Baptist Church of Combes, TX, where Mr. Irwin was a deacon for many years.

Arrangements will be handled by Rudy Garza Funeral Home, Harlingen, TX.

# Cemetery Details

## Mont Meta Memorial Park

26170 Texas 345  
San Benito, TX 78586  
(956) 399-3097

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN **14**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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