



Richard Roach

April 29, 1922 - June 15, 2015

Richard L. Roach, passed away from this life on June 15, 2015 in La Feria, TX at the age of 93. He was born April 29, 1922 to Neal and Lena Roach in Shawnee, OK.

Richard served with the U.S. Army Signal Corps. during WWII. Initially stationed in Newfoundland, Canada supporting the Canadian Royal Air Force and Navy's efforts in the Battle of the North Atlantic.

The Signal Corps unit he served with was tasked with intercepting the radio transmissions from German submarines, applying Radio Direction Finding to locate the boats position and dispatching Canadian Air Force planes to find and destroy the enemy vessels. While in Newfoundland, Richard met the love of his life, Lorraine Reed. He was transferred to the European Theater as a Staff Sergeant with a radio intercept station in Hall Place England. Richard was a skilled radioman assigned to the American intelligence services that intercepted encoded Morse signals mostly from German Luftwaffe and Navy. The coded messages were forwarded to the British Enigma code breaking operation. At the end of the war, Richard and Lorraine married in Shawnee, OK ultimately moving to the Valley in 1962.

Richard is preceded in death by his wife Lorraine after 64 years of marriage. He is survived by his son, Robert (Susie), his daughter, Marilyn Blackburn (Jim), four grandchildren, Scott Roach (Stacey), Mark Roach (Cookie), Laura De Spain (Bob), Bill Blackburn (Cassie) and seven great grandchildren.

A private family service is planned.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association ,
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