



Paul Sefton Kessinger

December 9, 1917 - October 3, 2008

Paul Sefton, son of Opal Olive (Rose) and Jesse James Kessinger was born December 9, 1917 in Alva, Oklahoma. He passed away on the 3rd of October at the Montevista at Coronado in El Paso, Texas at the age of 90 years, 9 months and 25 days.

He attended the Alva School System and graduated in May of 1935.

Paul was married to Miss Lindley on March 24, 1940 at her parent's home. To their marriage three children, Karen, Johnny and Janice were born. Jennilee passed away after 68 years of marriage on July 13, 2008.

Following their marriage they lived in Enid, Oklahoma for several years then moved to Roswell, New Mexico for a year, later returning to Alva. On April 19, 1944 Paul joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. Serving during WWII and was honorably discharged November 6, 1945.

He worked for the Sperry John Deere Agency.

Paul was a member of the Alva First United Methodist Church and of the Alva Masonic Lodge # 105 and was a past master of the lodge in 1965 and received his fifty year pin and was a 32 degree Scottish Rite Member.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law Joe F. Nickell, his parents, and a sister, June Fuson and a brother, Leo Kessinger.

His family of survivors, who will miss him very much, two daughters Karen Nickell, of Oklahoma City and Janice Page, of El Paso, Texas; a son and his wife Johnny and Gayla of Burkburnett, Texas. Nine grandchildren and their spouses: Tommy and Jamie Nickell, Amy Nickell, Debbie and Chris Wright,

Mike and Kristie Nickell, Kim and Brian Courtney, Kris and Jeannine Kessinger, Kelli and JP Shirkey, Staci and Robert Pruitt and Angie and Anolo Vaitai. Eighteen great grandchildren: Zachary and Jarod Nickell, Jacob, Joseph and Nicholas Wright, Tyler Nickell Brock and Madison Courtney, Alyson and Lindley Kessinger, Will, Jackson and Lucas Shirkey, Andrew and Megan Pruitt, Haley, Tristan and Presley Vaitai. A sister, Laverna Kessinger, of Alva.

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Tribute Wall

NM

“ Karen - So sorry to hear about the passing of your father. May you find comfort in knowing that your parents are at peace and together. Keeping your family in prayer. Natalie

Natalie Miller - October 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Thinking of you and your family. Your parents were always so good to Bill and I. Many kind words and encouragement

Bill and Linda Beeler - October 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ May God comfort you and fill your hearts with loving memories during this time of loss.

Jeff and Shelly Smith - October 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Janice, I'm so sorry to read about your dad. You and all your family are in our prayers. Both of your parents were always so kind to me, they were great people.

Love,
Susan

Susan (Martin) Wetzell - October 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Take comfort in the fact that Paul & Jennilee are together again FOREVER!! What a joy!!

Trooper Jimmy & Julie (Davison) Helm - October 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Karen, our hearts and prayers are with you and your family.

Janet A. Smith - October 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ We were so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. He was such a nice friendly kind man. Our deepest sympathy is with your family. We are thinking of you in our prayers. God bless you.

Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - October 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Paul's passing. He was a great man and I truly enjoyed getting to know him. Paul will be missed dearly. My prayers are with his family.

Liz White - October 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM