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ALBERT, JIMMY 'COWBOY'

Shorty (Jimmie Lee-J L) Albert, 89, passed away Monday, March 12, 2012.

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A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, March 15, at the First United Methodist Church, 403 S Cornell in Fritch at 1:00 PM.

Born April 14, 1922 in Woodward, Ok, he is survived by his wife Leola Albert, two daughters, Betty K Mathews and husband Ricky of Lowell, AR, and Lorna Hear of Borger, TX. He had four grandchildren, Erica Morquecho, Elicia Morquecho of Burleson, TX, Jake Heare of Baton Rouge, LA, Lydia Heare of Amarillo, TX, along with grandson-in-law Joe Gonzales of Bovina, TX. Shorty was very proud of his four Great grandchildren, Krystin and Luke Gonzales of Bovina, and Aleena and Zariah Hermes of Burleson, TX. He also has a very special and endearing nephew, J L Albert of Atlanta, GA and his sons, Josh and Jordan both of Colorado.

Shorty began his life of pranks in Woodward, Okla., followed by being drafted in 1942. While fighting in the Pacific Campaign, he was awarded the Silver Star for his actions in battle. After returning to the states, he met the love of his life Leola in St. Helena, Ca. They were married in July of 1947. In 1950, Shorty and his little family moved to Fritch where he remained until his death. Shorty worked for Natural Gas Pipeline for thirty-five years. He believed as Will Rogers stated, "he never met a stranger". He never turned down an opportunity to dance, even when the band was just warming up, or to play "Santa" to young and old, to dress up for a parade or school play, but most of all to make someone laugh. He use to say "life's too short to be serious". When Lorna was in softball, Shorty began coaching on of many girls softball teams. He was seen at the S-F football games running the chain for many years. The house at the end of Cornell was known for many years as the Spook House with lines of older brave kids coming to see what Shorty had in store for them and knowing that he would scare them. He was a KOPs member for twenty-six years and always enjoyed the conventions. Shorty could have written the book on ADHD because he was a kid all his life.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorials be sent to Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150,

