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**Austin, TX**

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Herman A. (Ted) Puryear. One of the last remaining members of the "Greatest Generation" has passed on. Herman A. Puryear was born in Driftwood, Texas on September 27, 1916. The Lord called him home on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010.

On October 28th, 1942, Ted and Lois Eckols were married. Three days later, Ted began service to his country as a member of the 96th Infantry Division (U.S. Army), the "Deadeyes". The "Deadeyes" led the charge in the battles of Leyte and Okinawa. Ted earned a Bronze Star Medal for extraordinary heroism in ground combat as a machine gunner during the Battle of Okinawa. He returned home on December 25th, 1945.

He spent his working years as a union carpenter and a loyal life-long member of Local 1266. Ted took great pride in his work and was highly regarded for the care and precision with which he carried it out.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Gordon, Grady and Garland.

Ted is survived by Lois, his extremely loving and devoted wife of 67 years, and four children; Virginia, Jack & wife Carolyn, David and Charles. "Paw-paw" is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at Harrell Funeral Home, Austin. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 8, 2010 at Driftwood Methodist Church, Driftwood, TX. Burial will follow at Driftwood Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Gary Fleming, Kenneth Robbins, Jummy Puryear, Michael Raven, James Fleming and Geoffrey Puryear