



## **SIZEMORE, BILLY B Sr**

Billy B. Sizemore Sr., 93, originally from Rossford and Toledo, Ohio passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 15, 2015, at his daughter Sally's home in Cypress, Texas, with his surviving children at his bedside.

Billy was a skilled trade tool and die maker for over 40 years at Doehler-Jarvis. He also served as vice president of the UAW Local 1058 and was instrumental with building their Union Hall. Billy also served his local community for many years as a volunteer firefighter with the Shoreland Volunteer Fire Department and delivering food for Meals on Wheels.

Billy was an Army veteran of World War II who served with the "Deadeyes" in Okinawa, played trumpet in the Army Band, and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Billy was an artist and musician including writing and composing his own music. During retirement, Billy played trumpet and French horn with concert and marching bands in Toledo (Zenobia Shrine) and in Pharr, Texas. Billy loved to travel, taking his bicycle at 70 years young and riding down the Seine River in France.

Billy and his wife, Wilma escaped many Ohio winters as South Texas "snow birds" during early retirement. After Wilma passed away in 1990, the tradition continued with his second wife, Edna, for many years; and then he made his home in Houston, Texas in June 2014 to be closer to his younger children. Billy donated his body to the Baylor College of Medicine, an example of his noble and generous nature.

Billy was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma (Roberts) Sizemore; son, Terrill Sizemore; his parents; siblings; grandson, Kevin Chapman; daughter-in-law, Kathleen Sizemore, and son-in-law, Gary Chapman. Billy is survived by his second wife, Edna Wild; children, Billy B. Sizemore Jr., Rebecca and Ronald Manz, Sally Chapman, Timothy Sizemore, Kelly and Joe Alishusky, Shelly and Berto Abitua, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.