

William Tremaine Head, Sr.



William Tremaine Head, Sr. died December 3, 2016. Gazelle Bauer Sump, his beloved friend and companion, had died less than four weeks before.

Mr. Head was born January 14, 1918, in Greenville, Texas, to Roy Burke Head and Maude Coffey Head. He grew up in Gainesville, Texas, where he graduated from Gainesville High School in 1936. In 1940, he joined the Army Air Corps. Although Mr. Head spent most of World War II in Texas, in 1945 he was assigned to Iwo Jima where, as part of the 36th Fighter Squadron, he was a P-51 Mustang crew chief. After the war, he was employed with American Airlines for 36 years. He later moved to Austin with his wife, Marie Pace Head, whom he had married in 1942. They were married 55 years until her death in 1997. While in Austin Mr. Head was employed by the Amey Funeral Home, former Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong, and then by the Texas House of Representatives. In 2000, he married Anne Broyles Bridges, who died in 2006. He later moved to Parsons House as an independent living resident. He made many friends and bought a new car when he was 90. It was at Parsons House that he met Gazelle. Ill health forced them to move, at first, to different nursing homes, but they were finally able to reunite and spend the rest of their lives together. Mr. Head will be remembered for his profound sense of fairness, his courtesy, his friendliness, and for his keen sense of humor that was so dry that some people did not get it.

Survivors include Mr. Head's son, William Tremaine Head, Jr., and Patricia Winston; his stepson and wife, Drew Bridges and Deborah Bridges, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial donations can be made to the Pease Park Conservancy (www.peasepark.org) or a charity of one's choice.

After a private family burial, a memorial service will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd.

Obituary and memorial guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com
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