



Roger Dwain Stryker **June 1921 - Oct. 2016**

Roger Dwain Stryker, 95, of San Benito, Texas, formerly of Waterman, Ill., passed away October 19, 2016. He was born June 23, 1921 in Waterman, the son of Everett and Agnes (Dixon) Stryker. He married Barbara LaSuer in 1942.

Roger was a veteran of World War II, serving as a staff sergeant in the US Army 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper. He farmed in the Waterman area for over 20 years and later operated his own marketing and sales business. He was active in the American Legion. He moved to Texas in 1990.

Roger loved working in his woodshop and made many pieces of furniture for their home as well as for his daughters. He was also recognized in the newspaper for the built-to-scale model rodeo arena that he made for his grandsons. Roger built the display case for the FNS baseball team in the Rec. Hall lobby and another large display case which was moved to another location. His other great love was swimming and for many years he could be found in the pool every morning.

Roger along with others were on a committee that was instrumental in getting the VA clinic opened in Harlingen.

He was the commander of the Waterman Legion post and was a long standing member of the Masons.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; four daughters; Cynthia

Rucker of San Benito, Jacqueline (Gary) Johnson of Sandwich, Ill.; Janice (Tom) Erickson of Guy, Texas, and Stephanie (Douglas) Yingling of Sandwich. Also 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Cremation by Heavenly Grace Funeral Home, LaFeria, Texas. His remains will be interred in North Clinton Cemetery, Waterman, Ill. at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to cgrucker47@gmail.com.