Mr. Charles E. English, age 89 of Nacogdoches, passed away on Monday, December 28, 2009 at the Stalling Center in Nacogdoches. Mr. English was born February 6, 1920 in Kennard, Texas. The third child of George A. and Myrtie Jayne Dominy English, Mr. English was raised in the Douglass community. He graduated from Douglass High School in 1938. Upon graduation, he moved to Crockett, Texas and was employed by Alma Turner Sevier as an interior designer.

Mr. English entered the United States Army in 1942 and served in the European Theatre during WWII as a combat engineer with the 90th Infantry Division. Landing on Utah Beach on June 6, 1944, his unit moved across Europe as part of the 3rd, 7th, and 15th Armies. After VE day, he served as part of the Army of Occupation until his honorable discharge in October, 1945.

Returning to Crockett, he continued working in the construction industry and on August 18, 1946, he married Dorothy Lou Beavers. In 1951 Mr. English entered Stephen F. Austin State University and graduated with a BBA degree in 1954. In 1956, he completed a Master of Education Degree. After graduation from college in 1954, he worked a short time for DuPont as a Method Engineer. Beginning with the 1954-1955 school year, Mr. English started a long career in public education. From 1954 - 1963 he served as a teacher and coach in the Pattison, Latino, and Crockett Independent School Districts.

In 1962 Mr. English was elected as County School Superintendent for Houston County and he served in that capacity until 1968. Beginning in 1968 Mr. English was appointed as Superintendent of the Lovelady ISD and served in that position until 1979. During the 1979-1980 school year, he served as Assistant Superintendent in the Crockett ISD and in 1980 he was appointed to serve as Superintendent of the Kennard ISD. Mr. English retired from public education in 1983 only to return to public service in 1986 when he was elected as County Judge for Houston County.

Mr. English is a member of First Baptist Church in Nacog.
doches, Lothrop Lodge #21, Commandry, Lufkin Blue Lodge #66, Order of Eastern Star 509, Shriners Scottish Rite, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of the Retired Teachers Association, Life Member of the Texas Association of School Administrators, Life Member of the Stephen F. Austin Alumni Association, and a past member of the Crockett, Kennard, and Lovelady Lions Clubs. He also served on numerous civic and education boards and committees.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Dorothy Lou Beavers English, of Nacogdoches; brothers Homer L. English, of Crockett and Cecil Ray English and wife Carol, of Farmers Branch; sons Dr. Charles Keith English and wife Debbie, of Rockville, Md. and Dr. Ken English and wife Lauren, of Sherman; grandchildren Stacy English, Chris Smith and husband Christopher of Rockville, Md., Lance English, of College Station, Clay English, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Meredith Ladd and husband Craig, of Ardmore, Okla.; great-grandchildren Chandler, Collin, and Alec Ladd; nieces and nephews Jayne Hillhouse, of Lufkin and Donna Sue English, Michael English, and Apri English, all of Farmers Branch.

Preceded in death by his parents; sisters Reba English Gabberry and husband Jimmy and Ruth Marie English; brother George Herman English and wife Louise; and in-laws Dock and Mary Sue Beavers.

Funeral Services for Mr. Charles E. English were held Thursday, December 31, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel in Crockett with Dr. Allen Reed and the Rev. Jim Tom Ainsworth officiating. Military and Masonic graveside will followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park in Crockett.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the M. D. Anderson Cancer Research, P. O. Box 4486, Houston, Texas 77210-4486 or Charity of Choice.

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