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McCaskill John Walton McCaskill, Jr, 95, known as 'J.W.' to all, died January 16, 2008 in Pasadena, TX. J.W. was born Aug 24, 1912, in Sylvester, TX and married Helen Gray June 2, 1937 in Monahans, TX. He proudly served in the 14th and 10th Armies in WW II in Southeast Asia and was a past president of the Houston Basha of the China-Burma-India veteran's organization. He received the Bronze Star Medal for his actions during his service in China, as well as the China Medal from the Republic of China. He was a charter member of Pipefitter's Local Union 211, and retired from Union Carbide's Texas City plant in 1980. He has lived in his home in South Houston, Texas since 1951. After retirement, J.W. and Helen lived an active life, traveling the USA and dancing at Country & Western dances several times a week until her death in 1986. J.W. attended Faith Methodist Church in South Houston from 1951 until it moved, and then became a member of 1st Methodist Church, Pasadena. J.W. was an inspiration to all his friends and relatives. His restless curiosity, imagination, tinkering and the many devices and gadgets he made will live on in memory. He was a 'doer', always busy doing something, never happy to sit back and relax. He would plan a project in his mind for months or years, and then it would suddenly happen. A child of the depression, his frugality was legend among his family, along with his generosity. J.W. was preceded in death by his brother Spears, sister Fern and twin sisters Irene and Florene. He is survived by son John and his wife JoAnn, daughter Jeanette and her husband Bill Stoltz, grandchildren John, Jan, Tracy, Teri and Carrie and their spouses, 10 great grandchildren and his dear friend Norean Timmins. The family wishes to thank his caregiver Mary Henley for her devotion and help. Without the loving assistance she has provided, he would have been unable to live at his own home these past few years. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the American Heart Association.



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The family will receive friends Friday, January 18, 2008, from 5- 9 P.M. at SouthPark Funeral Home in Pearland. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, January 19, 2008, at 11 A.M. in the Chapel of SouthPark Funeral Home.



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