



## Paul Raymond Brower

March 13, 1928 - October 11, 2010

Paul Raymond Brower, born in Lehigh, Iowa on March 13, 1928, passed away at his home in Dallas, Texas on October 11, 2010. Paul was the second son of Eddie Brower and Hazel Glenn Reinhardt Brower, growing up with two other brothers and a younger sister. For all his 82 years, Paul could bring out smiles from everyone around him. He served during WWII and attained the rank of Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was discharged on October 18, 1947. After being discharged, he attended Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa where he met Beverly Marie Gravengaard. After being engaged for two years, they married on June 8, 1952--a marriage that modeled respect and commitment for 58 years. Initially, Paul pursued sales and service positions in the oil industry until he and Beverly decided to go back to college and finish their degrees. Both completed their Bachelor's degrees from Murray State University in 1971 to the delight of their four children who clapped and whistled as they both walked across the stage. He also went on to earn his Master's degree. Paul's chosen field was vocational education, believing that everyone deserved to learn a skill that would provide for their family. He was a champion for mentoring those less fortunate, which led him on a mission to serve as an educator for Job Corps, night principal at a vocational school and instructor to provide job skills for those within the Texas prison system. Most Sundays would find him singing in the church choir. He was a member of The Tonesman group in San Angelo, Texas and had been a member of Toastmasters. He and Beverly traveled the world from the Great Wall in China

to the Outback in Australia--to their goal of visiting every state capitol building within the continental United States. He and his wife played golf into their mid-70's and made exercise an integral part of their weekly routine, especially water aerobics. All who knew them were dazzled when watching them on the dance floor together. Paul Brower is survived by his wife Beverly Marie Brower; Children: Jancine Marie MacDougall and husband Duncan, Thomas Raymond Brower, Kathleen Annette Risinger and husband Scott, and daughter-in-law Michele Pender Brower. Grandchildren: Jeffrey Lee Martin and his wife Kelli, Jill Marie Whitehead and her husband Michael, Justin Pender Brower, Ashley Pender Brower, Ryan Joseph Boddie and David O'Neil Boddie; Great-grandchildren: Brooklyn Marie Whitehead and Presley Jo Whitehead; Brother: Glen Brower. He is predeceased by his son Matthew Glen Brower, brother Jack Brower, sister Shirley Brower and son-in-law Joe Martin. A donation to the American Heart Association in the name of Paul Brower is appreciated.