



## John Caraway

February 1, 1918 - December 15, 2011

John Caraway, 93, passed from this life into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, December 15, 2011. He was born Feb. 1, 1918 to Tol and Ina Hearn Caraway in Lubbock, Texas.

John was a life-long resident of Lubbock. His grandparents came from Granbury in 1891 and settled on what is now 50th and Indiana where they farmed and ranched until the early 1960's. The famous, landmark tree at this location was planted by the Caraways shortly after their arrival. The windmill and tree remained there until its removal in 1996.

John joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 and served in the South Pacific during WWII aboard the USS Chehalis. He was a graduate of Texas Tech and attended Dallas Seminary. John retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1982. John was most passionate about his ministry serving the less fortunate by gathering and distributing food to various organizations in Lubbock. He began doing this in 2000 and continued until the time of his death.

John married his "Sweetie", Sue Smith, on November 24, 1975. He is survived by his wife, one son, Steve Shipley and wife, Debbie of Idalou and one daughter, Kathy Baker and husband, Matt, of Mineral Wells. He was preceded in death by his parents and daughters, Mary Lou Shipley and Jimmie Sue Smith. He was also cherished by 6 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren,

as well as many friends and relatives.

Visitation will be held at Sanders Funeral Home from 4:00 to 6:00 on Sunday, Dec. 18. Services will be conducted by the Reverend John Ballard at 2:00 on Monday, Dec. 19 at First Baptist Church of Lubbock. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the South Plains Food Bank, Salvation Army, or Hospice of Lubbock.