

Deceased Name: Norman J. "Norm" Thouvenelle

Norman J. "Norm" Thouvenelle, age 75, of Azle, Texas, former Hays resident, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at his home after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Norm was born May 30, 1931, at Lucas, Kansas, to George C. and Bertie (Pitchford) Thouvenelle. He graduated from Lucas High School in 1949, received an associate of arts degree in Mortuary Science from the University of Minnesota and a bachelors degree in business administration from Kansas State University. He entered the Air Force in 1954 and completed extensive service in Vietnam, as well as serving in the Korean Conflict and at time of peace. He was awarded a Silver Star, a Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism, an Air medal for achievement in combat, and a Bronze Star of valor and commendation for exemplary service. He retired as Lieutenant Colonel in September, 1975. He held an Idaho real estate brokers license in addition to owning and producing oil leases in Texas and Kansas.

Norm is survived by Sherry, his loving wife of 16 years. Children: Gayle Hubbard and her husband, Jim, of St. Augustine, Florida, Marie Biber and her husband, Jerry, of Casa Grand, Arizona, and Jon Thouvenelle of Vail, Colorado; stepchildren, Craig Werth and his wife, Rosie, of Hays, Kansas, Denise Miller and her husband Joe, of Schofield, Wisconsin, and Clifton Werth and his wife, Kristy, of Azle, Texas; siblings, Jack Thouvenelle of Florida, Georgia Ann Thorson of Chandler, Ariz., and Cathern Trapp of Russell, Kansas; four grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both parents, one brother, and twin step grandsons.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 9, 2007, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Inurnment will be in the St. Anthony's Cemetery in Schoenchen, Kansas. The family will receive friends at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be sent to the Holy Trinity Church, 800 High Crest Dr., Azel, Texas 76020 in his name and memory. Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.