

RODGERS

POLLARD (BARSTOW) RODGERS



passed away peacefully at the age of 94 on June 9, 2009 in El Paso, Texas. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Patricia; his son and daughter-in-law, John Rodgers and Laurie Tempkin of Martinez, California; and his daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Jay Christopher of Houston, Texas. Pollard was born Feb. 11, 1915 in Pyote, Texas on his grandfather's ranch. He attended Barstow schools and became an Eagle Scout in 1930. In 1941 he graduated from the Texas College of Mines with a degree in mining engineering. He worked as an engineer for Bechtel, McCone and Parsons in California, for J.E. Morgan and Sons in El Paso and finally for the International Boundary and Water Commission from which he retired in 1979. His most significant work experience was with the Commission, where he was Resident Construction Engineer for the historic realignment of the Chamizal channel and bridges between El Paso and Juarez. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a Registered Engineer. He served on the Electrical Board during the administration of Mayor Judson Williams. He has been

an active member of the Alpha Phi Omega Engineering Fraternity, enjoying his long time friends at their monthly meetings at Amigos Restaurant on Montana St. Pollard was also active in organizations outside of his profession. He was president of the Ex-Students Association of Texas Western College in 1950, and always supported the Miners at their football and basketball games. Throughout his time in El Paso, he was a dedicated amateur radio operator, working with his many friends at the El Paso Amateur Radio Club. A Navy officer in WWII, he served among other places as a radar officer on an aircraft carrier in the South Atlantic. After leaving active duty, he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve, teaching 21 years in the CIC department. He retired in 1970 with a rank of Commander. Visitation will be held at the Martin Funeral Home Central, 3839 Montana St., on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm followed by Graveside Service at 1:00 p.m. at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery with Military Honors.