

Archie Grant Holmes, 86, of Bella Vista, Arkansas died Thursday, June 11, 2009 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas. He was born on May 12, 1923 in Fort Scott, Kansas to William Mac Holmes and Clede Cross Holmes.

He was raised and educated in Kansas, graduating from Pleasanton High School in 1941. He served in the U.S. Army, 13th Airborne Division during WWII and later in the 82nd Airborne Division at Normandy. Archie married Mabel Norton. He was employed as Plant Manager for Crimsco Manufacturing and Stephen's Industries, and later Vice President of Mar-Con Manufacturing, all in Kansas City, Missouri. They moved to Bella Vista, Arkansas in 1991 and Mabel died in 1996. He was a loving father and grandfather and a member of Judson American Baptist Church of Bella Vista.

He was preceded in death by his Parents, and his wife, Mabel.

He is survived by one son, Keith Holmes and wife, Ann of Bella Vista, Arkansas; one daughter Carol Holmes Riley and husband, Andy of Honolulu, Hawaii; one sister, Mildred Courtois of Pleasanton, Kansas; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at Judson American Baptist Church, 1702 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, Arkansas with Rev. Henry W. Hensley officiating. Arrangements are by the Bella Vista Funeral Home & Crematory, 2258 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, Arkansas.