

Emil Joe Kroutil, 89, of Sugar Land, Texas.

Emil Joe Kroutil was born June 12, 1922 in Glencoe, Okla., to Anton and Hattie Kroutil and was a graduate of Eureka High School.

In 1942 he married Georgia Lorayne Atwood of Stillwater. Kroutil served as a tank gunner in General George Patton's 10th Armored Division in Europe, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

Following World War II he returned to Stillwater and graduated from Oklahoma State University. He joined the US Army Corps of Engineers, where he served as a reservoir manager in Republican City, Neb; Kanopolis, Kan; and Melvern, Kan. During that time Mr. Kroutil was very active in hunting and fishing.

Upon his retirement, he lived in the Bella Vista, Ark., retirement community for thirty years, where he was active in golf, fishing and in the Methodist Men's organization of First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista. Kroutil was a lifelong member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Georgia Lorayne Kroutil of Sugar Land, Texas, daughter Karen Pullmann and her husband Ray Pullmann of Sugar Land, Texas, and by two grandsons Matthew Pullmann and his wife Charissa of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Michael Pullmann of New York, NY.

Mr. Kroutil was predeceased by his parents, and by his brothers Tony Kroutil and Wesley Kroutil and his sisters Lucie Brazda and Ann Lowry, and by his infant son Kent Alan Kroutil.

Pastor Carlton L. Riemer will officiate at a graveside service at Sunset Memorial Gardens 10:00 am on Friday, January 20, 2012