

**Woodcarve in
the Beautiful
Texas Hill Country**



Clarence Norman Heidemann

February 5, 1920 - May 2, 2015



Clarence Norman Heidemann passed away Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the age of 95. Clarence is preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Bernice, parents, Gustav and Ella Heidemann, 3 brothers, 4 sisters, 1 niece, and 1 nephew. Clarence is survived by 5 Nieces, 3 nephews and their families.

Clarence was born on February 5, 1920 in Kyle, Texas to Gustav and Ella Heidemann. At the age of 21, Clarence joined the United States Marines during WWII and was stationed in Hawaii at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Clarence and Bernice Small were married on June 1, 1947. Clarence retired from the US Marines after 20 years of service. He resided in the San Diego area where he became the caretaker of the San Diego County Botanical Gardens. After retirement from the Gardens, he became active in the Elks Club and took up carving as his hobby. He and his wife, Bernie, resided in Oceanside, Ca. until the passing of Bernie in 2004. In 2005, Clarence returned to San Marcos, Texas making his home for 10 years at Horizon Bay.

During these 10 years, he traveled around the United States attending the Pearl Harbor Survivors Conventions. Clarence continued his love for carving. His family and friends will remember him by the pride he had being a United States Marine, and a survivor of Pearl Harbor. His prized possession was the walking cane that he carved, with the names of each of the Islands he was stationed on during WWII.

Graveside services will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2015, 3:30 pm at the Umland Liveoak Cemetary in Umland, Texas. A reception to follow at the Umland Community Center. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Clarence's life. The family is asking any donations be given to the charity of your choice in honor of Clarence.