

Marlin Arlo Britton

Marlin A. Britton, 76, of Grand Island died Thursday, Oct. 1, 1998, at the St. Francis Medical Center of Grand Island.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Taylor. The Rev. Roger Gillming will officiate.

Mr. Britton donated his body to science. There will be no visitation.

Apfel-Butler-Geddes Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to the Loup County Historical Society in Taylor.

Mr. Britton was born on April 11, 1922, to Lem and Eva (Dye) Britton at his grandparent's home six miles northwest of Taylor in Loup County. In 1926, he moved with his sister, Ila, to a farm the family had purchased two miles northeast of his grandparent's home. He attended Sunnyside School District No. 23 and graduated from Taylor High School in 1939. In December 1942 he enlisted in the Army Air Corp. He received his pilot's wings and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in March of 1945 at Foster Field in Victoria, Texas. After serving at air bases in Yuma, Ariz., and Victorville, Calif., he was honorably discharged from the service in December 1945.

He married Erline Catherine Mitchel on July 21, 1945, at the Air Base Chapel in Victorville, Calif., and the couple lived in California until December 1945. In January of 1946, the couple returned to Taylor where he was employed by Miles Ferguson in the operation of the Texaco Service Station. He later worked for Bob Wiley in the grocery store and locker plant and then for Lester Watland as a truck driver. In 1950, the couple purchased the Bill Cole farm west of Taylor where they farmed and ranched for most of his life. In 1985, they moved to Grand Island and worked at the Hall County Housing Authority until his retirement in 1996.

He was a member of the American Legion, the Loup County Draft Board and the Taylor Volunteer Fire Department. He served on the Taylor Grade School Board of Education, the County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Directors of the Loup County Rural Fire District, and as a director of the County Weed Control Board.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Gary Joseph Britton of Lincoln and Alan Charles Britton of Syracuse; one daughter, Carol Ann (Mrs. Reid) Wells of Fairfield; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and two sisters, Ila Dunne of Taylor and Iva Fann of Lago Vista, Texas.