



## Obituary

**Alva Bryan Stem, Jr.**  
**Former Manager, Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum**  
**1925 - 2011**



Alva Bryan Stem, of Waco, passed away Friday, Oct. 14, 2011. Services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at Calvary Baptist Church

Alva was born Nov. 24, 1925, in Waco, to Wiley and Ada Rowe Stem. He worked for the City of Waco for 40 years as Director of Parks and Recreation and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum when it was a division of Parks and Recreation.

He served for 40 years in the Texas National Guard, retiring as a Major. He was a graduate of Waco High School and Baylor University. Alva loved the great outdoors and spent many hours with family and friends hunting, fishing, and camping. After retiring, he and his wife enjoyed traveling many places around the world.

He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Helen Crook Stem of Waco; his son, Alva and wife, Sherry, and their children, Sheena and Rex; and daughter, Susie Houston and husband, Herb, and their children, Taylor, Trey, and Tyler; two great-grandchildren, Kennedy and Kellen; one brother, Jack Stem and wife, Jo; and many nieces and nephews.