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Waverly Lee Johnson, Jr. LT Waverly Lee Johnson Jr., USAF, Ret., of Waco passed away Tuesday, August 21, 2014. His memorial service will be held at a later date.

Waverly was born June 4, 1918, in Blackstone, Virginia, to Waverly L. Johnson and Mary Powell Johnson. He attended Blackstone Public School, receiving an athletic scholarship to Ford Union Military Academy. After graduating in 1933, he accepted a football scholarship to Duke University, under legendary Coach Wallace Wade and played in the 1942 Rose Bowl against Oregon State. The game location was moved to Durham, due to the possibility of Japanese submarines off the coast of California, shelling the Rose Bowl.

Waverly left Duke after 2 years to enlist in the U.S. Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet. After basic and advanced flight training in Waco, Texas, he graduated in Class 43A at 1943, receiving his Second Lieutenant Commission and Wings. He was immediately assigned to Avon Park, Florida, for transition training at the Martin B-26 Marauder. He and his flight crew were ordered overseas as replacement for the 39th Bomb Group in North Africa in April 1943. After flying several missions, the group was moved to Algiers to hit targets in Italy, Sicily and Southern France and was in the first flight on the bombing of the ancient city of Monte Cassino, Italy.

In May 1944 after completing 40 missions, he returned to the States and was assigned to test flying aircraft after overseas at Ellington Field, Houston. He was assigned as the Blackland Operation Officer until the end of WWII. Decorations earned were Air Medal with 4 oak leafs, 2 Presidential Citations, European Campaign with 6 battle stars, and the Croix de Guerre from the French government. After 32 years of service Waverly retired June 4, 1978 as a Lt. Col.

When Waverly was in flight training in Waco, he met Charlotte Bridges, and on his return to the States, he and Charlotte were married September 24, 1944. To complete his college, he enrolled at Texas A&M and graduated with a degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1946.

Waverly was hired as the Waco Aviation Manager, seven years before being hired as Assistant Aviation Director at Ft. Worth for three years. In 1983, he became Director of Aviation for the City of Birmingham, Alabama, for 22 years before retiring. While in Birmingham, he helped in the construction of a new terminal building, parking deck and upgrading other airport facilities. One of his most enjoyable tasks was working with the Auburn University Cooperative Education Department, training students in Aviation Management. He earned accreditation as an airport executive and served on the Board of Directors for the American Association of Airport Executives and later served on the Board of Directors for the International Airport Executives.

In Birmingham, he and Charlotte were members of the Episcopal Church of the Advent, where he served several terms on the Vestry and then served on the Chapter when the Advent was made a cathedral. After retiring, Waverly and Charlotte returned to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Waco, where he had been Sunday School Superintendent 25 years before.

Waverly enjoyed hobbies of model electric trains and woodworking, and was a member of the Alabama Designer Craftsmen. He was an avid woodpointer and worked on important projects such as the United Nations "Peace Rug", Church of the Advent kneelers and hangings, and dining chair seats for the Alabama Governor's Mansion.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Charlotte Johnson, of Waco; his son, Waverly Johnson III and his wife, Cricket, of Houston; his daughter, Vesta Batchelder and her husband, Eric, of Madisonville, Louisiana; and four grandchildren, Waverly L. Johnson IV, Peyton Lane Johnson, Julia Elizabeth Batchelder and Edwin Lee Batchelder.

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