



## Oliver Morris Refsell

May 25, 1918 - November 4, 2011

Oliver Morris Refsell Oliver M. Refsell (Morris) was born May 25, 1918 and passed away on November 1, 2011. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, husband, uncle and friend. He was born on a farm in Wallingford, Iowa to Dora and Conrad Refsell and had a younger brother, Raymond, and a younger sister Margaret. During his life he held many titles: a farmer, one room school house teacher, navigator on a B-17 during WW II, earned his Ph.D. from University of Texas and became a history professor at Sam Houston State University, but he took the most joy from his family. He married Coralee Vogelmann on August 27, 1945 and enjoyed 63 years of marriage. He had four daughters, Nancilee Refsell Rhodes, Virginia Refsell Smith, Ivanell Refsell George and Dorothy Refsell Arnold. Each of the daughters brought more joy to the family by having their own children and grandchildren. Morris enjoyed family gatherings the most, when the house was brimming with kids, animals and laughter. The highlight of family gatherings were group photos to see how everyone was growing and changing. Morris is preceded in death by his parents, siblings, wife and two of his daughters, Nancilee and Virginia. He is survived by his daughter Ivanell and her husband Jeff George and their two children Kelsey and Christopher; his youngest daughter Dottie and her husband Eddy Arnold and their four sons, Eddy Kyle, Nathan, Sam and Cameron; other grandchildren, Elisha George and her husband Russ, and their two children, Brendin and Hannah, Amber Dallmeyer, her husband Mark and their two children, Avery and Briley,

Joshua Smith and his wife Lisa and their son Ethan and Jennifer Rhodes. Services will be held Friday, November 4, 2011, 11:00 a.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville, Texas, with Rev. Ellen Willett officiating. Burial will follow at Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville. Family will receive friends Thursday, November 3, 2011, 4:00-6:00 p.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Oliver Morris Refsell*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I was so very sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My heart goes out to you for your loss. Know that he is now in the comfort of the lord's loving arms. God bless each and every one of you.*

**Sharon Moates (Goodrow)** - December 11, 2011 at 08:57 AM



“ *So sorry about the loss of your dad. I know how special he was to you! I am praying for you during this difficult time.*

*Love,  
Shelley*

**Shelley Tamas** - November 03, 2011 at 07:05 PM



“ *We would like to express our sincere sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your beloved father. We hope wonderful memories will sustain you through this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time.*

**Cecilia & Howard Lee** - November 03, 2011 at 02:48 PM



*He was my history teacher in 1970. He knew his stuff.*

**Larry Winfield** - March 06, 2021 at 11:15 PM

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“ *How very much I learned from this brilliant man when I was a student at Sam! He was wonderful! Thank you for being so much a part of MY teaching career. You will be missed, my friend! Norma Dell Jones--former student and former SHSU Alumni Director-- Lovelady, Texas*

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**Norma Dell Jones** - November 01, 2011 at 05:12 PM