



## Ralph A. DeGilio

January 2, 1917 - June 1, 2012

Funeral services for Ralph A. DeGilio, 95, of Henderson, will be at 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 4, 2012 at Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Bill Tisdale officiating. Interment will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson. Visitation will be Monday, June 4, one hour before the service. Ralph was born on January 2, 1917 in North Bergen, New Jersey and went to be with the Lord on June 1, 2012. He was converted at Southside Baptist Church in Henderson on a Thursday evening in August and baptized on Sunday. He was appointed choir director for the church. He was a men's Sunday School teacher and training union director. He was the president of the brotherhood association. At that time he was privileged to speak in many churches in the association. Then he and his family moved their fellowship to First Baptist Church in the mid 50's. His family joined the choir under the direction of Mrs. Claudia Holder. He became a teacher of men's Sunday school classes for 46 years. His teaching ended after having a stroke. "Thanks be to God through our Lord Jesus Christ who gave me all these opportunities through the years." He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth and infant grandson, Arthur Calvin Johnston, Jr. His parents, Andrew and Catherine DeGilio of New York, his brother Frank of New York, his brother Anthony of New York, his sister Mary of New Jersey. There were five brothers in the military during WWII at the same time: Joseph - US Army medic; Julius - US Infantry Pacific Islands; Michael - US Army Infantry, North Africa, Anzio, Italy, and France; Andrew, Jr. - US Navy Pacific; and

Ralph - USAF. Those four brothers who served also preceded him in death. Surviving are: daughter Dolores Johnston and her husband Art of Rusk; granddaughter Rhonda and her husband Ron of Nacogdoches; grandson Andy and his wife Kathy of Rusk; great-grandchildren Katie Barton and Kacy Mooneyham, Kristina Bishop and her husband Clay, John Weaver and his wife Erin; great-great-grandchildren Jordan, Jayanna, Jaycee, and Jaylee Bishop, and Landon, Lillie, and Lanee Weaver and Garrett Barton; sister, Eleanor Heirro of California; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers are Andy Johnston, Dalton Jones, Richard Smith, Al Whitehead, Dallas Woods and Jim Mayo. Condolences may be made online at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## visitation

JUN 4. 12:00 AM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ How I thank God for Ralph. He was a special man and I enjoyed personal visits in his home with Ralph and Ruth. I will be praying for the family. Jere Wilson

Jere Wilson - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Dear Delores, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Uncle Ralph was always a part of our life as our Dad spoke often of the wonderful times he had with Uncle Ralph growing up. While my Dad was alive they always kept in touch by phone and cards to wach other. We had one wonderful trip where we traveled to Henderson to see Uncle Ralph and Aunt Ruth. We will hold on to those memoreies. You and your family are in our prayers.

Eileen DeGilio Boyd - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ My prayer if for God to Bless your family with strength, peace and comfort duting this difficult time. Your mother and father were two of the greatest people I ever had the pleasure of being friends with. May you enjoy all the beautiful memories of both. Gale

Gale Austin - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Ralph was always kind and friendly to me all my life. He was consistent in his faith in the Lord. He was one of the few men I have known who had integrity. He had a good, full life. Condolences go to his family at this time. Billy MartinLongview

Billy Martin - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Delores and family, I have fond memories of Ralph at Southside. I know you all will surely miss him. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. With love and sorrow for your loss.*

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**Brenda Taliaferro** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM