



Talmadge Milford Bairrington

February 6, 1923 - July 20, 2024

Talmadge Milford Bairrington was born on February 6, 1923, in a tiny community called Delia, which no longer exists, to James (Jim) Milford Bairrington and Maude Myrtle Spruiell Bairrington. Milford was an only child and a lifelong bachelor. He was a Christian gentleman who belonged to the Methodist Church. He graduated from Daniel Webster High School in 1939 at age 16. He was 18 when WWII broke out and served 39 months. Even though he had problems with asthma growing up and had double pneumonia during boot camp, he made it into the Army Air Corp and was about to ship out as a foot soldier when it was discovered that he could type and was then given an office assignment. Milford never felt like he deserved veteran benefits because he was not shot at, but he was good at getting the payroll done on time, and was an important part of the greatest generation. He served in Salt Lake City, Lincoln, NE, and Hickman Field in Hawaii before being discharged in Topeka, KS. After the war he earned a degree in accounting. While working Milford struck up a lifelong friendship with Ron Kratky. Milford lived alone after the passing of his parents until he moved to assisted living at the age of 99 where he lived for 2 more years. It is likely Milford would not have survived so long except for the help, support, and devotion of his “adopted granddaughter,” Renee Michalopulos. He is survived by cousins and friends. He passed peacefully into heaven on July 20, 2024 at the age of 101.