Obituary for Emory Ray Howell

Emory Howell was born in a small town in central West Texas. He grew up on his grandparents' farm, where he learned to use, repair, and modify just about anything and where he learned to love the land.

He joined the United States Marine Corps at the age of seventeen and proudly served for two years during World War II. After the war, he served three years in the Reserves and attended college, where he received an Associate's Degree in aeronautical maintenance engineering.

He then joined the United States Air Force. He served as a pilot in the USAF during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. During his twenty years in the USAF, he served in numerous distinctive capacities, which included being a pilot for President Eisenhower during his South America tour.

Emory received numerous medals and honors during his career, which include a World War II Victory Medal, an Air Force Commendation Medal, and an Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.

After he retired from the Air Force, he met and married "Mrs. Wonderful'. The couple lived most of their married life in Tyler.

Major Howell was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, a sister, a foster sister, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to one of these: Fisher House Foundation for Military Veterans and Their Families, Hospice of East Texas, or your favorite charity.