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**Robert Harlon Wagstaff**, 88, of Bronson died December 23, 2008, in Newton, Texas. He was born October 9, 1920, in Shelby County to Richard and Pearl Permenter Wagstaff, the seventy of nine children. He had been a resident of Sabine County for forty-one years.

Robert attended various schools in Shelby County and graduated from Tenaha High School in 1939. He immediately enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College. On November 4, 1942, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps. He trained in Las Vegas at AAF Gunnery School (Spec Sperry Turrets). He was assigned as a tail gunner on a B26 Martin Marauder and flew 56 missions over Europe from bases in England, France and Belgium. He attained

the rank of Staff Sgt. and was discharged on July 7, 1945. IN the fall of 1945, he returned to Stephen F. Austin and earned his degree.

He worked 39 years as a teacher, coach and administrator in the public schools of Texas. He was employed by Brazosport ISD in Freeport for 11 years, Lufkin ISD for 10 years and West Sabine ISD for 18 years. During his tenure at Brazosport, he earned his Master's Degree from the University of Houston. He retired as superintendent at West Sabine ISD in 1985.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Bettye Bragg Wagstaff of Bronson, daughter Lou Ann Wagstaff of Whitehouse, a granddaughter Cory and her husband Rob Blackmon, great

grandchildren Caylor Brynn Balckmon, Brock Wagstaff Blackmon and Tyler Robert Blackmon all of Brownsboro, TX, a sister Neta Hanna of Jacksonville, brothers-in-law Winfred Wright of Port Neches and Hollis McMullen of Quitman, TX and many nieces and nephews.

Robert was preceded in death by his son, Jon Robert Wagstaff.

Visitation will be from 5:00PM until 8:00PM in the Starr Funeral Home, 510 Starr St, Hemphill, TX.

Funeral services will be at 11:00AM, Saturday, December 27, 2008, in the Starr funeral Home chapel with Bro. Gene Samford officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery in Center, TX.