

**John C. “Briggs”  
Kibodeaux**

October 29, 1929 – May 4, 2020

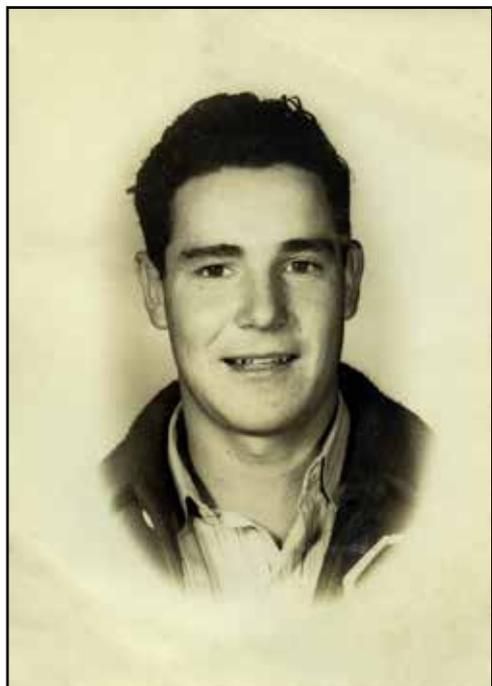


***John C. "Briggs" Kibodeaux***, 90, of China, died Monday, May 4, 2020. A native and lifelong resident of China, he was born on October 29, 1929, to Lucy Dearbonne Kibodeaux and John Kibodeaux. Briggs was a United States Army veteran, having served in the Korean War. He owned and operated Kibodeaux's Grocery in China for over fifty years.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-eight years, Mary A. Hillyer Kibodeaux, of China; sons, Michael J. Kibodeaux and his wife, Suzanne, of

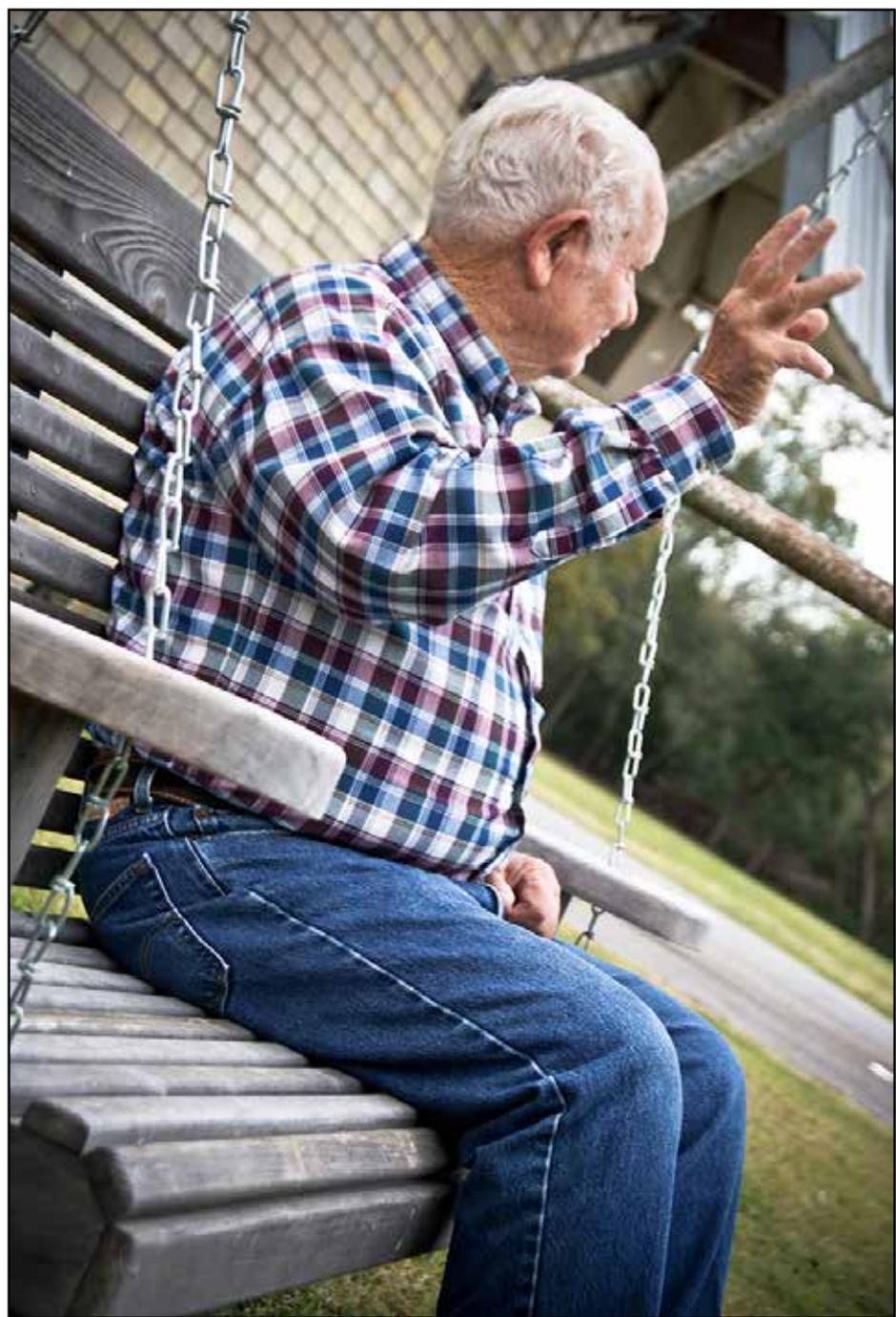
Sour Lake and Karl D. Kibodeaux and his wife, Wendy, of Nome; daughter, Lucy D. Lockard and her husband, Charles; Mary Alice Kibodeaux; Charlotte Lowe and her husband, Ward; and Roxanne LeBlanc, all of China; brother, John Kibodeaux, of Beaumont; fifteen grandchildren; and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Briggs is preceded in death by his parents, Lucy and John Kibodeaux; sisters, Lucille Kibodeaux Brassier, Bula Kibodeaux Barnett, and Thelma Kibodeaux Godeaux; and brothers, Earl Kibodeaux and Emmett Kibodeaux.

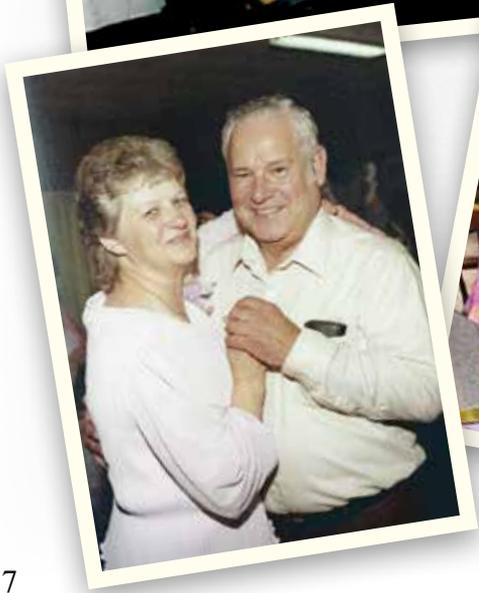
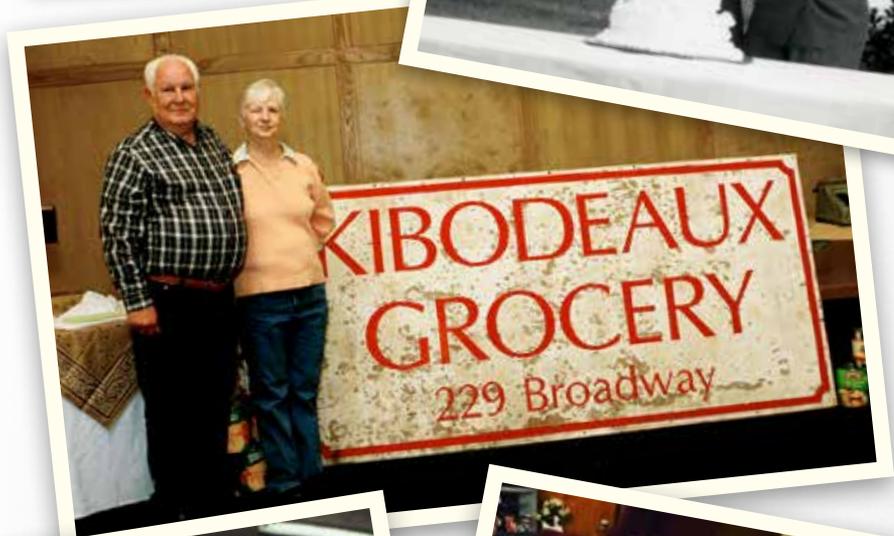








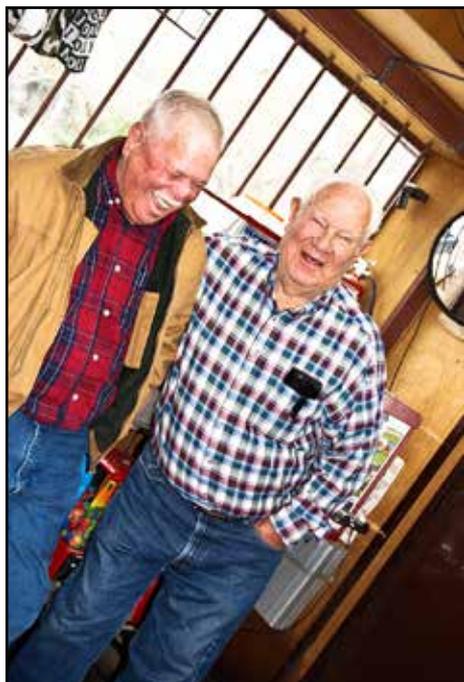




*Mary & John*



*68 Years of Marital Bliss*







### *“Simple Name”*

Using words and pictures, I attempt to explain who this man is with the “Simple Name.”

Ninety years of life, sixty-eight of them married to just one wife.

Six children between them, two boys and four girls, was just the beginning, for they reproduced many grandchildren.

Fifteen in all, then they began to gather, eighteen more, great grandchildren they would be called.

Over the years he has grown many things that are known.

The grocery store business, he and Mom built, would come and go but people still call it Kibodeaux’s.

The volunteer fire department, church benefits, school functions were some of the things he supported.

His love of family, people, and his home helped him always find a way to afford it.

This place he calls home...China... he loves more than you know, it is where many people saw him grow.

He doesn't do it for the fame. He knows it is not in vain.

The man with a "Simple Name" many know as many things.

Some call him "Briggs",

others say Mr. J.C.,

many know him as a friend,

while few know him as brother.

The Grandchildren call him PawPaw K,

nieces and nephews call him Uncle Briggs.

Even though many know him to have a "Simple Name"... J.C...

he is so much more than people see.

He has lived a simple life with a simple name

but his impact on lives is not just a game.

Around the coffee pot in the store,

to conversations behind closed doors

all who know him will confess he loves to joke and is a mess.

He loves to speak French,

kiss and hug his favorite ladies,

give the kids dollars

And make the Grandkids holler.

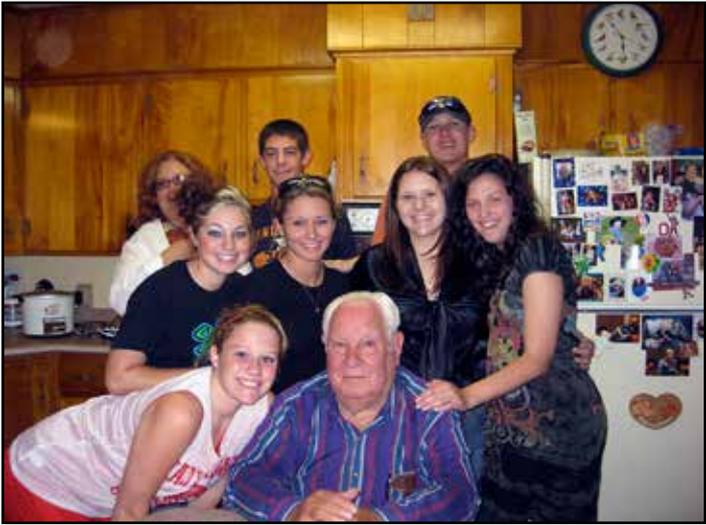
All the things about him are real

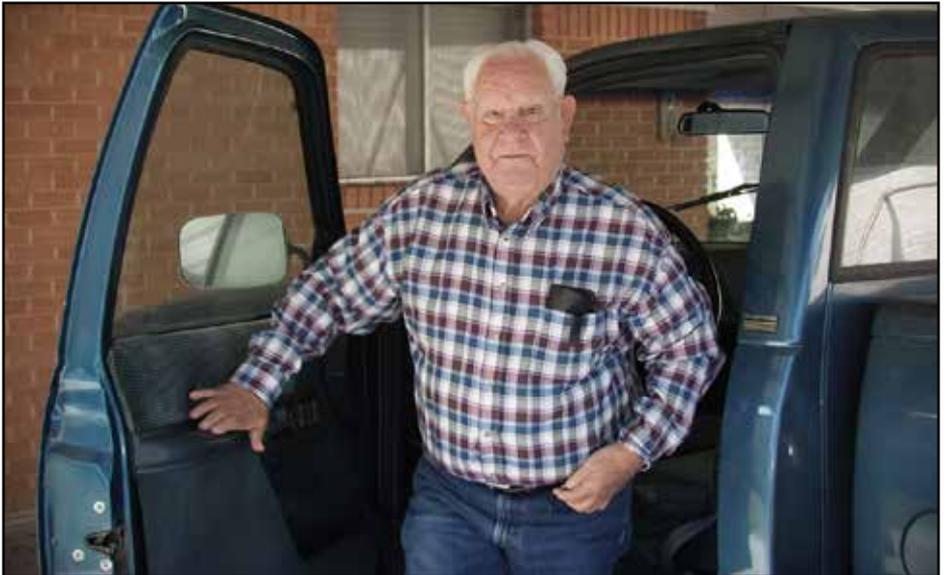
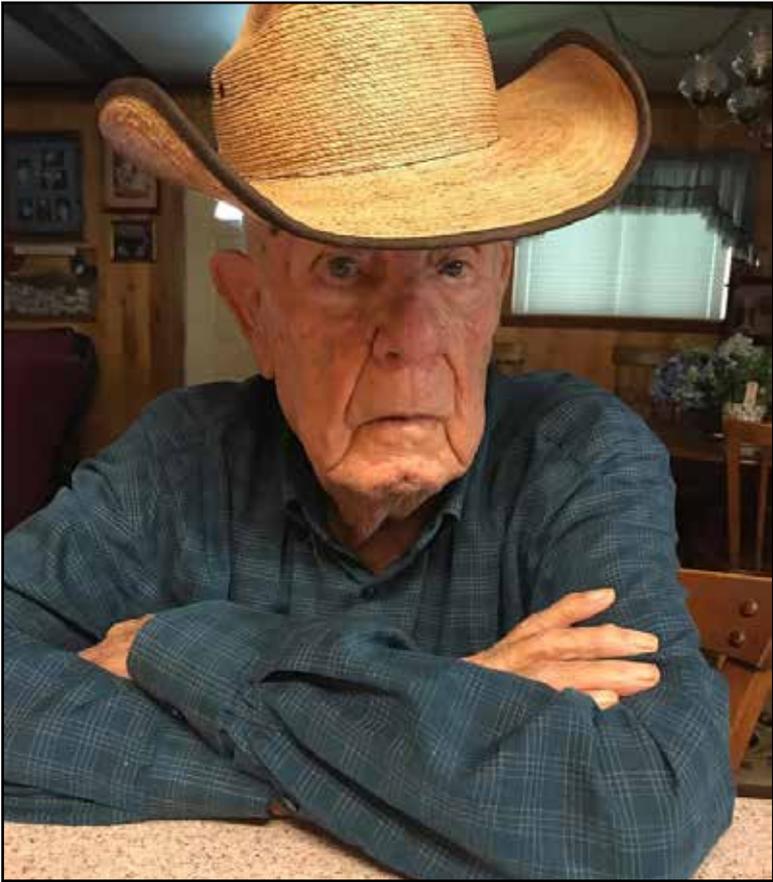
but his "Simple Name"...J.C. is so small

for such a BIG MAN we call.....DAD!

We Love You Big Daddy

Mary Alice







### **Graveside Service**

Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:00 p.m.

China Cemetery

China, Texas

Very Reverend Luong Q. Tran, J.V.

### **Pallbearers**

David Kibodeaux

Derrick Kibodeaux

Tanner Lowe

Tyler Griffin

Cody Griffin

Chris Kibodeaux

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Koby Lowe

Anthony Mazzola

Jordan May

Russ Furry

### **Military Honors**

United States Army

### **Memorial Contributions**

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

P.O. Box 38

China, Texas 77613



Please sign Mr. Kibodeaux's guest book and share your memories at  
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