



## LEE LOONEY GRIDER, JR.

July 23, 2013

Lee Looney Grider, Jr., 89 of Bessemer, AL, passed away July 23, 2013. He was a WWII Veteran, serving as Flight Engineer on a B-29 in the Pacific. He flew 20 Combat Missions and was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with One Bronze Star. He was honorably discharged in November 1945 as Flight Officer. He flew 37 years for Eastern Airlines and retired as a Captain. He was the son of the late Lee and Gertrude Grider. He was preceded in death by his wife, Penny Grider, brothers, Ralph Grider, Jim Grider and sister Mattie Peterson. He is survived by his wife Bernice Grider, son Matt Grider (Kim) and daughter Vicki Nolting. Sister, Grace Higginbotham. Three stepchildren, Donald Kendrick (Barbara), Angela Ellis (Keith) and Kim McClain (Tom). Grandson Eric Nolting and step grandchildren Sharon Cook (Pat), Daniel Kendrick, Nathan Ellis, Jeremy Ellis. Several nieces and nephews. The visitation will be Friday, July 26, 2013, from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 2:00 PM at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Highland Memorial Garden.