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G.I. Jive Senior Prom Queen, King Crowned

Wylie, TX, April 24, 2015 – Earlene and Bruce Collinsworth, 87 and 92, were named Queen and King of the Wylie Senior Recreation Center’s G.I. Jive Senior Prom April 24. Mr. Collinsworth drove an Army vehicle, transporting personnel and supplies in Okinawa, Japan, during World War II and said he was on hand when the Japanese officially surrendered.

Mr. and Mrs. Collinsworth will celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary Dec. 19; they met in Sunday School on Easter in Rowlett. She was born in Lavon, and he moved to Lavon from Dallas in 1937. They have four children, all of whom are in the area: Cindy Redwine from Farmersville, Judy Benoir from Murphy, Gary Collinsworth from Copeville and Richard Collinsworth, who lives in Wylie. Their granddaughter Amy Cortez is employed at the Wylie Senior Recreation Center.

The prom was a festive affair with the stars-and-stripes theme from the USO era. The approximately 50 attendees, dressed in their prom best, danced to swing music and dined on hamburgers, apple pie and lemonade.

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Earlene and Bruce Collinsworth took time out from cutting a rug to Glenn Miller tunes to be named Prom Queen and King of the Wylie Senior Recreation Center G.I. Jive Senior Prom April 24. Mr. Collinsworth wears the uniform he wore serving in Japan during World War II.