

JAMES E. BENNETT

Mr. James E. Bennett, age 87, passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2009 in Huntsville. Mr. Bennett was born in Crockett, Texas on March 12, 1922 to Robert Daniel Bennett "Dan" and Jenny Viola Bennett (Oldham).

Mr. Bennett served in the U.S. Navy in WWII and then was a civil service worker for the U.S. Airforce Base in Phoenix, Arizona. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #23 in Glendale, Arizona for fifty years and in 2009 became a member of Masonic Lodge #21 in Crockett, Texas.

The Bennett's lived in Salmon, Idaho for several years where they enjoyed camping and fishing in the Salmon River. They also enjoyed traveling extensively in North America in their earlier years. He was a wood carver and spent many hours on gifts for all of his friends and family.

Survivors include his wife Oma Gant Bennett; brothers Quincy Bennett and wife Barbara, of Dodge Center, Minn., Donald Bennett and wife Billie, of Latexo, A.D. Bennett "Bill," of Crockett; sister Annie Bell Bennett Watson, of Latexo; nieces and husband Denise and Terry Vogler, of Huntsville Gayann and Bill Herring and Elaine Heathcock, all of Devine; brother-in-law Y.B. Heathcock, of Devine; numerous nieces and nephews as well as great, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents; brothers John D. Bennett, J.B. Bennett, Efton Bennett; and sister Loretta Bennett Henry.

Funeral Services were held Friday, July 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville with the Rev. Gary Garrison, pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Huntsville officiating. Interment followed at 3:00 p.m. in McNeil Cemetery near Luling, Texas with the Rev. Charles Lee Woodward, pastor of McNeil Baptist Church officiating.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

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