

Parker

The Grapeland Messenger

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OBITUARIES

Services To Be Held Today For Obie Allen

Funeral services for Obie Allen, age 74, of Grapeland are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. today (Thursday, September 16) in the First Baptist Church of Grapeland with Rev. David Bradley, Rev. Kenneth Mobley and Rev. Gary Luker officiating. Burial will follow at Parker Cemetery under direction of Bailey & Foster, Grapeland.

Members of the Grapeland Volunteer Fire Department will serve as pallbearers.

Mr. Allen died Monday afternoon, September 13, 1999, at Memorial Mother Frances Hospital, Palestine. He was born on February 12, 1925 in Houston County to William Edward Allen and Eva Leah Walling Allen. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U. S. Army in the infantry. He was recipient of two Purple Hearts, having fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Mr. Allen was a longtime member of the Grapeland Volunteer Fire Department and served as an EMT on the Grapeland Ambulance Service. He had worked for the Grapeland School District as a bus driver for several years and was a self-employed automobile mechanic. He had served on the Grapeland Hospital District board of directors. Mr. Allen was a member of the First Baptist Church, Grapeland.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Anna Craig Allen, his father, William Edward Allen, and one sister, Wanda Faye Conn Vaughn.

Survivors include his mother, Eva Leah Allen Bruce of Grapeland; three daughters and sons-in-law, Ruby and Stephen Nolley, Lenora and Billy Luce, all of Palestine, Maggie Yvonne and Robert Powers of Lufkin; a son and daughter-in-law, Edsel Ray Lively and Mary of Grapeland; one sister and brother-in-law, Ruby "Dolly" and G. W. Marshall of Grapeland; thirteen grandchildren; and twenty-nine great grandchildren.