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**WILLIAM EDWARD
"BILL" ALLEN**

Mr. William Edward "Bill" Allen, age 75, of Crockett, passed away March 31 in Crockett. Mr. Allen was born Aug. 27, 1923, in Chicot County, Ar.

Mr. Allen attended school in Eudora, Arkansas and then served in the European Theater during World War II as a sergeant in the United States Army. After his discharge from the service, he moved to Texas City where he met Dorothy Reese and they married and made their home there for some 40 years. He worked for the Monsanto Chemical Co. as a painter for 33 years. After retiring in 1988, he moved to Crockett with Dorothy and two grandsons whom they raised.

Mr. Allen was a member of the Pine Bluff Baptist Church in Arkansas. After moving to Crockett he faithfully attended Grace Street Church of Christ. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 56 years. His main hobbies were gardening, visiting with friends, hunting and camping. He was witty and loved to tell stories of what happened long ago. The love of his life was his family, home and many friends. He was a wonderful dad to his two children and two grandsons he raised. He was loving to his five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include wife Dorothy Reese Allen of Crockett; son William Dean Allen, Sr. of Forest City, NC; daughter Evelyn Wyvetta Allen Miles and husband Ron of Boynton Beach, Fl.; brother Ben F. Allen, Jr. and wife Edith of Russellville, Ar.; sisters Bea Byrd of Benton, Ar., Ida Britton and husband Britt of Eudora, Ar., Louise Baxter and husband Dudley of Eudora, Ar., Judy Frey and husband Art of Austin; grandchildren Christina Miles Viaclovsky, Roland William Miles, William Dean Allen, Jr., Robert Edward Allen and William Edward Allen; great-grandchildren S.A. and Anna Viaclovsky.

Funeral services for Mr. Allen were held April 2 at the Waller-Ramsey Family Chapel with Mr. Rick Kelley officiating. Interment followed at the Eudora Cemetery in Eudora, Ar.

Pallbearers were Robert E. Allen, Dr. Perry Ramsey, Dr. Johnny Garner, Dennis Byrd, Forest Cooper, Weldon Garrett, Robert D. Allen, Jim Plott, Roland William Miles, William Dean Allen, Jr. and Johnny Reese.

Honorary pallbearers were the Masonic Lodge members.
Waller-Ramsey Funeral Home