

Creek JH HCC 11-9-00

**THOMAS J.L.
ATKINSON**

Mr. Thomas J.L. Atkinson, age 63 of Duncan, passed away Saturday, Nov. 4 in the Houston V.A. Hospital. Mr. Atkinson was born Aug. 25, 1937 in the Ash Community and had lived in Oklahoma for the past 16 years.

He was a Military Retiree from the U.S. Army after serving his country to see that we maintained our freedom. After retirement, he was not finished helping his country and fellow comrades. He was instrumental in working with and getting a home for Homeless Veterans established in Duncan, Ok. Mr. Atkinson served on the board who saw that two monuments were placed in Memorial Park in Duncan honoring our veterans that lost their lives for our country. He was also in charge of the Honor Guard and Funeral Detail for 12 years, was post commander of the VFW Post 1193 in Lawton, Ok. for four years and was Canteen manager there for six years.

Mr. Atkinson moved to Duncan in 1987 and was a Past Commander of VFW Post 1192 after working his way through the chairs. He was the building manager and served as trustee to the Post.

He was Past District Commander for District 14 of the VFW. He was Past Commander of AMVETS Post 11 in Duncan holding three offices of Adjutant. At the State Level of AMVETS, he held the Chairmanship of the State Service Foundation, and was a Finance Trustee. He was also a member of the Oklahoma Support Group and was an original member of the Board for the Stephens County Christmas dinner for those that didn't have a place to go or that were homebound. He was a volunteer driver for the Disabled Veterans Organization bringing Veterans to the V.A. for their appointments. He served well and received many certifications for his volunteer hours.

Survivors include sisters and brothers: Louise Reagan of Trinity, Roland Atkinson of Springfield, Ma., Dorothy Marie Wier of Seguin, Joyce Eklund of League City, Willie Davenport of Splendora, Floyd Atkinson of Weldon, Lloyd Atkinson of Weldon, Marvin Atkinson of Louisville, Ky., and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Mr. Atkinson was preceded in death by parents: J.L. and

Anna Lee Atkinson, sisters: Mary Thomas, Josie Moore, Johnnie Mae Burnett, and brother: Louis Daniel Atkinson.

Funeral services for Mr. Atkinson were held Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Weldon Baptist Church with the Rev. Reggie Gregory officiating. Interment followed in the Creek Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Weldon Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Box 146, Lovelady, TX 75851.

Callaway-Allee Funeral Home