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GEORGE MORRIS BARTEE

Mr. George Morris Bartee, age 82 of Grapeland, passed away Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at his residence. Mr. Bartee was born December 11, 1924 in Montalba, Texas to Jim Camel and Olivia Hodges Bartee. Mr. Bartee married his wife of 62 years, January 7, 1945. Mr. Bartee attended Elkhart Public Schools.

Mr. Bartee served in the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion during WWII. Mr. Bartee was a charter member and Deacon of the Grapeland Missionary Baptist Church, Mayor of Grapeland for 19 years, served on the Board of Directors at the First State Bank, Grapeland for over 30 years.

Mr. Bartee served on the school board for Grapeland Independent School District and the Grapeland Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Bartee was instrumental in helping to bring Nucor Vulcraft Corporation to Grapeland and was awarded Houston County Man of the Year for his accomplishments.

Early in his career, he was employed by Geier Jackson Inc. and L.H. Moon Company. An entrepreneur, he later formed his own company George Bartee Construction Company. He has owned and operated this company since 1965 until present, chiefly serving the oilfield and excavation services industries.

Survivors include his wife Thelda Meador Bartee, of Grapeland; daughter Mona Karen Bridges and husband Dick, of Grapeland; granddaughter Lindsay Bridges Bullock and husband Rodney Bullock, Jr.; grandsons Gregory Brian Bridges and wife Shelly, Jason Michael Bridges and wife April, Brandon Ryan Bridges and wife Jessica; five great-grandchildren, Brian, Kalea, Madison, Ben, and Jaycee Bridges.

Preceded in death by his parents Jim Carmel and Olivia Hodges Bartee; brothers Nolan Buchanan, Coy Lee Bartee, and J.C. Bartee.

Funeral Services for Mr. George Morris Bartee, were held Saturday, September 29, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grapeland Missionary Baptist Church with Bro.'s Bob Goodnight, Albert Munsinger, David Keith and Wesley Howard officiating. Interment followed in Pleasant Grove Cemetery near Maydelle.

Pallbearers were Tom Keith, Bob Jones, Don Hobson, Billy Joe Killion, John Raymond Ross, Jimmy Gaines, Lloyd Dickey, and Walter Cook. Honorary Pallbearers were Joe Billy Burris, Weldon Easley, Lewis Bridges, Dan Walling, Tom Nicol, and George Murray, all employees of George Bartee Construction Company, all employees of Mark-West Pinnacle Company and past Grapeland City Council Members.

Bailey&Foster Funeral Home