

March 27, 2007

**Thurman Anthony Battise**

LIVINGSTON – Funeral services for Thurman Anthony “T-Bird” Battise, 63, were held Tuesday, March 6, 2007, in the Alabama-Coushatta Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Bill Heck officiating. Burial followed in the Reservation Cemetery. Military honors were provided by VFW Post 8568.

Mr. Battise died Saturday, March 3, in Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

He was born April 29, 1943 in Polk County, the son of Ashley and Bessie Alec Battise. Mr. Battise was a graduate of Livingston High School and also attended Jacksonville Junior College. He loved playing softball and basketball, as well as reading and travel.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ashley Battise; mother, Bessie Battise; sister, Rose Marie Battise; brother, Judson Battise and nephews, Randall Battise, Tracy Battise and Galen Sylestine.

Survivors include his sisters, Lillian Battise of the Indian Reservation and Marjorie Sylestine of Houston; aunt, Weaver Battise of the Indian Reservation; nieces, Phyllis Richard of Newport News, Va., Janice Battise, Karen Williams, Kerri Williams and Stacie Sylestine, all of the Indian Reservation and Bethel Sylestine of Kinder, La.; and nephews, Lonnie Battise of Houston, Bradley Battise of the Indian Reservation and Len Sylestine of Houston.

Pallbearers were Len Sylestine, Bradley Battise, Lonnie Battise, Obrey Alec, Nathan Williams and John Alexander. Honorary pallbearers were Harold Battise and Joe John.

Cochran Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.