

Conner

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**JAMES ALBERT
BEST**

Mr. James Albert "Barber" Best, age 89, of Plain community, passed away Wednesday, February 28, 2001 in the Crockett Care Center. Mr. Best was born Nov. 14, 1911 in the Plain community and had lived there all his life. He graduated from Crockett High School in 1933, graduated from Texas A&M in 1937, and became a registered Barber in 1937. Mr. Best received a certificate of recognition for services rendered to the Nation and to your State on Registration Day, Oct. 16, 1940 from the President of the United States, signed by the Director of Selected Services. He was awarded the FFA Honorary State Farmer on July 13, 1972, he received the President's award to Chairman the "Application Review Committee" form DETCOG in 1976, and on Aug. 26, 1976, he received a Resolution for "Appreciation of Services."

Mr. Best also received the Wildlife Conservationist of the Year award from Angeline Wildlife Association in 1977, and on May 21, 1981 he received the East Texan of the Year Memorial Award. On Nov. 8, 1982 he received the Certification of Appreciation of Devoted and Invaluable Services rendered from Deep East Texas Council of Government. Mr. Best was recognized on Oct. 23, 1990 for serving 30 years as Director of Davy Crockett Historical Commission-Salute Heritage Land. He was a member of the Best Hunting and Fishing Club, was a charter member of the Kennard Lions Club, and was a member of the Plain Baptist Church.

Survivors include wife of 62 years, Bertha Dell Best of Plain community; sister, Lizzie Evans of Lufkin; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services for Mr. Best will be held Sunday, March 4 at 2 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Scott Tatum and the Rev. Davy Hobson officiating. Interment will follow in the Conner Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Conner Cemetery Association, Rt. 1 Box 90, Kennard, TX 75847, Crockett Public Library, P.O. Box 1226, Crockett, TX 75835, Monroe Crook House, P.O. Box 978, Crockett, TX 75835.

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