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JIM BILL BEST

Mr. Jim Bill Best age 79 of Latexo, formerly of the Plain Community passed away Sunday, January 13, 2002 at his residence in Latexo. Mr. Best was born December 6,

1923 in Houston County and had lived most of his lifetime in the Plain Community, before moving to Latexo. Mr. Best had served on the Kennard School Board for many years and he had also served on the Board of Directors for the Houston County Coop for many years. Mr. Best was the past owner and operator of the Jim Best General Store in Kennard and Ratcliff. Mr. Best was a rancher and a member of the Plain Baptist Church.

Survivors include wife of 55 years, Viola Best of Latexo; son, Jim Mitchell Best and wife, Ann of Ratcliff; daughter, Judy Rice and husband, Larry of Latexo; grandsons, Drew Best and wife, Kim of Ratcliff; Derek Best of Ratcliff; Dusty Best of Ratcliff; Brian Rice and wife, Candice of Crockett; granddaughter, Tonia Christene Catto and husband, Paul of New Braunfels; great-grandson, Tyler Best of Ratcliff; great-granddaughter, Cinerella Rice of Crockett; sister, Ethel Harrison and husband, Benford of Kennard; sisters-in-law, Gay Best of Kennard; Geraldine Stapp and husband, Jessie of Latexo; Doris Denton of Sweetwater; Irene Denton of Crockett; Dorothy Denton of Orange; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services for Mr. Jim Bill Best were held Tuesday, January 15, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Frank Oswald, officiating. Interment followed in the Conner Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Conner Cemetery Association, Rt. 1 Box 95, Apple Springs, Texas 75926

American Cancer Society, 4000 S. Medford Dr. Suite 17E, Lufkin, Texas 75901, Texas Childrens Hospital, attn: Development Dept. Katy Gill, 1919 Brasewood 5th Floor, Houston, Texas 77030 or Charity of Choice.

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