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**G. RAY BITNER**

Mr. G. Ray Bitner, age 79 of Houston, passed away Saturday, February 16, 2008 at his home in Houston after a long courageous battle with cancer. Mr. Bitner was born July 3, 1928 in Houston County to Willie C. and Ola Mae Dauphin Bitner.

Mr. Bitner served in the U.S. Navy performing shore patrol; in post-war Japan. Mr. Bitner owned and operated Hollywood steel Inc., spent many enjoyable hours tending to his ranch in Houston County, and loved relaxing at his house on Lake Livingston.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Ernest Kelley Bitner; daughter Shelley Bitner Towns and husband Gale; son Kelley Bitner and wife Carol; grandchildren Jeremy Bitner, Robert Lewis and wife Alexandra, Jill Bitner Copenhaver and husband Paul and Brent Towns; one brother Orlan Bitner; sisters Dorothy Brasher, Jean Brasher and Mary Wiggins and husband Earl; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside Services for Mr. G. Ray Bitner were held Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at Evergreen cemetery in Lovelady.

A Memorial Service was held Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at St. Stephens United Methodist Church at 2003 W. 43rd Street in Houston.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for St. Stephens UMC.

**Pat H Foley Funeral Home**