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WILLIAM DAVID "W. D." CONNER

Mr. William David "W. D." Conner, age 81, of Kennard, passed away Saturday, October 27, 2001 in the East Texas Medical Center in Crockett. Mr. Conner was born December 31, 1919, in Tadmor to Wilmer Keaton and Rhodia Sides Conner. He lived in Kennard most of his lifetime. Mr. Conner was a member of the First Baptist Chruch in Kennard.

Mr. Conner was a veteran of World War II and was with the Company 1329 Infantry. He was a prisoner of war and received many medals including the Purple Heart and European African Middle Eastern Service medal. He was a life-member of the DAV Chapter 84 in Lufkin.

Mr. Conner was a mason and a member of the Coltharp Lodge #419 in Kennard. He served on the Kennard City Council for 23 years and also the Kennard Volunteer Fire Department for a number of years.

Survivors include wife of 59 1/2 years, Reba Smith Conner of Kennard; sons, James Conner and wife, Diane of Centerville, Lynn Conner and wife, Linda of Ellabell, Georgia; grandchil-Conner dren Eric Centerville, Jordan Conner of Ellabell, Georgia, Keaton Conner of Ellabell, Georgia, David Conner of Ellabell, Georgia, Lyann Polk and husband, Ronn of Ellabell, Georgia; sister Annie Lee Hudson and husband, Richard, of Laneville; special friend, Brenda Henderson; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

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Mr. Conner was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Willard Conner and Zack Conner.

Funeral services for Mr. Conner were held Monday, October 29 at 2 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Durham and the Rev. Frank Oswald officiating. Interment followed in the Conner Cemetery.

Callaway-Allee Funeral Home