

N.C.C. Sunday, April 18, 1999

Porter Springs

#### GAIL COOK

Mr. Gail Cook, age 79 of Porter Springs, passed away April 10, at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. Mr. Cook was born Nov. 24, 1919, in Porter Springs and had been a resident of this area all of his lifetime. He was a veteran of World War II serving as a technician-4th grade-409th Infantry Regiment in the United States Army. During his service he received the EAME Theater Ribbon with three Bronze stars and served his country with dignity and pride.

Mr. Cook was retired from the Texas Department of Transportation and was also a farmer. He served on the Porter Springs Cemetery Committee and was a member and deacon of the Porter Springs Baptist Church. The love of his life was his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include sons Jimmy Cook and wife Frances of Midway and Charles Cook and wife Cynthia of Porter Springs; daughters Virginia Lewis and husband Billy Joe of Crockett and Dianne Rhone and husband Johnny of Crockett; six grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; brother W.L. Cook, Jr. of Porter Springs; sisters Mildred Klimist and husband Dave of Ft. Worth and Fannie Shelton of Porter Springs; sisters-in-law Alma Cook of Porter Springs and Faye Hiroms of Crockett; brother-in-law Millard Elliott of Karnes City; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mr. Cook was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Leda Mae Cook; sister Ola Mae Hawkins of Alvin and brother Vernon L. Cook of Porter Springs

Funeral services for Mr. Cook were held April 13, at 2 p.m. in the Porter Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. David Taylor, the Rev. Harold Shirley and Dr. John Barnes officiating. Interment followed in the Porter Springs Cemetery.

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