

November 11, 2007

R. T. DUE

Funeral services for R. T. Due, 83, were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 30, 2007, in the Gipson Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverend Horace Fletcher officiating. Interment will follow in the Garden of Memories Memorial Park.

Mr. Due was born April 10, 1924 in Trinity County, Texas to Hillary and Ethel Due. He gave up his 13-year battle with cancer on Saturday, October 27, 2007, in the Hospice Unit in Lufkin, with his family at his side. R. T. served in World War II from May 3, 1944 to January 16, 1946. He was in the European Theater Of Operations. He performed duties as a duty soldier, guard duty on military installations, guarded post office. He received a campaign medal, 2 Bronze Stars, a Good Conduct Medal and a World War II Victory Medal. He served as constable for Angelina County, Precinct One, for 29 years. He was a very active constable who worked with all local law enforcement as well as the Precinct One Justice of Peace. Prior to that he was co-owner of Due's Wrecker Service for 18 years. He was also the escort for local funeral homes for more than 20 years. R. T. was a member of VFW Post #1836 in Lufkin, a member of the Justice of Peace and Constables Association of Texas, and the Sheriff's Association of Texas. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Houston.

Survivors include his two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Jim Nichols of Lufkin and Sharon and Don Freeman of Ft. Worth; one son and daughter-in-law, John and Dorothy Due of Lufkin; four grandsons and their wives, Johnny and Cindy Due of Lufkin, Michael and Shan-Dee Wright of Keller, Greg and Nicole Wright of Ft. Worth and Mark Wilson of Lufkin; six great-grandchildren, Bret Due, Bradley Due, Tyler Due, all of Lufkin, Hunter Wright, Tanner Wright and Madison Wright, all of Keller; two sisters, Clarine Alldredge and Laverne Noel, both of Lufkin; two stepbrothers, Doyle Bishop of Lufkin and Carlton Bishop of Maryland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Eddie Due; one brother, R. F. Due; and one sister, Etna Alldredge. The family expresses their heartfelt appreciation to the staff of Hospice in the Pines for their kindness and care during the last six months. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice in the Pines, 116 S. Raguet, Lufkin, Texas 75904; or to your favorite church of charity.

Pallbearers were Deputy Constable Johnny Due, Constable Tom Selman, Sheriff Kent Henson, Deputy Ricky Barley, Deputy Mark Emmons and Deputy Brian Holley.

Honorary pallbearers were his grandsons, Michael Wright, Greg Wright and Mark Wilson, and his great-grandchildren, Bret Due, Bradley Due, Tyler Due, Hunter Wright, Tanner Wright and Madison Wright.

Gipson Funeral Home; Philip Snead, director