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**WILLIE O. (JACK)
GILFORD**

Mr. Willie O. (Jack) Gilford, age 81, passed away Sunday, August 8, 2004. Mr. Gilford was born October 16, 1922 in the Cedar Branch Community in Grapeland to Odie and Amie Gilford.

Mr. Gilford accepted Christ at an early age at Cedar Branch Baptist Church. Mr. Gilford graduated from Crockett High School and attended Texas Southern University.

Mr. Gilford was a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II. After proudly serving his country, he married Cuba Robertson.

Mr. Gilford was the father of two daughters Addie and Eloise and two sons Willie R. and Albert. Mr. Gilford was the owner and operator of Willie Transfer Moving Company until his health failed. Mr. Gilford later united at Christian Hope under the leadership of Rev. Stroman.

Survivors include his wife Cuba Gilford; two daughters Addie (Henry), Eliosel (Rev. C.T. Shelly); and son Albert; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers James (Pearlie) Gilford, Tgree Gilford, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and one sister Iva Lee Taylor, of Houston.

Preceded in death by his father and mother Odie and Amie Gilford; two brothers Herman and Wilbert Gilford; one sister Florence Cook; one son Willie Romieus Gilford.

Funeral services for Mr. Willie O. (Jack) Gilford were held Saturday, August 14, at 12:00 p.m. at Cullen Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert C. Jefferson and the Rev. C.T. Shelly officiating. Interment followed in Houston National Cemetery V.A. in Houston.

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Active Pallbearers were Anthony Pinkney, Ronnie McGowan, Shaun Shelly, Wayne King, Kerry Gipson, Oneal McGowan, Ricky McGowan, Michael Cook and L.P. Hicks.

Honorary Pallbearers were Jacob Barkley, Wilbert Dixon, Rev. C.T. Shelly, Richard Campbell, Henry Gipson and Tyree Gilford.

Barkley Mortuary