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Latexo

MERLE JOHNSON

Mr. Merle Johnson, age 70 of Latexo, passed away Saturday, October 27, 2007 in the Woodland Heights Medical Center in Lufkin. Mr. Johnson was born April 18, 1937 in Latexo and had lived most of his lifetime in Houston County. Mr. Johnson was a past member of the Crockett Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Johnson was retired from Houston County Electric Cooperative and attended the Baptist Church in Latexo. Survivors include his daughters Beverly Coates and husband Terry, of Oakwood and Janet Hopkins and husband Terry, of Latexo; sister Ida Faye Higgins and husband Jimmy, of Latexo; mother Bertha Holley, of Crockett; grandsons Jake Gilmore and wife Nikki, of Medicine Lodge, Kan., Matthew Hopkins, of Latexo; great-grandsons Rustyn and Jace Gilmore of Medicine Lodge, Kan.; step-grandsons Jeremy Hopkins, of Latexo and Adam Hopkins of Alaska; step-great-grandson Clay Johannsen, of Medicine Lodge, Kan.; niece Patsy Gilson and husband Danny, of Latexo; special friends Ann Folmar, Annette Wallace and Stanley Taylor.

Preceded in death by his father Lee Johnson; brothers-in-law Bill Herrington and Artis Allen; and nephew Billy Herrington.

Funeral Services for Mr. Merle Johnson were held Tuesday, October 30, at 2:00 p.m. in the Harvest Church with the Rev. Dennis Lowery and the Rev. Terry Gibson. Interment followed in the Latexo Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 212 Gene Samford, Lufkin, TX. 75904.

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