

## Rufus "Deedie" Johnson

Funeral services for Rufus "Deedie" Johnson age 83 of Oakwood were held Saturday, January 25, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at Andrew Chapel AME with Pastor Billy Joe Lewis officiating. Burial followed in the Oakwood Cemetery under the direction of the Davis Funeral Home in Palestine, Texas.

Pallbearers were Calvin Jackson, Leo Walker, Milton Campbell, Willie J. Allen, Charles Carter, Leonord Randle, Demond Watkins and Claude Carr.

Honorary pallbearers were Larry Johnson, Fred Johnson, Derilyn Johnson, Waymon Lane, Bobby Gleason, Edward Leonord,

Shakeal Jenkins, Steve Jenkins, Jr., Deon Johnson, Bryson Randle, Michael Leonord, Derrick Leonord, Margie Johnson, Fred Johnson, Larry Johnson, Waymon Lane, Edward Joe Leonard and Bobby Gleason.

Mr. Johnson passed away Wednesday, January 22, 2003 in the Palestine Regional Medical Center. He was born July 8, 1919 in Leon County. He retired from Palestine Contractors. He received his education in the St. Paul Shiloh Public School.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Lurlene Johnson; mother, Savannah Thomas; father,

Sheffield Johnson; daughter, Rubye Johnson; son, Roscoe Johnson and grandson, Wayman Lane.

He is survived by his daughter, Ms. Margie Johnson of Oakwood; 2 sons, Fred Johnson and Larry Johnson; 3 stepsons, Waymon Lane of Houston; Edward Joe Leonord of Dallas and Bobby Gleason of Mesquite; 7 grandchildren, Derrick Leonord, Shantel Johnson Jenkins, Michael Leonord, Derilyn Johnson, Jennifer Johnson Randle, Crystal Johnson and Rebecca Leonord; a special stepfather, Ed Cawthorne; 15 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.