



**JAMES CECIL
KILLGORE**

Mr. James Cecil Killgore, age 91 of Port Arthur passed away peacefully at his home on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2003.

Born in Lisbon, Louisiana on August 9, 1911. Mr. Killgore was married to Sadie Vion Chandler on August 6, 1938. To this union was born a set of twin daughters and a son. Mr. Killgore was elected as constable of Claiborn Parish, where he served for several years, before moving his family to Port Arthur, where he joined the Kansas City Southern Railroad. Mr. Killgore was Head Yardmaster at KCS, retiring after 37 years of Service.

Mr. Killgore was always a faithful member of his church, having become an Elder at the young age of 18, to take his father's place when he passed on. Mr. Killgore was an Elder at the First Christian Church in Port Arthur for over 50 years and was an Elder Emeritus at the time of his death. Upon his retirement he dedicated himself tirelessly to the church, which included ministering to the sick and elderly on a daily basis.

A 32nd Degree Mason of Lodge #872, Mr. Killgore was honored with the coveted Golden Trowel Award for his service. Mr. Killgore was also a Shriner and served on the board of the United Board of Missions.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Sadie Vion Chandler Killgore, of Port Arthur; daughters Anna Turner, of Crockett, and Ina Rundles and husband Dr. Bill Rundles, of Fla.; son James Andrew Killgore, of San Antonio; grandchildren James Rogers, of Fla., Leigh Ann Johnson and husband Todd, of Colo., Teri Blackburn and husband Bart, of Mesquite, Shannon Peterson and husband Wayne, of Crockett, and Christina Killgore; great-grandchildren Devin Rogers, of Ore, Melissa and Trent Blackburn, of Mesquite, and Leslie and Bailey Guzman, of Crockett; and also by special friend Doris Domain; as well as many other friends and relatives.

Funeral services for Mr. James Cecil Killgore were held Thursday, April 24, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Port Arthur, with the Rev. Bill Hauck, and Dr. James Wright officiating.

Graveside services were held Friday, April 25, at Hurricane Cemetery in Acadia, La. Interment followed.