

Grapeland Messenger
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Pennington

Olen Matchett

Funeral services for Mr. Olen Matchett were held Friday, March 26, 2004 at 11:00 in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Rev. Dennis Ivey officiating. Interment followed in the Pennington Cemetery.

Mr. Matchett age 92 of Crockett passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2004 in the Palestine Medical Center. Mr. Matchett was born January 11, 1912 in Kennard and had been living in Crockett for most of his lifetime. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during World War II. Mr. Matchett was a member of the V.F.W. and of the American Legion Post #134. He was retired from Cameron Iron Works where he worked for 32 years as a saw operator and

was also a member of the Baptist Church. The Olen Matchett CCC Trail was officially named after Mr. Matchett on December 18, 2003 at the Mission Tejas State Park. He was a member of the CCC #888 in 1934 and because of being the only living survivor was able to share in the history of the old CCC campsite and other historical information.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Matchett of Crockett; children, Bob Matchett of Crockett and Carolyn Rawlins of Houston; special friends, Judi Fowlkes of Katy, Mark Maganof of Houston, Debbie Jennifer and Justin Salcido of Hearne; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.