

**WILLIAM HOWARD
TAFT (W.T.) MCDANIEL**

Mr. William Howard Taft (W.T.) McDaniel, age 78, passed from labor to rest on Wednesday, August 4, 2004 at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. McDaniel was born on March 2, 1926 in Grapeland and was the only child of the late Mrs. Eliza McDaniel Daham.

Mr. McDaniel attended public schools in Grapeland. Mr. McDaniel confessed his hope and faith in Christ at an early age and attended Mt. Calvary Baptist Church while in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Mr. McDaniel served his country in World War II as a Seaman 1st Class in the Navy and was stationed in Hawaii. Mr. McDaniel received an honorable discharge and returned to Grapeland 1946, and soon moved to Houston where he was employed by San Ore Gardner Engineering, where he worked as a pile driver for 39 years. Mr. McDaniel was transferred to DeWitt, Arkansas to work on the Arkansas River Navigation Project in 1964. In 1965 he was transferred to Pine Bluff, Arkansas to work on Lock and Dam #4.

Mr. McDaniel met and married Bernice Johnson Middletown on March 29, 1970. After his retirement in 1998 from San Ore Gardner Engineering, he helped build Warehouse Foods and was employed by Jitney Jungle Foods Chain at Mega Market in Jefferson Square, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas where he had many friends.

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Survivors include his loving wife Bernice Johnson Middleton McDaniel; one son Michael McDaniel, of Houston; nine step-children, whom he helped to rear; Colonel Danny L. Johnson, of Scottsdale, Ariz., Diane Jones, of Sacramento, Calif., Angela R. Betton (Dr. H.B. Betton), of Little Rock, Ark., CeCelia A. Johnson, of Renton, Wash., Karen M. Williams, of Pine Bluff, Ark., Estrallta D. Smith, of Little Rock, Ark., Myron N. Johnson, of Atlanta, Ga., Chana W. Thompson, and William N. Middleton, Jr. (Annie Jo Middleton), all of Little Rock, Ark.; 18 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a host of cousins and many friends and well wishers who will miss him.

Graveside services for Mr. William Howard Taft (W.T.) McDaniel were held Saturday, August 14, at 1:00 p.m. in Cedar Branch Community Cemetery in Grapeland. Interment followed.

Barkley Mortuary