

Mills

CECIL EARL MILLS

Mr. Cecil Earl Mills, age 91 of Grapeland, passed away Wednesday, November 24, 2004 at his residence. Mr. Mills was born October 21, 1913 in Nacogdoches to Josh and Lillie Mills.

Mr. Mills was employed at Southland Paper Mill from the time construction began. Mr. Mills saw many changes in his life and the things of the world. Mr. Mills worked at Southland for 38 years, 10 months as a foreman in the Groundwood. After he retired he moved to a small farm in Weches. Mr. Mills bought and sold many things as a hobby. Mr. Mills enjoyed peddling sweet potatoes, and came to know many people.

In 1986, at the age of 73, he met Jesus as his Lord and united with the Weches Baptist Church, where he was a faithful and active member. Mr. Mills was married to the love of his life, Mozelle Mills, for 67 years, 6 months. Mr. Mills' family was always first. Mr. Mills was a friend to all, and will be missed by many.

Survivors include his wife Mozelle Brandon Mills, of Weches; daughter Carlon Fagan, of Irvine, Calif.; son and daughter-in-law Duane and Alice Mills, of Weches; sister Lerlene Hollister, of Houston; grandchildren Cecil "Bubba" and Donna Mills, Josh and Kay Kay Mills and David Earl Mills, all of Weches and Lesa and Mark Steele, of Monroe, N.J.; great-grandchildren Alan and Karen Mills, of San Augustine, Alisha Mills, of Houston and Matthew and Michael Steele, both of Monroe, N.J.; three great-great-grandchildren; and his beloved pets, dog Cricket and cat Tom.

Preceded in death by his parents Josh and Lillie Mills; grandson Shane Alan Mills, Sr.; and brothers Hollis Mills, Odell Mills, Morris Mills and Eugene Mills.

Funeral services for Mr. Cecil Earl Mills were held Saturday, November 27, at 1:30 p.m. in the Carroway-Claybar Funeral Chapel with Brother Dock Lazarine and Brother Duane Mills officiating. Eulogy was given by Carlon Fagan. Interment followed on his property, in Mills Cemetery in Weches.

Pallbearers were Mr. Mills' nephews, Billy Joe Mills, Howard Malone, Buddy Mills, Morris "Rusty" Mills, Larry Mills and Eddie Hollister.

Honorary Pallbearers were Dick Witherall, Hugh Anderson, Rod Beamus, Tommy Carver, H.B. Sims and the Southern Spirit Quartet, William "Bill" Brandon and Charles Brandon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 212 Gene Samford Dr., Lufkin, TX. 75904 or A Pineywoods Hospice, 103C Carriage Dr., Lufkin, TX. 75904.

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