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**WILLIE HENRY  
PROFITTE**

Mr. Willie Henry Profitte, age 87, of Houston passed away Saturday, March 15, 2003. He was born March 4, 1916 in Hearne.

Mr. Profitte attended and graduated from Blacksher High School. He extended his education by attending Prairie View A&M University for one year. Thereafter he married his childhood sweetheart, Viola J. Baker on December 16, 1938.

Mr. Profitte joined the United States Army, served his country and received an Honorable Discharge in October of 1944. He was employed by the Houston Independent School District and retired after many years of service.

Survivors include sisters Jewell Phillips of Houston and Arthuryn Joiner of West Columbia; grandchildren, Erica and Lamont; great-grandchild Taylor; a host of neices, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by parents Mary and Martin Profitte; wife Viola Profitte; daughter Charolette; brother Andrew; sisters Estella, Callie, Ellen and Gladys.

Pallbearers were John D. Lewis, Michael Swain, Bruce Johnson, Sr., Bruce Johnson, Jr., and Jermon Williams. Honorary pallbearers were John Joiner, Walter Williams, Kenneth W. Swain, Rollins Carrie, Michael A. Swain.

Funeral services for Mr. Willie Henry Profitte were held Saturday, March 22 at 11 a.m. at the Wheeler Ave. Baptist Church with the Rev William Lawson officiating. Interment followed in the Houston Memorial Gardens.

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