

Quentin Marshall Purvis

LIVINGSTON – Quentin Marshall Purvis, 69, died peacefully Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007, in Memorial Medical Center – Livingston surrounded by his wife, son and grandchildren. Funeral services were held Sunday, Aug. 5, in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Rusty Shuler officiating. Memorial speakers were Sheriff Kenneth Hammack, Judge John Thompson, Judge Elizabeth Coker and Corky Cochran. Burial was in Peebles Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Lynn Purvis of Livingston; son and daughter-in-law, Thomas Franklin Purvis and wife Martha of Sealy; grandsons, Dakota Marshall Purvis and Robert Lane Purvis; granddaughters, Jodi Michelle Jenkins and Ashley Nicole Purvis; great-granddaughter, Delanie Anne Jenkins; stepson, Blake Ellis Vestal; stepdaughter, Chelsea Jean Vestal; half-sister, Gladys Powell; brother and sister-in-law, Donald Forehand and wife Ruth; mother-in-law, Doris Forehand; special life-long friends, Chuck and Jan Staton, Billy and Pam Pierce and Leroy and Mary Ann Myrow and numerous other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ruben Purvis; his mother, Claudia Brock Purvis; son, Marshall Wayne Purvis; two brothers, Bill Purvis and Charles Philma Purvis and sister, Ruby Purvis Marble.

Pallbearers were Sheriff Kenneth Hammack, Chief of Police Dennis Clifton, Sheriff Deputies John Sanders, Mike Nettles and Perry Alexander and DPS Trooper Larry Pitts. Honorary pallbearers were Corky Cochran, W.A. Cook, Kenneth Hambrick, Ted Everett, B.R. Haynes, John Thompson and Keith Lemons, all law enforcement officers and volunteer fire departments.

Quentin was a life-long resident, having been born in Livingston on March 13, 1938 to Ruben and Claudia Brock Purvis. He served in the U.S. Army from May 29, 1956 to May 28, 1959, having served a tour of 18 months in Germany. After being discharged from the Army, he came back to Livingston and went to work for Livingston Telephone Company. From there he went to work at Haynes' Manufacturing (now Little Beaver). He then obtained his peace officer's certificate and, on Jan. 1, 1983, went to work for the Polk County Sheriff's Office. On Jan. 1, 1989, he transferred over to the Criminal District Attorney's Office as a DA investigator until his retirement on March 27, 2001. He then served as interim chief of police for the Onalaska Police Department for approximately 18 months. Following that, Quentin remained a reserve deputy with the Polk County Sheriff's Department, working as transport officer and bailiff for various courts. Then on his birthday, March 13, 2006, he went back to work full-time with the Polk County Sheriff's Department as supervisor of the inmate work crew.

Quentin joined the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department in 1960, serving at one time as department secretary, fire marshal, training instructor and then as assistant fire chief (12 years). During this time he played a major role in modernizing the department. He was a member of the pumper team, having shared in several state titles, including the State Fair of Texas 1968 plus many other honors awarded across East and Central Texas. He retired from the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department after serving 20 faithful and dedicated years, but remained a part of the brotherhood.

Quentin was a member of the Polk County Peace Officer's Association, having served one time as president. He had received numerous awards and certificates while furthering his training as a peace officer. His greatest accomplishment was obtaining his "Masters