

mouth, Virginia; ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Jack was preceded in death by one granddaughter.

Jack and Bettye Richards moved to Buffalo in 1988. Jack had an air conditioning company called Economy Heating and Air. Previous to coming to Buffalo, he taught school at San Jacinto College in Houston.

Jack's passion for serving the Lord included gospel singing, prison ministry work, being a Deacon at the Ephesus Baptist Church and teaching God's Word. He loved to fish and he grew great gardens every year. Jack served his country in the U. S. Navy when he was a younger man. Jack was known as "Pop" and touched the lives of many.

Funeral services for Jack Richards, age 78, were held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the Ephesus Baptist Church, Jewett. Interment followed in the Sardis Cemetery. The Rev. Ray Payne, pastor of Ephesus Baptist Church, officiated, assisted by James Rutledge. Visitation was at the Buffalo Funeral Home (located behind the Citizen's State Bank in Buffalo) on Tuesday, Oct. 2 from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Pallbearers were Sam Payne, Jim Boykin, Bill Glaskow, Ray Christian, Tim Haritos, Virgil Kibbe and Ted Stryker.

Honorary pallbearers were Sugar Richter, Ralph Blount, Rick Richter and Bro. Wayne McNeill.

Services were under the direction of Buffalo Funeral Home in Buffalo.

**Buffalo Funeral Home**

### **JACK RAY RICHARDS**

Jack Ray Richards was born in Idaville, Indiana on June 5, 1923 to May (Friday) Richards and Cleon Richards. At the time of his death, he had been married to Bettye Ann Richards for 35 years.

Survivors include wife Bettye Ann Richards; six children, Tyrone Richards and wife, Judy, of Halton City; Dennis Richards and wife, Sandy, of Fort Worth; Cyndi Milne of Dallas; Linda Hubbard and husband, John, of Buffalo; Jim Powers and wife, Karen, of Murietta, California and Terry Powers and wife, Debbie, of Ports-