CHARLES "ED" RIDER

Mr. Charles "Ed" Rider, age 72 of Palestine, passed away March 3 at Trinity Valley Medical Center. He was born Aug. 22, 1926 in Cherokee County.

Mr. Rider was a veteran of the Merchant Marines. He was the owner of a vending machine business. He was a member of Westwood Baptist Church, a lifetime member of VFW Post 3907 and a member of Palestine Masonic Lodge #31.

Mr. Rider was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore Ernest Rider and Lula Traylor Rider; sister Virginia Parsons and a grandson Jerry Don Rider, II.

Survivors include wife Mary Beard Rider of Palestine; daughter Linda Watkins of Ft. Worth; sons Jerry Rider of El Paso, David Rider of Palestine and Ken Armstrong of Christiansberg, Va.; one step-son Mike Coody of Azle; sisters Bobbie Clifton of Tyler and Norma Peters of Florida; brother Olen Rider of Longview and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 5 in the Bailey and Foster Chapel with the Rev. Henry T. Roe officiating. Interment followed in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Cherokee County.

Pallbearers were David Sparks, James Ray, Virgil Perry, Grady McAdams, Cecil Traylor, Danny Fletcher and Terry Fletcher.

Bailey and Foster Funeral Home