

Davis

D.W. Smart

Funeral services for D.W. Smart, age 77, of Ben Wheeler and formerly of Grapeland were held at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, August 27, at Sunset Christian Church, Grapeland with Dr. Jack Shoultz officiating. Burial followed in Davis Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster, Grapeland.

Mr. Smart died Sunday, August 25, at Cozby - Germany Hospital in Grand Saline. Mr. Smart was born May 26, 1925 in Streetman to the late Jeff Shelby and Daisy Fox Smart. He was employed by the Missouri Pacific Motor Freight, and had worked in the oil field for 19 years. Mr. Smart was a 32 year resident of Ben Wheeler. He was a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Smart served in the US Army during WW II. He was a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge and currently a member of the Pine Lodge 203

AF & AM in Ben Wheeler, where he served as past worshipful master and associate worthy patron of the OES Chapter 840.

Mr. Smart was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Neva Ward and Mary Daniels; and a brother Chester Ray Smart. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Melba Smart of Ben Wheeler; daughters Shelia Betterton and husband Robert; Charlotte Essary and husband Harvey; Sharon Stehse and husband Alan, and Brenda Conner all of Ben Wheeler. Also, a brother, Jeff Smart of Fairfield; nine grandchildren Dedra Crouch, Deanna Dougan, Dina Thompson, Gerald Essary, Wayne Essary, Bree Essary, Derrick Hammond, Shayna Stehse, and Marc Conner, and 12 great grandchildren.

Grandchildren served as pallbearers.