

Davis Grapeland to des enger 1/6/2006

Alfred Cleon Turner

Services for Alfred Cleon Turner age 91 of Grapeland were held Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at Union Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Roy Bowman and Rev. David Keith officiating. Interment followed in the Davis Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster, Grapeland.

Pallbearers were Stephen Clark, Jerry Clark, Lynn Turner, Randy Turner, Dale Lucas and Monty Clark. Honorary pallbearer was Steve Beard.

Mr. Turner was born January 10, 1914 to James and Addie Luce Turner and entered the gates of heaven on December 22, 2005. Cleon was a farmer until WWII, when he joined the US Army on November 5, 1941 and was honorably discharged as the Staff Sergeant of Battery C 574th Anti-Aircraft Military Battalion on December 16, 1945. He served on both the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, commanding 8 crews operating self propelled machine guns and automatic weapons. Cleon earned the following medals during his service to this great country, American Defense Service Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal, **EAME** Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and WWII

Victory Medal.

After being discharged from the Army, Cleon worked as a surveyor in the oil and gas exploration industry for 19 years. After becoming disabled he returned to Grapeland and produced a most abundant garden each year, a task at which he was most gifted. Friends and family have enjoyed the fruits (vegetables) of his labor for many years. Cleon also served as Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent and Treasurer at Union Chapel Baptist Church in Grapeland. Cleon will be greatly missed by those he leaves behind, but all will take comfort in the memory of his loving nature and giving spirit.

He was preceded in death his parents; sister, Willie Lacky; five brothers, Ramond, Jewell, Dewitt, Ansel and Artice; four half brothers, Andy, Grady, Jobe and Lewis; three half sisters, Minnie, Luller and Myrtle.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, 11 months and 9 days, Eddress Clark Turner; son, Bobby Turner and wife, Charlene; two grandsons, Lynn and Randy; two granddaughters, Jane and Diana; nine great grandchildren; ten great great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and other loving family members and friends.