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Tyler County Booster

Ernest Leo 'Red' Werner

Ernest Leo "Red" Werner, 86, of Warren passed away peacefully on December 8, 2007 at his residence surrounded by his loved ones.

Born May 10, 1921 in Dayton, Texas to Albert and Elmis Jacob Werner, Sr., he lived in Warren for the past 41 years. He was retired from Gerber Baby Foods as a factory representative with 23 years of service and from the Texas Forest Service with 16 years of service. He was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and has served as a Baptist Deacon for over 50 years. He was a World War II Army Veteran and received the Purple Heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sons, Robert and David Lee Werner, great, great grandson, Tanner Burns, step grandsons, Billy Wayne and Paul Tucker; six brothers and one sister.

Mr. Werner is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Norma F. Patton Werner; daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Floyd Burns of Warren; son, John Alan Werner of Warren; grandchildren, Rhonda Lynn Gilchrist of Woodville, Ronald Lee Burns of Warren, J. Daniel Burns of Warren, Kevin M. Burns of Orangefield, Jason Werner of Bangor, Maine, Kimberly Moore of Jasper, Kristalyn Werner of Warren, Devin Werner of Warren, Heather Nicole Werner of Warren; great grandchildren, Shane Burns, Justin Burns, Miranda Gilchrist, Tarah Burns, John Scott Gilchrist, Brandon Burns, Kristen Conley Burns, Lyndsay Burns, Michael and Nicholas Werner and Skylar Moore; numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 11 a.m. at the Bethel Baptist Church in Warren with Brother Randall Pike officiating. A graveside service was held at 2:30 p.m. at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Beaumont. Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers were Wayne E. Werner, Darrell Werner, Jason Werner, Ronald Burns, J. Daniel Burns and Kevin Burns. Serving as honorary pallbearers were the Deacons of Bethel Baptist Church.

Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.