

Parker

Grapeland Messenger

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Marion Willis

Services for Marion Willis, 83 of Grapeland, were held on Tuesday, June 20 in the Oak Grove Baptist Church with H.G. Jeffus, family and friends officiating. Burial will be in Parker Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster, Grapeland.

Pallbearers were Terry Jordan, Bill Christian, Carl Murphy, Gerald Wayne Willis, Johnny R. Willis and Brandon Richburg. Honorary pallbearers were Caleb Rhone, Will Murchison, Todd Shaw, Ross Pennington and Rowdy Willis.

Mr. Willis died Friday, June 16, 2006 in a Tyler hospital. He was born May 18, 1923 in Grapeland to Frank R. Willis and Beatrice Bean Willis.

Mr. Willis was a Baptist. He was a U.S. Marine veteran of WWII. He worked sixteen

years for the Postal Service in Greens Bayou, he managed a livestock auction barn in Houston and he moved back to Grapeland in 1964.

Mr. Willis was preceded in death by his parents, sister Patricia Smart, three brothers Edward, Gerald and Frank Willis, and a granddaughter Anna Cook. He is survived by his wife Lucile Smith Willis of Grapeland, daughters: Linda Cook and husband Mike, Lynette Isget and Lisa Pyle all of Grapeland; two grandchildren: Mark Cook of Grapeland and Cindy Hill and husband Mike of Huffman, and eleven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family request in lieu of flowers contributions be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.