



## Earl Thomas McDaniel

February 13, 1922 - March 22, 2010

Earl Thomas McDaniel, a native of Paris, Texas, died Monday, March 22, 2010. He was born February 13, 1922, the oldest of 6 children born to the late Claude Thomas McDaniel and the late Lora Lee Kinnard McDaniel. Earl was raised in Wichita Falls, Texas before joining the US Army. He would serve in World War II, continue in the Reserves and finally be called back to active duty during the Korean Conflict. He was a highly decorated veteran, serving in the Combat Infantry. His awards include the Purple Heart he received for injuries that occurred during combat. After his military experience, he would move to Grand Prairie where he was employed by Martin Sprocket and Gear from which he would eventually retire. In the early 1980, he would move to Cleburn, Texas, where he would reside for more than 25 years. He would return to Grand Prairie to live until the time of his death. Earl loved Country and Western music. He was a gifted musician, and enjoyed playing the guitar. He attended Open Door Baptist Church in Grand Prairie where he had established many friends. Survivors include his daughters, Sally Whitman and her husband Arch, Betty Hammontree, Paula Peck and her husband Richard; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Lola Faye Robinson, Margaret Faulkenberry and special friend and companion, Jean Burslem. He was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Mary Florence McElroy McDaniel; brothers, Elmer Lee McDaniel, Leo McDaniel; and a sister, Virginia Webster. Visitation: 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 East Main Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, 75050, where funeral services will be

conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, March 26, 2010. Rev. James Hogue will officiate and Mario Garza will give the eulogy. Burial will follow with military honors at Southland Memorial Park in Grand Prairie.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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