



Lonnie E. Benton Jr.

October 3, 2008

Lonnie E. Benton Jr., 84, of Wylie, loving father, grandfather and faithful servant of his Lord, died Friday, October 3, 2008 in a local hospital. Lonnie Benton was born May 12, 1924, the oldest of six children born to the late Lonnie E. Benton and the late Era Walling Benton. He was raised just north of Athens in the in the community of Ash Switch, attending and graduating from Athens High School. He was a veteran of the US Army, serving in World War II as a medic in Germany. After returning home after the war, he would marry the love of his life, Juanell Moss. They would move to Dallas, where he initially was employed by Olive and Meyers Furniture Company. He would later work for the City of Dallas, where his hard work, ethic and leadership skills would vault him to the position of Utility Inspection Supervisor. He retired from the City of Dallas after 15 years of service in 1978. Lonnie and Nell were long time residents of Plano where they raised their family. They would eventually move to Wylie where they would establish their permanent home. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Juanell Moss Benton; children, Wayne Benton and his wife Sharon, Diana Littles and her husband Glen, Alan Benton; grandchildren, Alison Brown and her husband James, Leah Guyler and her husband Greg, Nikki Sivley, Bill Sivley; 6 great-grandchildren. Also by his siblings: Mary Benton Dean and her husband, Rev. William H., Elton Benton and his wife Loretta, Dennis Benton and his wife Ollie and Jody Benton Everett. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Monday. Funeral: 11 a.m. Tuesday. Both visitation and funeral will be at Southfork Baptist Church, 6605 McWhirter, Allen, Texas, 75002 where

Mr. Benton was a charter member and long time song leader, Rev. David Dean officiating. Burial will follow at Restland Cemetery in Dallas.