

## ERNEST LEE (BUDDY) ELROD

Mr. Ernest Lee (Buddy) Elrod, age 74 of Crockett, formerly of Tyler, passed away Sunday, June 8, 2008 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Elrod was born March 12, 1934 in Alverado, Texas and had been living in Crockett for the past 6 years, previously living in Tyler. Mr. Elrod was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Korean Era. Mr. Elrod was a member of the Omen Road Church of Christ where he was bible class teacher for High School and Adults. Mr. Elrod had worked for the Great-Western Oil Company for six years in Odessa and New Mexico. Mr. Elrod moved to Tyler in 1962 and worked for the Borden Company for 30 years and had also worked in automated food for 10 years. Mr. Elrod retired to Crockett in 2002.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law Gary and Debbie Elrod, of Crockett; grandchildren Leigh Ann Cook and husband Jeremy Cook, of Tyler, Matthew Tyler (Ty) Elrod and girl friend Jennifer Carroll, of Crockett; brothers Jack Russell Elrod and wife Marsha, of Bastrop, Don R. Elrod and wife Peggy, of Arlington; niece Michelle Breatty, of Wis.; nephews Brad Taylor and wife Karen Strot, of Austin, Todd Elrod and wife Marsha, and Eric Elrod and wife Kelly, all of Arlington; close friends Charles and Betty Sue Harris, Stacey Macoy and Kim Cornelius, all of Tyler.

Preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Shirley Ann Akey Elrod on August 5, 1995; father Harry Elrod; mother Edith McClure; sister Billie Jo Smart; and nephew Joe Taylor.

Funeral Services for Mr. Ernest Lee (Buddy) Elrod were held Thursday, June 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Grace Street Church of Christ with Mr. Rick Kelley officiating. Interment followed in the Cathedral In the Pines Cemetery in Tyler.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to King David's Kids 754 S. Treadway, Abilene, Texas 79602; Central Texas Leadership Training for Church of Christ c/o Grace Street Church of Christ, 124 S. Grace, Crockett, Texas 75835 or Armed Forces Relief Trust, Department 6055, Washington DC 20042-6055.

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