



WADE LEWIS PENNINGTON

Mr. Wade Lewis Pennington, age 86 of Grapeland, passed away Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Cartmell Home for Aged in Palestine. Mr. Pennington was born near Hayes Springs Community, west of Grapeland, on April 20, 1923, the youngest son of Daniel Boone Pennington and Ada Viola Ward Pennington. Mr. Pennington was part of a pioneer Houston County family whose roots here date back to the mid 1800s. His great-great-great-grandmother was Hannah Boone Pennington, a sister of the legendary Daniel Boone of Kentucky.

Mr. Pennington graduated from Grapeland High School in 1941 where he excelled in academics. He married the love of his life on September 21, 1942. On February 12, 1943 he entered the US Army where he served his country in World War II. He was stationed in the Phillipines, Luzon and other bases in the Pacific until February 22, 1946. He returned to Grapeland and began his farming and ranching career which spanned over 70 years.

Mr. Pennington was a member of the First Baptist Church, Grapeland. He was one of the original founders of the Grapeland Coop, and served as president. He was also director for many years of the Houston County ASCS. He was a member of the Texas-Oklahoma Watermelon Association and the Texas Angus Association.

Business of the year.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Edna Arvay (Cummings) Pennington; three sons Glyndon Wade Pennington, Troy Lewis Pennington and wife LaWanda and Stanley Brent Pennington and wife Jan, all of Grapeland; two daughters Jill English, of College Station and Linda Sue Ingram and husband Curtis, of Dayton; son-in-law Mike Bennett, of Grapeland; sister Ava June Pennington Bush, of Grapeland; grandchildren Aaron Wade Pennington, of Grapeland, Lance Russell English, of College Station, Matthew Robert Bennett and wife Liza, of Shreveport, La., Ross Howell Pennington and wife Kim, of Grapeland, Ryan Glynn Pennington, of Sugarland, Ashley Marie Bennett, of Grapeland, Clayton Daniel Pennington, of Plantation, Fla., Morgan Lynn Pennington, of Houston, Jillian Elaine Erwin, of Dayton and Clancey Jayne Pennington, of Grapeland; great-grandchildren Taylor Marie Pennington, Case Howell Pennington and Colt Boone Pennington, all of Grapeland; sister-in-law Lupe Pennington Smoot, of Grapeland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents Daniel Boone Pennington and Ada Viola Ward Pennington; daughter Nita Marie Pennington Bennett; grandson Russell Brent Pennington; four brothers Sam, Jack, Dan and Hugh; and two sisters Fannie Mae Mitchell and Etta Lewis.

Funeral Services for Mr. Wade Lewis Pennington were held Monday, March 22, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Grapeland with the Rev. David Bradley and the

Rev. Bill Denham officiating. Interment followed in the Pennington Family Cemetery west of Grapeland, on his land his ancestors settled in 1850.

Pallbearers were his grandsons Aaron Pennington, Ross Pennington, Ryan Pennington, Clay English, Lance English, and Matt Bennett.

Honorary Pallbearers were Winston Sizemore, Billy Wells, Scott Talley, Mitchell Huff, David Walton, Allen Cheatham, Terry Long and Buddy Sumrall.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Grapeland, first United Methodist Church of Grapeland or to the Russell Pennington Scholarship Fund c/o Grapeland State Bank.

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