

REVEREND ERNEST GUNNELS

Reverend Ernest Gunnels, age 79 of Grapeland, passed away Thursday, February 1, 2007 in the Winfield Healthcare Center in Crockett. Reverend Gunnels was born August 12, 1927 in Newlin and was a resident of Grapeland for the past 25 years.

Reverend Gunnels was a veteran of the U. S. Army having served during World War II. Reverend Gunnels was a retired mechanic and was also a Baptist Minister.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Iva Louise Gunnels, of Grapeland; daughters Darlene Hoch and husband Rocky and Dianne Watkins and husband Novle, all of Grapeland; grandchildren Krissi Pickett and husband Randy, of Victoria, Rocky Allen Hoch and wife Chasity, of Latexo, Jerrod Hoch and wife Sarah, of Nacogdoches, Laura Goolsby and husband Ronnie, of Crockett, Melanie Brown and husband Bubba, of Centerville; great-grandchildren Carly Pickett, Montana Brown, Noah Hoch, Harlie Hoch, Monica Hoch and Jacob Hoch; sister Doris Corbitt, of Crockett; brothers James Gunnels and wife Pat, Billy Gunnels and wife Betty, all of Centerville, Arlon Gunnels and wife Lynn, of Crockett, Jerry Gunnels and wife Melinda, of Gatesville; numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents Thell Gunnels and Grace Gunnels; sister, Violet Teal; and brothers-in-law, Ed Teal and Elbert Corbitt.

Funeral services for Reverend Ernest Gunnels were held Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Terry Gibson and the Rev. Marshall Jackson officiating. Interment followed in the McCarter Cemetery.

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