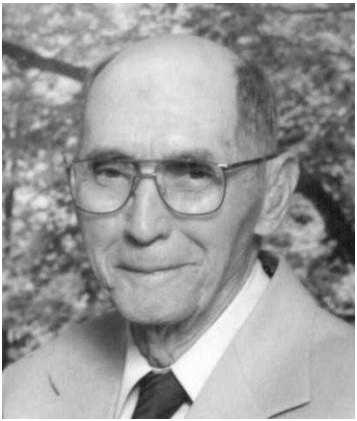
WILLIE B. MORRIS



Willie B. Morris, 94, died August 2, 2007 in Decatur.

Mr. Morris was born on August 14, 1912 at Grays Chapel, Alabama. He came by train with his mother, father and siblings to Texas when he was five. He grew up mostly in Wise County. He went to school at Slidell. Leo, Willie B. and his identical twin brother, Billie T. were born to Sallie Carlton Morris and Joseph C. Morris. He married Dorothy Lee Roberts on November 20, 1931 in Marietta, Love County, Oklahoma.

Mr. Morris was a farmer and dairyman and they built a house on their farm south of Alvord. He also worked for Bell Helicopter Plant and retired from Bell. They were longtime and active members of Mt. Zion Baptist as their sons were growing up. They built a new home in 1957 and moved to Alvord. They moved their membership to First Baptist Church at Alvord. He was a faithful member and deacon. He served as City Councilman of Alvord, was a member and Worshipful Master of Alvord Masonic Lodge #512.

Mr. Morris had been at Decatur Convalescent Center for a number of years due to his declining health. Among his favorite things to do, when his health permitted, was to take care of his farm and range cattle. He loved to go to Nebraska with friends and family to hunt pheasant. He had a ready smile and was always glad to see family and and friends. He was a hardworking man, a man of faith and loved reading his Bible and going to church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; parents; and sister, Cynthia Chisum; brothers, Calvin, George, Jake and twin Billie T. Morris; grandson, Russell Don Morris; great-grandson, Joseph Alan Morris; and a host of nieces, nephews, sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws.

Survivors include his sons and wives, Willie Dale and Melvadean Morris of Alvord, James Leroy and Sylvia Clydena Morris of Gordonville and Jack Darwin and wife Delores Ann Morris of Odessa; seven grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; ten great-great-grandchildren; and sister Betty Ballard of Fort Worth; four step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was August 5 at the First Baptist Church in Alvord with Rev. Rusty Waller of First Baptist Church in Gordonville officiating. Interment was at the Oaklawn Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ricky Dale Morris, Darrell Ray Morris, Donald Leroy Morris, Douglas Robert Morris and Randy Lee Morris.

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