

## OTHA DEE “WHACKER” MILTON

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Otha Dee “Whacker” Milton, 81, a retired locksmith for North Texas State University, died Saturday, December 29, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Milton was born May 16, 1926, in Aubrey to John D. and Sudie Mae Sanders Milton. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran serving in WWII. Mr. Milton was preceded in death by his wife, Oleta Arlene Wilson, and wife, Iva Dell Lee, granddaughter, Heather Leann Finley and son-in-law, Thomas Holmes Finley. He married Connie Brown on September 23, 2000, in Wizard Wells. Mr. Milton was a member of the First Baptist Church of Joplin.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Milton, of Wizard Wells; his 5 children, Gwendolyn Finlay of Cedar Creek Lake, Ronald Dee Milton and wife Guyneithe of Moss Lake, Deirdre Cutarelli and husband John of Cardington, Ohio, Suzi Carter and husband Gary of Weatherford, Curtis Smith and wife Bobette of Decatur; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; brother, Rev. Marshall Leon Milton and wife Modell of Denton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Wednesday, January 2, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Joplin. Dr. Loury Drue Nero officiated. Graveside services were at Belew Cemetery. Pallbearers included Eric Finley, Curtis Smith, Joshua Carter, Gary Carter, Jimmy Vestal, James Morrow, Jordan Bennett, and Steven Mock.

*Hawkins Funeral Home*

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