

JAMES HENRY OATES

1927-2008

PARADISE: James Henry Oates, 81, a self employed carpenter died on Friday, October 17, 2008 in Boyd.

James was born on March 1, 1927, the son of W.I. "Dick" and Grace (Bentley) Oates in Paradise. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. James married Sylvia Louise Findley on March 4, 1949 in Decatur. She preceded him in death on April 16, 1999.

Also preceding him were his parents; his brothers, W.I. Jr., Vernon, Glenn, Red, and Nelson Oates; and his sister, Helen Etter.

Survivors include his daughter, Kim Starnes and husband Mark of Boyd; sons, Michael Oates of Paradise, Gaylen Oates of Paradise, and Pat Oates and wife Cristi of Bridgeport; grandchildren, Tammy, Kendra, Ashley, Devon, Ryan, Shane, Chasen, and Taylor; 6 great grandchildren; brother, Virgil "Rooster" Oates and wife Betty of Chico; sister, Sarah Smith (AKA "Big Sis") of Fort Worth; half sisters and brother, Sherry, Janice, and Tommy Bentley.

Funeral was at 1 p.m. Monday at Hawkins Funeral Chapel. Burial: East Bridgeport Cemetery. Rev. Dana Coker officiated. Pallbearers: Leslie Oates, Gerald Oates, Larry Gober, Terry Gilley, Jerry Crawford, Jerry Paul Oates, David Oates, and Brett Gentry.

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