

HOWARD JAMES 'DEACON' CORMIER

1918-2012

BRIDGEPORT: Howard James 'Deacon' Cormier, 93, of Bridgeport, died on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, in Bridgeport.

Howard was born December 19, 1918, in Gueydon, Louisiana to Adam and Beatrice Cormier. He was the third of five children, all of whom predeceased him.

Howard graduated from high school in Vinton, Louisiana, in 1937. After business school he was employed in the hotel and shipbuilding businesses. During 1941, he met and married Mildred Pauline Williams and joined Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company. He and the family moved to West Texas in 1944. Because of his dedication to church

and family, he quickly became known in the oilfield as "Deacon." Kermit, Texas, was the first of many towns where the family lived, followed by Odessa, Big Spring, Andrews, Colorado City, Snyder, San Angelo, Andrews again, Crane and finally Rankin. Howard retired from Halliburton in 1981, as a senior services field man. Shortly after his retirement, his wife of 42 years passed away.

In 1983, Howard met Faye Winn Houchins of Rankin, Texas, and they married March 9, 1984. They moved to Bridgeport in 1996. Many years of shared happiness were enjoyed.

Howard is survived by his wife, Faye, along with her family; his two sons, Darvis Cormier and his wife, Betty, of Horseshoe Bay, Texas, and Paul Cormier and his wife, Beverly, of San Angelo; grandchildren Todd Cormier of Arlington, Texas, Marty Cormier and his wife, Jaime, of Mertzon, Texas, and Mindy Davis and her husband, Joey, of San Angelo; great grandchildren Tayte & Presli Cormier of Mertzon; along with numerous nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

In addition to the many lives brightened by Deacon over the years, he remained steadfast in his faith and love of family, including his extended family that took him in as one of their own. The Texas oilfield has lost a dedicated soul; yet heaven will be brighter by his presence. His many friends and family will miss him greatly.

A graveside service was held at 3p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2012, at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens, just outside San Angelo, Texas. Bro. Dunn officiated.

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