

## JAMES “DOC” PELHAM

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**1926-2012**

*BRIDGEPORT:* James “Doc” Pelham, 85, a welder, died on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, in Decatur.

James was born on December 17, 1926, to Issac and Meadie (Gurley) Pelham in Megargel, Texas. He was a welder for National Gas Pipeline in Bridgeport for 50 years. James served his country in the U.S. Navy. He was united in marriage to Lavona Nadine Priddy on July 8, 1945, in Madill, Oklahoma.

James was preceded in death by his sons, Revley and Farrell Pelham; his sisters, Mary Beard and Oleta McCain; and his brothers, William and Junior Pelham.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Lavona “Bonnie” Pelham of Bridgeport; his daughter, Tammie Compton and husband, Marvin, of Chico; five grandchildren, Doug Jones, Chad Compton, Nadine Rivera and husband, Rogelio, Mandy Pelham, and Annie Pelham; 13 great grandchildren, Kaylee, Zachary, Maegan, Gaberial, Asher, Tenley, Nicola, Christian, Jamey, Desteny, Tameka, Sivart, and Trais; his brother, Tom Pelham of California; numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and a host of friends.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Wilson Prairie Cemetery.

Reverend Gary Sessions officiated. Pallbearers included Doug Jones, Chad Compton, Joe Watson, Jack Watson, Pete Davidson, and Paul Simmons.

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