

WILLIAM E. WHEELER

1931 - 2014

RHOME: Mr. William E. (Bill) Wheeler, 83, died on June 21, 2014 at Franklin Parish Health Center, Winnsboro, Louisiana after a short illness.

Mr. Wheeler was born January 04, 1931 to William E. and Amelia (Williams) Wheeler. He was a resident of Rhome, Texas, a retired truck driver and a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Decatur, Texas.

Mr. Wheeler was a gentle person, loved by all who knew him. At 6'2" he was a basketball player in high school and at Decatur Baptist College where he received an associate degree.

Bill was a hard working individual who worked for Carnation Milk Company and later a long haul truck driver.

Survivors include his wife of ten years, Bobbie Wheeler; daughter, Leslie Elaine Marr and husband, Steve; step-daughters: Janet Cowart and husband, Jeff Cowart; Julianne Fendley and husband, Bruce; grandson: Scott Childress and wife, Chris.

He is also survived by two great granddaughters; two step granddaughters; two step grandsons and four great grandchildren. Sister-in-laws: Doris Dickey and Jewel Burke; nephews: Bailly Burke, Mark Burke, Larry Burke and Craig Utley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Geneva Grace Utley Wheeler – wife of 53 years; parents and son, Gary Wheeler.

Pallbearers included David Long, Bailey Burke, Craig Utley, Kelly Adams, Scott Childress, Eddie Fendley, Bruce Fendley and Jeff Cowart. Honorary pall bearers were Fred Schultz, Stephen Long and Mark Burke.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at Coker Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Decatur, Texas. Services were officiated by brother-in-law Boatner Holder and sister-in-law Claire Harrison, step-daughters: Julianne Fendley, Janet Cowart and nephew Larry Burke. Interment followed at Aurora Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Heart Association at <https://donate.heart.org/> or to Gideons International, Franklin Parish, Gideon Camp c/o Boatner Holder, 303 2nd Street, Winnsboro, LA 71295 or to Gideons International, www.gideons.org.

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