



## Billy Holmes

November 30, 1934 - July 17, 2008

Services for Bill J. Holmes, 73, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2008 at 1:00 PM at Tyler Gospel Chapel with Rev. Myron Anderson, David Angelo, Derek Watson, and James Mills officiating. Burial will follow in Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Holmes passed away on July 17, 2008 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. He was born on November 30, 1934 in Lufkin to the late William McKinley and Easter Finley Holmes. He was raised in Lufkin where he graduated from high school. He attended the University of Houston and served his country in the United States Navy. Bill was employed by Trane and the Cotton Belt Railroad. For many years, he enjoyed serving as a caregiver to people throughout East Texas. Bill devoted his life to serving others, especially his son Mark. He was an active member of Tyler Gospel Chapel since its beginning in 1975. In his spare time he enjoyed music and gardening. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Mary L. Holmes; brothers, Weldon Holmes, Elray Brown, and Lester Brown; and sister, Frances Waymire. He is survived by a loving family including two sons, Mark Holmes and Edward Holmes, both of Tyler; sister, Charlene Keller of Channelview; and two brothers, Bob Holmes and James Holmes, both of Lufkin. Pallbearers will be Ken Jacobe, Rege Hudson, Kevin Honeycutt, Steve Hudson, Howard Honeycutt, and Paul Miller. Honorary pallbearer will be Bobby Joe Yancy. Visitation is scheduled for Friday, July 18, 2008 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville

Highway, in Tyler. Memorials in honor of Bill J. Holmes may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701; Tyler Gospel Chapel, 10195 Highway 31 East, Tyler, Texas 75705, or the ARC, 810 Vine Heights Street, Tyler, Texas 75701.