



Joe Blankenship

October 16, 1929 - July 10, 2008

A memorial service for Joe S. Blankenship, Jr., 78, of Tyler will be held Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler with Bro. Bob Logan officiating. Mr. Blankenship passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2008 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. He was born on October 16, 1929 in Mart, Texas to the late Joe Stevenson Blankenship, Sr. and Ida Mae Graham. He was a resident of Palestine for fifteen years before moving to Tyler three years ago. Mr. Blankenship worked for Central Texas Bus Company for eighteen years before his retirement in 1988. He was a member of Westwood Baptist Church of Palestine. He loved woodworking and playing the harmonica. In addition to his parents, Mr. Blankenship was preceded in death by brothers, Ray Blankenship and Jimmy Blankenship. He is survived by a loving family including his wife of 57 years, Claudia Greenwood Blankenship of Tyler; four sons, Joe S. Blankenship III and wife Susie of Port Aransas, Dale Blankenship of Beeville, Johnny Blankenship and wife Jo Nell of Bullard, and David Blankenship and wife Beverly of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; sister, Doris Cranford; brother, Gene Blankenship; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Memorials in honor of Joe Stevenson Blankenship may be made to the Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mike and I are very sorry for the loss of such a great guy! We didn't get to see Joe or talk to him often, living so far away. Everytime we did see him, he always had a smile on his face and was always happy to see anyone!* ”

Mike & Patty Parker - July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM