



## Rufus Staples

April 11, 1918 - February 7, 2007

Services for Rufus Staples, 88 of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Kim Beckham officiating. Burial will follow in the Bascom Cemetery S.E. of Tyler under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Staples passed, Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at the Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He was born April 11, 1918 in Smith County to the late Arthur and Emma Staples. He was a member of the Central Baptist Church for many years. He was a farmer for most of his life before he started working as a security guard at Trane and Southland Corporation. He was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather and most of all he loved spending time with his family. Mr. Staples was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Mable Staples, and his parents. Rufus is survived by his loving family including sons, Kenneth Staples of Tyler, and Robert Staples of Whitehouse; daughter, Elizabeth Melton of Chapel Hill; sister, Ruth McCaslin of Flint; 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Jeff Staples, David Staples, Jeremy Staples, Eddie Melton, David Line, and Dean Thorn. The family will receive friends from 6:00- 8:00 PM, Friday, February 9, 2007, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, Texas 75703. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our heartfelt sympathy on the death of Uncle Rick. He was such a sweet man and I will always remember him as laughing and joking. His family was the world to him and I know he will be missed. So sorry I am unable to attend the funeral. I didn't find out in time to be able to come. I love you all.

*Janell*

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**Don and Janell Kinsey** - February 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM