

Russell, Clarence | 1924-2012

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Clarence Russell

Funeral for Clarence Russell, 87, of Paradise was March 23 at Hawkins Funeral Home with the Rev. David Kelly officiating. Burial followed at Paradise Cemetery.

Russell died Sunday, March 18, 2012, in Bridgeport.

Born July 31, 1924, in De Queen, Ark., to Perry and Effie (Chuning) Russell, he served in the U.S. Navy Honor Guard. He married Merline Jacobs Aug. 3, 1943, in Idabel, Okla.

Russell worked as a boiler operator at Plains Cooperative Oil Mill. He was a member at the First Baptist Church of Paradise and Wise County Veterans Group.

Russell was preceded in death by his wife; daughter Sharon Beddingfield; sister Jean Cullpepper; and brothers Lawrence Russell, Carl Lee Russell and James Russell.

He is survived by daughters Linda Haggard and husband, John, of Paradise, and Gail Haggard and husband, Jack, of Bloomington, Calif.; grandchildren Rex, Darla, Mack and Sharon Lynn; great-grandchildren Christopher, Roger Shaun, Mitchell, Kyle, Dakota, Ali, Anthany and Izaih; sister Carmiletta Pile and husband, J.B., of Idalou; and extended family.

Pallbearers were Rex Haggard, Mack Haggard, Christopher Haggard, Roger Shaun Dennis, Mitchell Dennis, Joe Gilliland and Albert Thorton.