

Charles Roland Sims | 1925-2014

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Charles Roland Sims, 89, a retired welder for American Manufacturing of Texas, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014, in Decatur.

Funeral was Aug. 23 at First Baptist Church in Newark with Pastor Alan Six officiating. Burial followed at Dido Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Chris Gailbreath, Gentry Barnes, James Edgemon, Frank Owen, Gene Davis, Burt Lamkin, Cokey Kelley and James Newman. Honorary pallbearers were Arling Sims, Harold Dean Sims, Donald Sims, Jack Sims, James Curtis and Bill Ervin.

Charles was born July 14, 1925, in New Edinburg, Ark., to Samuel and Percilla (Langford) Sims. He served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific, then served in the U.S. Army, earning 10 ribbons and five medal stars. Charles also served as a police officer for 10 years.

He married Pearl Edwards Oct. 31, 1966.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Pearl; daughter Charlotte Lynn Sims; brothers Johnny Edgar, Samuel (Huckleberry) Alfred, and Lester, Vester, Lewis, Grover, C.V. and Joseph Sims; and sisters Cathlene Sims and Maxine Sims Miller.

He is survived by his sons, Charles Ray Sims and wife, Julie, of Malvern, Ark., Michael Sims and wife, Linda, of Poyen, Ark., Larry Williams of North Richland Hills and Tim Williams of Paradise; daughters Rita Sims Gailbreath and husband, Gary, of Newark, Elaine Cohen and husband, Jerry, of Fort Worth, and Sherry Hamilton and husband, Robert, of Haltom City; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; brothers Arling Sims of Florida and Harold Dean Sims of Kingsland, Ark.; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.