

Joe P. Simmons | 1923-2015

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Joe P. Simmons, 92, of Fox, Ark., died Monday, Nov. 2, 2015, in Little Rock, Ark., with his family by his side. Funeral is 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Chancellor and Jones Family Funeral Home in Decatur. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery in Decatur. Pallbearers are Carl Duggar, Brent Coon, Joey Polk, Brian Polk, Mark Mosley and Terence Murry.

Joe was born Aug. 25, 1923, in Grapevine. He previously lived in Saginaw, Madisonville, Kentucky and Flagstaff, Ariz. Joe served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked 25-plus years at Gulf Oil Co.

Joe loved his country and was a hardworking man. He was a devoted husband to wife of 17 months, Barbara Martz Byrd Simmons. They loved worshiping at Calvary Baptist Church in Timbo, Ark.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Millie Ann McCord Simmons; wives Zoe Evelyn Walker Simmons and Marion Wilson Simmons; sisters Beulah Long, Rosa Lee Mosley, Zelma Plumlee and Nellie Ruth Webb. He is survived by his daughters, Paulette Murry and husband, WD, of Taylor Ark., Beverly Coon and husband, Loy, of Banning, Calif., and Joyce Polk of Haltom City; eight stepchildren; six grandchildren; 18 step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.