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Jerry Rawle

Jerry "J.R." Elton Rawle, 82, of Celeste, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2017, in Greenville. Service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Legacy Pointe Central Baptist Church in Whitesboro with the Rev. Joe Patterson officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the church.

Jerry was born Oct. 23, 1934, to W.D. and Oma Jewel Nikirk Rawle in Decatur, where he was raised and attended school. He married Joy Elaine Rutherford Jan. 28, 1955. Jerry was a longtime employee of Hobbs Trailer in Dallas and later retired from National Trailer Sales. Jerry and Joy lived many years in Grapevine where they were faithful members of Bethel Baptist Church for more than 30 years before retiring to live at Lake Texoma.

He is survived by his wife; daughters Faith Patrick and husband, Douglas, of Haltom City and Angela Wilson and husband, James, of Celeste; sister Melba Jean Rawle Haney and husband, Edwin, of Decatur; sister-in-law Billie Rawle of Decatur; grandchildren Glenna Patrick, Jerri Watts and husband, Michael, Stephen Wilson and wife, Jeri, David Wilson and wife, Bethany, and Paul Patrick; great-grandchildren Mimi Watts, Walker Wilson and Timothy Wilson; and several nephews and nieces.

Memorial donations may be made to Legacy Point Central Baptist Church, P.O. Box 247, Whitesboro, TX 76273.