

## WILLIE (BAMPS) WATKINS

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**1930-2008**

PARADISE:Willie "Bamps" Watkins, 78, of Paradise, an ROC employee, died on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008.

Willie was born on January 21, 1930, the son of Claude and Zora Lee (Bowen) Watkins in Walters, Oklahoma. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a Mason and a member of the First Baptist Church in Paradise.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Joyce (Pittman) Watkins; brother, Doyle Watkins; daughter, Kim Watkins Hughes; three grandchildren, Cody Gentry, Afton Roysse Hughes, and Shiloh Hughes.

Survivors include a son, Johnny Watkins of Amarillo daughters: Carolyn Largent and husband, Clarence of Paradise; Binky Gentry and husband Wally of Paradise; Shirley Richey and husband Mike of Paradise; Grandchildren: Keitha, Chad,

Brittany, Caleb, Amber, Brody, Jacoby, Nick, Chrissi, and Bubba; 10 great grandchildren; Sister: Nadine Rayburn of Weatherford; Brother: Billy Watkins of Lake Bridgeport.

Service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, First Baptist Church, Paradise. Burial: Paradise Cemetery.

Rev. Robert Owensby officiated, assisted by Matt Edwards. Pallbearers were Caleb Watkins, Chad Largent, Jacoby Gentry, Brody Gentry, Nick Richey, and Bubba Richey.

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