

Benham, Frank 'Ellis' | 1925-2011

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Frank 'Ellis' Benham

Funeral for Frank "Ellis" Benham, 86, of Bridgeport was Dec. 26 at Hawkins Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Cox officiating. Burial followed at Thomas Cemetery.

Benham died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, in Bridgeport.

Born Aug. 10, 1925, in Hamlin to Clyde and Mary (Carnes) Benham, he served in the U.S. Navy as a radioman for two and a half years and was stationed in Guam. He married Peggy Lemens Dec. 7, 1952, in Glen Rose.

Benham went to Weatherford Junior College and to North Texas University, where he earned his master's degree. He taught in Glen Rose, El Dorado and Weinert and at Weatherford Junior College and Lon Morris Junior College. He was a teacher and then a principal in Byers, a counselor in Henrietta, superintendent at Bellevue for seven years and a counselor at Bridgeport High School until he retired in 1988. Benham was in education for 37 years.

He was preceded in death by brothers Stanley, Gailord and Kenneth Benham; sisters Vera Profitt, Myrtle Hester Evatt, Marie Maddox and Vada Lisenbee.

He is survived by his wife; sons Craig Benham and wife, Phyllis, and Lonny Benham and wife, Rita, all of Bridgeport, and Steve Benham and wife, Tammy, of Henrietta; daughter Treva Byrne and husband, Jimmy, of Iowa Park; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were Ellis Benham, Rob Ratliff, Dylan Benham, Colt Langford, Adam Benham and Rusty Benham.