

Ford, C.I. 'Ish' | 1921-2011

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Funeral for C.I. "Ish" Ford, 89, of Bridgeport was April 14 at the First Baptist Church in Bridgeport with Dr. David Burrows officiating and Craig Erb assisting. Burial followed at East Bridgeport Cemetery.

Ford died Tuesday, April 12, 2011, in Bridgeport.

Born June 2, 1921, in Holliday to Charlie and Alpha (Fox) Ford, he married Billie Doris Erwin June 22, 1947, in Holliday. He was a construction supervisor for 37 years at Warren Petroleum, Gulf and Chevron and a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church in Bridgeport since the 1950s where he taught high school boys Sunday school. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the 82nd Paratrooper. He was a member of the Bridgeport Masonic Lodge and a 32nd-degree mason.

Ford was preceded in death by his brother, Ernest Ford; and sister Agnes Benham.

He is survived by his wife of Bridgeport; daughters Cindy Vest and husband, Ocie, and Brenda Kay Phillips Lowry, all of Runaway Bay; grandchildren Tresha Massey and husband, Brent, Tracy Baskin and husband, Wade, and Kaycee Hazel and husband, Scott; great-grandchildren Konner, Roan, Hailey, Brayden and Reese; and other relatives.

Pallbearers were Brent Massey, Wade Baskin, Scott Hazel, Ocie Lee Vest, Gary Everett, Bruce Arrington, Mitch Arrington and Jerry Cox.

Honorary pallbearers were the deacons and Sunday School class.

Donations may be made to the food pantry at the First Baptist Church in Bridgeport.