

Upchurch, Thomas J. | 1919-2012

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Thomas J. Upchurch

Thomas J. Upchurch, 93, of Decatur died Monday, Sept. 24, 2012, in Fort Worth.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Chapel with burial in Jonestown Cemetery. Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers include Clifford Fuentes, Andrew Fuentes, Robert Bates, David Cox, Brian Willeford, Paul Eudy, Herbert Thetford and Troy Clark.

Thomas was born Aug. 17, 1919, to Thomas J. and Martha (Shelton) Upchurch in Milford. He married Vergie Jones Aug. 18, 1948, in Alvord. He was a minister of the gospel for more than 50 years in Tarrant and Wise counties. He also served his country in the United States Army Air Corps.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Taylor and husband, Paul, of Fort Worth; sons Robert D. Bates and wife, Brenda, of Azle, and Jerry D. Upchurch and wife, Patti, of Hurst; a sister, Catherine Clanton of Fort Worth; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, a brother, five sisters, and his son, Melvin D. Upchurch.