

Lillard J. Nelms | 1923-2015

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Lillard J. (Hut) Nelms, 92, of Bridgeport, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015, in Bridgeport.

Graveside service is 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 at Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco with Pastor Dwayne Lamberson officiating. The service will include military honors.

L.J. was born April 19, 1923, in Cisco to Larkin Rite and Althea (Alley) Nelms. He married Ella Joe Cone March 15, 1946, in Cisco.

L.J. served in World War II in the European theater as a SSG in the 71st Infantry. During his tour of duty, he fought in many battles, including the Battle of the Bulge. Some of his awards include the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 1, 1945, from Camp Chaffee, Ark.

Following his military service, he worked as a Completions Supervisor for Enserch Exploration before retiring after 41 years of service. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bridgeport.

L.J. was preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years, Ella Joe; his parents; seven brothers; and eight sisters.

He is survived by his sons, Robert Nelms and wife, Shirley, of Carrollton, Steven Nelms and wife, Elizabeth, of Carrollton, Phillip Nelms and wife, Jana, of Katy and Joe Wayne Nelms and wife, Paige, of Decatur; his grandchildren, Amanda, Jenni, Natalie, Lauren, Josh, Kendall, Kainen, Leslie, Devin and Kristin; 13 great-grandchildren; and other family members and friends.