

Riley J. Poe | 1925-2015

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Riley J. Poe, 90, of Decatur, formerly of Abilene, died Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015.

Graveside service is 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Hawley Cemetery with Bob Connel officiating.

R.J. was born Aug. 22, 1925, in Sweetwater to Joel Vergil and Betty Leona Hope Poe. R.J. entered the Navy at 18 and served as a Seabee in World War II. Having served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters, he traveled to every continent. He returned to Sweetwater after the war where he married Eva Ross June 12, 1948. They had three children. The family moved to Abilene where he worked at Dyess Air Force Base as a fire truck mechanic until his retirement as supervisor of fire truck maintenance.

R.J. served as a deacon and then an elder at Baker Heights Church of Christ and later at Oldham Lane Church of Christ. R.J. and Eva moved to Decatur in 2006 to live with their daughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Joe H. Poe and Alfred Chapman Poe; and his sister, Leona Victoria Poe Harris.

He is survived by his wife, Eva Poe; sons Rodger J. Poe and wife, Janie, of Henderson and Tony Wayne Poe and wife, Madison, of Tuscumbia, Ala.; daughter Roxie Jan Poe of Decatur; grandchildren Rita Poe Alcantara and husband, Mickey, Riley J. Alcantara of Brenham, Kara Poe Ferguson and husband, Jordan, of Houston, Tiffany Poe Caldwell and husband, Jonathan, of Tuscumbia, Wesley Poe of Tuscumbia and Emily Poe Hoffman and husband, Cory, of Decatur.

He's also survived by great-grandchildren Savannah Alcantara, Christian Seden, Karis McGinty, Henlee Ferguson, James Caldwell, Lillian Caldwell and Charlie Caldwell, as well as many nieces, nephews, greats, grands and in-laws. Online condolences can be shared at northsfuneralhome.com.