

Vern E. Whatley | 1939-2015

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Vern E. Whatley, 76, of Bedford, formerly of Chico, died Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, in Bedford.

Funeral was Dec. 7 at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport with the Rev. Gary Demmitt officiating. Burial followed at Cumby Cemetery. Pallbearers were Sammy Shipman, Les Cooper, Dax Cooper, Chuck Whatley, Benny Begley and Jimmy Whatley.

Vern was born Jan. 31, 1939, in Decatur to Joe and Oveta (Alexander) Whatley. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. Vern was an iron worker for Smith Erectors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Jimmy Lee Whatley; and his sister, Linda Darlene Burris. He is survived by sons Keith Whatley of Porter and Jimmy Whatley of Alexandria, La.; daughters Tammy Foree and husband, Norman, of Bedford, Teresa Folsom of Humble and Sandra Whatley of New Caney; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters Bertie Ousley of Paradise, Jody Cooper of Bridgeport and Judy Begley and husband, Butch, of Fort Worth; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends.