

# **Calvin Monroe Dawson | 1924-2016**

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Calvin Monroe (Shorty) (Dido) Dawson, 92, of Chico, died Friday, Oct. 28, 2016, in Decatur.

Military graveside service was Oct. 31 at Dawson Family Cemetery in Chico with the Rev. Terry Brown of Bethel Baptist Church officiating.

His grandsons were honorary pallbearers.

Calvin was born Jan. 24, 1924, in Crowell to Calvin and Cynthia Cordelia (Millican) Dawson. A World War II veteran, Calvin joined the United States Army in 1942, three weeks after his 18th birthday. He served on the Ernest Hines, an Army-owned hospital ship stationed in the Mediterranean Sea until 1945.

Calvin retired from Cities Service Gas Co. in 1987. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and American Legion. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church of Alvord and a founding member of the VFW post in Chico.

Calvin was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Marie Dawson; sons Jimmy Wayne, William Calvin and Jerry Lee Dawson; daughter Darlena Kay Farington; stepsons Guenn Peyton, Rodney and Stevie York; one grandson; one granddaughter; one great-grandson; one brother; and seven sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Hudson Dawson; daughters Glenda Brooks and husband, Don, of Kemp, Barbara Moore of Chico, Tracy York and husband, Jerry, of Buffalo Springs and Leann Stack and husband, Josh, of Chico; stepdaughters Debbie Cole and husband, Jim and Brenda Heppe and husband, Clarence; stepsons Larry and Danny York; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the Chico Chamber of Commerce Veteran's Memorial Park fund.