

Florence, Raymond Owen, Sr. | 1925-2017

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Raymond Florence Sr.

Raymond Owen Florence Sr., 91, of Paradise, died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017, in Paradise. Funeral is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport with burial at West Bridgeport Cemetery.

There is no set visitation.

Ray was born Nov. 14, 1925, in Dill, Okla., to Ivy Owen and Viola Mildred (Stevens) Florence. He married Margaret Reilly July 17, 1946, in San Francisco. Ray graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington where he majored in social work.

In November 1942, he joined the United States Marines Corps and proudly served his country for 32 years as chief warrant officer. He fought and defended our country during World War II and the Vietnam war. Ray was a member of the Wise County Veterans Association and the Sons of Confederate Veterans of Wise County.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; daughter Margaret L. Florence; brother Donald C. Florence; and sister Carole Villaneuva.

He is survived by his son, Raymond Owen Florence Jr.; grandchildren Lauren and Garrett Florence; and other family members and friends.