



Heath, Jewell Dee

1933-2019

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Jewell Dee Heath, 85, of Justin, a retired truck driver, went to be with our Lord Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019, in Bridgeport.

Funeral is 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Aurora Baptist Church in Aurora with burial 11 a.m. Wednesday at DFW National Cemetery.

Family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur and also one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Rev. Jimmy Withers will officiate.

Pallbearers include Chad Barton, John Cicur, David Barton, Blake Emert, Craig Plante, Michael Robinson and Brain Compton.

Jewell was born Dec. 17, 1933, to Willie and Tempie (Hill) Heath in Dallas. He was united in marriage to Betsy Ruth Ogden Dec. 25, 1955,

in Waco. Jewell drove a truck for more than 40 years before retiring from Swift Transportation.

Traveling and seeing the country was one of his favorite pastimes aside from fishing, camping, listening to bluegrass music and playing the guitar.

He was a faithful member at Aurora Baptist Church and served as a deacon for many years. Jewell was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his four brothers; and his four sisters.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 63 years, Betsy Heath of Justin; his daughters, Donna Turner and husband, Lendell, of Rhome and Carol Ingram and husband, Brian, of Fairfield; his son, Mark Heath and wife, Sue, of Roanoke; his grandchildren, Jaclyn, Chad, David, Andrea, Natalie, Whitney, Hannah, Kacie and Heather; 14 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Allison Heath of Dallas; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

At the family's request, please consider making a donation to:

Aurora Baptist Church Mission Fund