



### **Mr. Frank Harry "Bill" Bateman**

OIL CITY, LA - Funeral services for Mr. Frank Harry "Bill" Bateman, 91, will be held at 2 pm, Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at First Baptist Church in Oil City, LA. Reverend Chad Mills will officiate with Rev Frank Carroll assisting. Burial will follow at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, Oil City, LA. The family will receive friends for a time of visitation on Tuesday evening from 6 - 8 pm at Gorsulowsky Funeral Home in Vivian, LA.

Bill Bateman was born February 14, 1917, in Wamega, Kansas to Arthur O. Bateman and Blanche Duvall.

Mr. Bateman served as a Merchant Marine during World War II. He moved to Oil City in 1948 where he began work as an Oil Lease Operator. In the mid fifties he began his own business, Bateman Well Service. He was a Deputy for the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department, where he retired as a Lieutenant. He was also with The Oil City Police Department and served as Constable for Oil City until his death.

Mr. Bill was a member of The First Baptist Church of Oil City, where he was ordained as a deacon in June of 1950 and served faithfully until he went home. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was a very loving and caring father, grandfather and friend.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years Ruth Tunks Bateman, his brothers Earl G. Bateman, Arthur Bateman and Wayne Bateman, and his sister Isabelle Bateman White.

He is survived by his wife Margaret Weaver Bateman, his son Arthur L. Bateman and wife Terri of Naples, Florida and one daughter Carol Ann Carter and husband Charles of Jacksonville, Florida. He is also survived by his stepchildren John Thomas Weaver, Bruce H Weaver Jr., and wife Candy, and Patrick Dee Weaver and wife Chris.

Mr. Bateman is also survived by his five grandchildren Richard Ballard, Susan Ballard, Julie Ballard Spencer and husband Chuck, Michael Ray Ballard and wife Sue Ellen and William Ballard, his six step grandchildren Laurie Weaver, Tracy Weaver Ward, Jennifer Weaver Frith, John Teakus Weaver, Bruce H Weaver III, and Kelly Chachere, and three great grandchildren Jacob Wayne Ballard, Meagan Dianne Stull and Christopher Stull.

Serving as pallbearers will be Donald Owens, Walther Craig, John Bailey, Randy McLaughlin Robert Smith, Mike Beck, Mastin Robinson (honorary) and Millard Law (honorary).

**Gorsulowsky Funeral Home**  
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