

Gorsulowsky Funeral Home

Cleo Clayton Norris

(January 27, 1918 - May 6, 2009)

Funeral services for Cleo Clayton Norris 91 of Oil City, LA will be held at Gorsulowsky Funeral Home in Vivian, LA at 9 AM on Saturday, May 9 for Cleo Clayton Norris, 91, of Oil City, LA. Officiating will be Rev. Michael Miller and Rev. Cheryl Nelson. Military graveside services will follow at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Oil City. There will be a visitation Friday the 10th from 6-8 PM at the funeral home. Mr. Norris died on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 in Shreveport. He was a member of the Oil City United Methodist Church. For the past several months, he has been a resident of the Northwest Louisiana War Veteran's Home in Bossier City. Mr. Norris was born on January 27, 1918 in Success, Arkansas and lived most of his life in Oil City, LA. He was retired from Cities Service where he worked as a gangster. He served in the U. S. Army's Second Armored Division ("Hell on Wheels") during World War II in the 142nd Signal Corps. After completion of basic training at Fort Benning, GA, he saw action in Northern Africa, Sicily, and throughout the European theater. He proudly participated in the liberation of Belgium and the Battle of the Bulge. His war stories (which were numerous) told of his bout with malaria in Africa, frostbitten feet during the Battle of the Bulge, and the sometimes mischievous activities of his life-long signal company friends. Mr. Norris was preceded in death by his parents, Patrick Ervin and Mary Charlotte Baxter Norris; his wife, Clara Boyler Norris, one sister, Hazel N. Jean; two brothers, Shelby O. Norris and Harold I. Norris. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Jan and John Carbone of Houston; three grandchildren, Dana (Harvey) Ries of Lakeland, FL, Katy (Trent) Fruge of Tee-Morris, LA, and David Dougan, of Iota, LA; one sister, Aline N. Vowel, of Lewisville, TX. In addition, there were three nieces he was especially close to: Shirley (Bill) Weaver and Renae V. Barnes of Lewisville, TX and Sylvia B. McCain of Karnack, TX as well as a dear caretaker and friend Kathleen Adams of Vivian, LA. Pallbearers will be grandsons Harvey Ries and Trent Fruge, nephews Mike Vowel and Bill Weaver, and dear friends Teakus Weaver and Al Kline. Honorary pallbearers will be Ted Resweber, Shelton Flash, Hardy Cross, Millard Law, and Bobby Jean. Donations can be made to the Northwest Louisiana War Veterans Home, Teague Parkway, Bossier City, LA or the Louisiana Oil and Gas Museum in Oil City, LA.

