



Thurman Lee 'T.L.' Gulley

TL Gulley, a WWII Veteran, passed away peacefully on January 3, 2019 at the age of 93. He was born June 2, 1925. A native of New Willard, TL joined the US Army immediately upon graduation where he served for 6 years and met the love of his life, Dorothy Lavonne (McGinnis) Gulley while stationed in PA. Upon returning to Texas, he barbered for 25 years and ran a Farm and Ranch the majority of his life working in the hay field up until this past year. He enjoyed being in the hayfield, yard work and fishing. He was a long time member of Johnson Missionary Baptist Church where he served as the song leader for many years.

He lived a full and blessed life and is survived by two sons, Gary Gulley and wife Kathie of Iola, TX; Claude and wife Ricki of Zavalla, TX and one daughter Kim Gulley of Lufkin, TX. He was loved by his many grandchildren, Chad Gulley, Amy Miller, Donnie and Rhonda Gulley, Simon Snyder, Michael and Rachel Snyder, Samantha and Jeramy Newman, Matthew and Ashley Lee, Teri Cullen and many great grandchildren: Gracie, Kendal and Rafe Gulley, Derek Gulley, Ashley and Cody Deese, Rylee and Karli Miller, Connor, Sydney and Jewel Snyder, Harlee and SJ Snyder, Zane and Kymber Newman, Gracie Mae, Cora, Finn, Lena and Jackson Lee, Erin and Emily Cullen; and 2 great great grandchildren, Gunner and Byntlee Deese. He is also survived by one brother, WH 'Hunter' Gulley of Zavalla and sister, Grace and Michael Turner of Huntsville in addition to one brother in law, Marion Rodgers and one sister in law, Betty Gulley. Plus many nieces, nephews and friends he held dear. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Lavonne Gulley, parents Alonzo and Claire Gulley, grandson Derek Gulley, sisters: Doris Wilson, Wanda Handley, Jane Rodgers, Mildred Wittevan, Brothers: Joe Burt Gulley and Bruce Gulley.

The family will greet friends from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Johnson Missionary Baptist Church in Zavalla, TX on Sunday, January 6, 2019 in Zavalla, TX with funeral services immediately following at 2:00 pm, interment to follow at West Oaks Cemetery in Jasper, under the direction of Shultz Funeral Home. Officiating Bro. Michael Moore and Donnie Gulley. The family ask that donations be made in lieu of flowers to Johnson Missionary Baptist Church in Zavalla, TX or to the Gideon bible ministry in memory of Thurman Gulley at The Gideons International Processing Center P.O. Box 97251 Washington, DC 20090-7251.