



Willie Percell Bennett

April 21, 1925 - June 7, 2015

Services for Willie Percell Bennett, age 90 of Rockdale will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with Rev. Matt Higginbotham officiating. Burial will follow in the Marlow Cemetery near Cameron. Public visitation will be Tuesday 9:00 AM until service time.

Mr. Bennett was born April 21, 1925 in Rogers, Texas and was the son of George Herbert & Cornelia (Peeler) Bennett. He was a lifelong resident of Milam County and a resident of Rockdale since 1963. He worked for ALCOA in Rockdale for 35 years; he retired in 1987 as a crane operator. He was a WW II Veteran serving in the U. S. Army and member of the Rockdale Full Gospel Church. He and Eula Thompson were married February 18, 1945 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mr. Bennett loved working in his gardens, growing flowers especially hibiscus and gladiolas and raising English Bulldogs. He created a backyard playground when his children were growing up, then his grandchildren and their children grew up playing on that same playground.

Mr. Bennett passed away on Sunday morning, June 7, 2015 at his home in Rockdale. He was preceded in death by his parents; George Herbert & Cornelia Bennett. Brothers; Joe Lee Bennett, Johnny Bennett, and Bernell Bennett. Sister; Daisy Fry. Grandson; Jonathan Simmons.

Surviving him is his wife of 70 years, Eula Bennett of Rockdale. Son; William (Rusty) Bennett and wife Debbie of Rockdale; Daughters; Patsy Von Gonten and husband Stanley of Rockdale, Becky Shuffield and husband Larry of Temple, and K K Hendrix and husband Joe of Rockdale. A sister, Marie Canatella of Woodville, Texas. 11 Grandchildren; Sharon Abbott, Scott Shuffield, Steve Shuffield, Shannon Clark, Nikki Niemann, Mikey Simmons, Amy Fine, Billy Bennett, Donny Bennett, Paxton Hendrix, and Wendi Offield. Also 17 Great-grandchildren and 4 Great-great grandchildren.

Serving as Pallbearers will be Blake Niemann, Billy Bennett, Mike Offield, Blade Niemann, Scott Shuffield, and Paxton Hendrix.

Cemetery Details

Marlow Cemetery

1794 CR 229
Cameron, TX 76520

Previous Events

Chapel Service

JUN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
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Visitation

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Tribute Wall

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“ Condolences to the family for your loss. To Pat, Nikki and Mikey, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

LC & Georgia Richards
Rockdale, TX

Georgia Richards - June 09, 2015 at 04:13 PM

JW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Percell's passing. Just thinking about him and Eula B brings a smile to my face. I remember their warm hospitality, their generosity, their stories, and their wonderful food... Percell's brisket and sausage and Eula B's melt-in-your-mouth yeast rolls and desserts. I enjoyed so much the stories they'd tell of growing up when we visited from South Carolina with my mother, "Tiny" Varner Senn. Mama and they told the same stories every year, and I laughed just as hard to hear them every year. Wonderful memories! He will be dearly missed.

Sending love and prayers from South Carolina,
Joyce Senn Wingate

Joyce Wingate - June 08, 2015 at 06:31 PM

DY

“ Just want all the family to know that our thoughts & prayers are with you all. Percell & Eula Bea were a part of my life when I was a little girl. The last time I saw Percell he was telling me how I used to sing for them. He was a very caring person & I know he will be greatly missed. Love yall! Leo & Diane Yates

Diane Yates - June 08, 2015 at 01:19 PM

JJ

“ I always enjoyed going to see Uncle Willie P. and Aunt Eula B., it was always a memorable experience. I will miss him deeply.
James McCormick Jr.



James McCormick Jr. - June 08, 2015 at 08:09 AM

NN

“ There are so many things I love about PaPa....but oh, where to start.
I love the way he adored my Granny. I love the stories he would tell about his time in the service while pointing out to me the places he had been on the globe. I love that even with 11 grandchildren he never seemed to have a favorite. You can't imagine how it makes a child feel to see her grandpas face light up at the sight of any and all of his grandchildren. I never question whether or not my PaPa loved me. I KNOW HE DOES! after we, the grand kids, grew up believe it or not this man somehow became a better great granpa to my children (I still don't see how that's possible when he was already the best!) the look on his face though, with the great great grandbabies was priceless! If we only had more time together to make another million and a half memories. But I know where you will spend eternity and I am at peace with that and I will see you when I get there. We'll have a cup of coffee and I'll smile when you pour half of it into your bowl first!

Nikki Simmons Niemann - June 07, 2015 at 11:22 PM

BH

Sammie and I always had so much fun with Percell. He loved to make sure he had saved plenty of "pranks" to use on us when he knew we were coming to Texas. But we had a lot more we used on him. He claims we hid his shoes and he never found them. I thought "now would we do such a thing?" Yea, we would. Next time we visited he said do what you want to but I'm not taking off my shoes." He was our favorite.

billie hardee - June 26, 2015 at 05:02 PM