



## Ottis "Pete" Branham

December 6, 1925 - May 9, 2013

Funeral services for Ottis 'Pete' Branham, 87, of Henderson, will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 11, 2013 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Chris Proctor and his son-in-law, Dr. David L. Willis, Sr. officiating. Interment will follow with military graveside honors at New Salem Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson. Visitation will be from 5 - 7 p.m., Friday, May 10 at the funeral home. Mr. Branham passed away Thursday, May 9, 2013 at his residence. He was born Dec. 6, 1925 to William J. and Mae Branham in Rusk County. Pete served in the US Army in the European Theatre during WWII, earning two Bronze Stars, and was held as a POW from Jan. - Apr. 1945. He also served the people of Rusk County, Pct. 5, as Constable for eight and a half years, and served first as a policeman and then Police Chief for nineteen and a half years for the city of New London, and retired at the age of 75. He also served on the Laneville ISD School Board as member and President. He was a member and Deacon of New Salem Baptist Church since 1949. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, James Earl Branham; grandson, James Earl Branham; brother, Samuel D. 'Buck' Branham; four sisters, Ophie Branham, Faye Whitehead, Ovis Sonier, and Wilma Hale. Survivors include: his wife of 67 years, Loyce Louise Jolly Branham of New Salem; sons, Carol Lynn Branham and wife Evelyn of Navasota, and Jimmy Darrell Branham, Sr. and wife Mary of New Salem; daughter, Sandra Sue Willis and husband David of New Salem; sister, Corrine 'Dean' Holdeman of Ore City; eleven grandchildren

and sixteen great-grandchildren; beloved nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and a host of many dear friends. Pallbearers are the United States Army Honor Guard. Honorary pallbearers are his grandsons, and the New Salem Baptist Church men. Memorial contributions may be made to Angel Care Hospice, 103 1/2 St. Hwy 64W, Henderson, Tx 75652. Condolences may be made online at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## visitation

MAY 10. 5:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ You are all in my prayers.

Sheree Garrison - May 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PQ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone. May god bless you and give you strength in the days and weeks that lie ahead. Our love always. Brandon, Paula and Jarred.

Paula Quinn - May 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I was sorry to learn of Pete's passing. He and Loyce were always favorites of my mom and dad, Doshia and Virgil Lowe. May GOD bless and comfort you all.

Barbara Lowe Baldwin - May 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ I will always carry you in my heart uncle pete you were surely loved by many

donna - May 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ You will be miss dearly Pete.

angela furguson - May 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ I am sorry for the passing of Pete as us students of West Rusk knew him as. He is a part of my memory as a student there, and reading some of his accomplishments I am proud to have known him all the more, I am thankful for his sacrifices as a military man and for his dedication to our country to come home and serve in law enforcement and on school board. May you be comforted with your memories and may God allow a peace and assurance to be wrapped around you. Student of West Rusk Class of 1994

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**felicia thomas mccasland** - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ To my Papaw, There are days that we don't know what to say and today is one of them. I have loved you for 40 years, and I am honored that our dear Lord Jesus Christ chose me to be your grand daughter. There will not be a day you won't be thought of or missed dearly. You have taught us to be strong and live life with courage and passion. You have been through a lot in your life and I Thank you for the sacrifices you have made for your family, your friends, your community and your country. Life lessons you taught us will continue to be passed on through your family and friends. Hug my Papaw Ross for me and mother in law Della. I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART, until we meet again, your grand daughter, Lisa

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**Lisa Abke** - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Sending prayers for your family in this time of loss. I pray our loving God will wrap his arms around your family and give you strength during this time for you. Love y'all

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**Angie Risinger Bowers** - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *I love you papaw. I can't wait to meet you in heaven!!*

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**Kathren Laughlin** - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ *Thinking of you Loyce, Sue, Jimmy and Lynn. I have so many memories growing up with you all as my neighbor and at church. Pete always had something comical to say and I always asked him if he was behaving himself at church and his answer was always "No". He will be remembered as a part of my growing up days. Prayers to you all. Sylvia*

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**sylvia oliver** - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM