



Ralph W. Ballenger

October 14, 1916 - May 5, 2010

Funeral services for Ralph W. Ballenger, 93, of Henderson, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2010, at Crawford-A. Crim Chapel with Rev. Bill Kuykendall and Rev. Frank Lane officiating. Interment will be in New Prospect Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson. Mr. Ballenger died Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at Hospice of East Texas, Tyler. He was born Oct. 14, 1916, in Rusk County and was a lifelong resident of Henderson. He was a member of New Prospect Baptist Church and retired from Grondike Transport. He was an active member of VFW. He joined the 425th Army Air Force Unit in Barksdale about a year before Pearl harbor. During the war, he earned several medals, including the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars, a Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal and the Distinguished Unit Badge. The highest rank he achieved during the war was staff sergeant. Family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 6, 2010, at the funeral home. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Vonzell Ballenger; parents, Clifton and Lois Ballenger; sister, Maureen Harris; brothers, Jack and Thomas Ballenger Sr. Survivors include: son, David Ballenger and wife Pam of Henderson; grandsons, Paul Ballenger, Shane Ballenger, Matt Ballenger and Jake Ballenger; nephews, Thomas Ballenger Jr. and Johnny Ballenger; great-nephew, Thomas Ballenger III, great-niece, Brooklyn Ballenger. Pallbearers will be Paul Ballenger, Matt Ballenger, Jake Ballenger, Thomas Ballenger Jr., Johnny Ballenger and Bobby Whitehead. Honorary pallbearers will be Shane

Ballenger, Dan Ballenger, Orvill E. Todd, Joe Gibson and Richard Smith.

Previous Events

visitation

MAY 6. 6:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

service

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GB

“ David and family: Ralph was a wonderful hero, person, patriot and we appreciate his service to our country! Hope you are still enjoying music! I enjoyed learning ceramics from your mon years ago. You were small but Vonzell was so proud of you. Our love and sympathy to you and family.

Gus and Betty Brown - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Pam and David you all are in our thoughts. Stay strong brother.

Robbie Stephens - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ David Sorry to hear about the lost of your dad. Mr. Ballenger was a man to be proud of. He always had a smile on his face and a uplifting word to say. May God Bless your family. Mark Brooks family.

Mark Brooks - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ So very sorry for your loss. Mr. Ballenger was such a sweet & friendly man & will be missed on Hwy. 43. Thoughts & prayers to your family.

Marc, Dee Dee, Maley & Luke Green - May 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM