

Beaty Hooker

Beaty Hooker, age 80, died May 27, 2009, in Norman, Oklahoma.

He was born February 14, 1929 in Bradley, Grady County, Oklahoma. He was the fifth child born to Beaty Hooker, Sr. and Maud Marshall Hooker.

Mr. Hooker graduated from Alex High School, Grady County, Oklahoma and enlisted in the army at the end of World War II, on May 24, 1946 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He received a honorable discharge on October 19, 1947. He served eighteen months in Japan in HQ CO 5845h Eng. Construction Company. He was awarded WWII Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal. He was a Tech 5th Grad. Upon discharge he enlisted in the Reserves.

He was called back into service December 12, 1950 and served nine months in Korea and received a honorable discharge on August 18, 1951 and was awarded the Korean Service Medal with a Bronze Campaign Star. He was discharged as Sgt. ERC from Ft. Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

He attended Hill's Business College after his service in the Army.

On January 31, 1953, he married Alice Buckley in Newton, Harvey County, Kansas, in the home of his sister Ilene Rowe. They were married by Reverend Claud Mustain, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Newton.

He worked for Boeing Airplane Company in Wichita, Kansas from 1951-1958 and then moved with his wife and two children to Norman, Oklahoma. Beaty worked for Oklahoma Natural Gas Company and retired from there in 1986.

After his retirement he enjoyed his volunteer work at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, Norman Regional Hospital, and was an avid Mall Walker until his health failed him. He also enjoyed traveling and viewing the back road scenery of the United States and his trip to Israel, Egypt and Jordan. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church and enjoyed the Sunday School Class as long as he was able to attend.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Gary Hooker, Mustang, Oklahoma; Gus Hooker, Alex, Oklahoma. Two sisters: Agnes O' Rorke, Norman, Oklahoma; Mattie Holder, Wichita, Kansas; Son-in-law, Bruce Keesee, Lexington, Oklahoma; three brothers-in-law, Euel Rowe, Austin O'Rorke, and M.J. Holder, one sister-in-law, Thelma Hooker; two nephews, Mondee Hooker, Bruce O'Rorke.

Survivors include his wife, Alice of the home; one son, Billy W. and wife Marianne, Winslow, Arkansas; one daughter, Stephanie Keesee Potvin and husband Robert, Lexington, Oklahoma. Three grandsons :. Dustin Hooker and wife, Ronessa, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Colton Hooker, Farmington, Arkansas; Derek Keesee and wife, Kelli, Moore, Oklahoma; one granddaughter, Lorra Hooker Stout and husband Jason, Springdale, Arkansas; and two great grandsons: Dayton Hooker, Oklahoma City and Afton Stout, Springdale, Arkansas.

He is also survived by step-grandchildren; James Keesee and son, Zachary, Lindsey, Oklahoma; Stephanie Keesee Gentry and husband, Gary, and son ,Michael Gentry, Purcell, Oklahoma; Clay Frans, Farmington, Arkansas, and Molly Frans of Winslow, Arkansas.

He is survived by one sister, Ilene Rowe of Newton, Kansas; one sister-in-law, Mary Hooker, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. and many nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will receive friends at the Havenbrook Funeral Home from 6:00 P.M., to 8:00 P.M., Thursday, at Havenbrook Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Friday, May 29,

2009, at Havenbrook Funeral Home Chapel in Norman. Interment will follow at Norman I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

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