



## Cecil Thomas Armstrong

March 30, 1929 - April 23, 2016

Cecil Thomas Armstrong, 87 years old, left this life on April 23, 2016. He was born on a farm north of Idalou, March 30, 1929 to James and Beulah Armstrong. He married Wanda Freeman on November 15, 1947. She preceded him in death on November 17, 1997. They had no children. He married Betty Baker on February 20, 1999 at Southside Church of Christ. Marrying Betty, he inherited four children. Daughters: Deb Mills and spouse, Bill, Lubbock; Brenda Lehman and spouse, Tom, St. Louis, MO; Sons: Dennis Benton and spouse Karen, Austin, TX; Brad Benton and spouse Kim, Brownstown, IN, and grandson Austin Benton, Orlando, FL.

In 1949, Cecil began working as a United States Postal Service Carrier. He continued working there after the Korean War. Cecil served in the Korean War from 1952 to 1954 as an artillery technician. His discharge papers showed he was to receive these metals: the Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, UN SVC Medal of National Defense, the Good Conduct Metal G.O. #163, and USAF Arty Loaded. However, he did not receive these medals until 62 years later in January of 2016. He retired from the Post Office after 35 years.

Cecil loved the Lord. In preceding years, he attended Pioneer Park Church of Christ. Since the late 1980's, he has attended the Southside Church of Christ. He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings; sisters: Anice Naylor, Edna Eddleman, and Ruth Blassingame; brother James Armstrong.

Cecil is survived by his wife, Betty, brother-in-law, Ross Blassingame, Abilene, along with many nephews and nieces. Along with his family and numerous

friends, Cecil also leaves a true church and golf friend, Royce Barnes. Cecil and Royce were members of Shadow Hill Golf Club, where they hit quite a few gold balls.

Visitation will be at Southside Church of Christ, 8501 Quaker Ave., Lubbock, TX on Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. with services on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at the Idalou Cemetery. Sanders Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements. Tommy Hicks will be officiating.

A special thanks to Carillon House, Accolade Home Nursing and Hospice Services. Memorials should be made to Southside Church of Christ or the above nursing facilities.

# Cemetery Details

## Idalou Cemetery

Hwy 82  
Idalou, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Southside Church of Christ  
Lubbock, TX

## Service

APR **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Southside Church of Christ  
Lubbock, TX