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Visitation for Kenneth Ray Prather, 1st Sgt. U.S. Army retired, will be 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Saturday, July 14th at Rader Funeral Home, 1617 Judson Rd.

Mr. Prather died Thursday, July 12 2007.

He was born October 24, 1932 in the Ogden community near Ashdown, Arkansas to James and Necie Prather. At the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Army where he spent twenty years defending his country. Three years were spent as a POW in Korea and one was a tour in Vietnam in 1968-69.

Papaw spent countless hours with his grandchildren telling stories, pulling pranks and instilling them with the knowledge of his unconditional love for them, and pride in them. His sense of humor, his sense of right and wrong, his love for his family and country will be greatly missed.

Mr. Prather is survived by his wife of 57 years, Abelene of Tatum; daughter and son-in-law, Terry and William ?Pud? Barrett of Tatum; sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Ken Prather of El Dorado, Arkansas. Jim and Vickie Prather of Van Alstyne, Texas and Chris and Pam Prather of Tatum. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Brad Barrett, Kenny Barrett, Brent Prather, Courtney Prather, Mandy Prather, Kay Prather, Erin Loewe, Daniel Prather, and Dustan Prather. He also leaves behind nine great grandchildren.

He is survived by his sister, Joyce Anderson of Houston; brothers, Walter Prather of Winter Haven, California and James Prather of Texarkana; and sister-in-law, Edna Jo Hill of Brownstown, Arkansas.

He also leaves behind a special niece, Debbie Johnson of Texarkana and extended family, Rick Martindale of Houston.



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Anonymous posted:

Pud, Terry and family members, The memory of a good person is a blessing. I know that your Father will continue to live on in the thoughts and memories of the family members left behind. I am thinking of you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Charla Hopson McGovern##imported-end##

July 16 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Terry, Pud and families, We are so sorry for your loss. We know you will have a lifetime of memories to revisit. We are also thankful that your Father is in a better place where pain is left far behind. You will be in our prayers. If we can help, please let us know. Jackie and Ronnie Sharp##imported-begin##Jackie Sharp##imported-end##

July 13 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts are with you every moment knowing of the great loss of a great husband, dad, and grandfather that Kenneth was. Not only was he our uncle but also a friend. There is not enough good words that we can say about him, but just wanted to say how much he will be missed.##imported-begin##Bruce, Karon & family##imported-end##

July 13 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kenneth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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