



Houston Russell Belk

February 10, 2008

Houston Russell Belk, age 80, of Sweetwater, passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2008, at Sweetwater Hospital. He was a member of the Sweetwater Masonic Lodge # 292 for 50 years, also a member of the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater, where he was in the Builders Sunday School class. Retired from Southern Railways after 39 years of service. Houston enjoyed reading traveling and living in South TX with Ruby. He really liked their many trips to Mexico. Most of all he loved and enjoyed being with his family and friends. Called 'Pappaw' by all his grandchildren, he lit up when he heard that name. He was dearly loved by all. Preceded in death by his parents: WM. Henry and Dora Belk, sister: Gertie Mae Sanders, brothers: Verlon, and Fred Belk, grandson: Gunnar Goins. Survivors include wife of 56 years: Ruby Bacon Belk, Sweetwater, daughter and son-in-law: Denise and Kelly Goins, Suwanee, GA, sons and daughters-in-law: Terry and Janet Belk, Tellico Plains, Larry and Vickie Belk, Rodney and Dale Belk, Mitchel Belk, and Jeff and Beth Belk all of Sweetwater. 17 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren. Several Nieces, nephews, and many special friends. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 5:00P.M. until 8:00P.M. with services to follow at 8:00P.M. in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Phil Homes officiating. Private interment on Wednesday in the Sweetwater Valley Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater Building Fund. Kyker Funeral Home, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhome.com