



Marion Benton

September 19, 1919 - January 21, 2007

Marion Lee, son of Pearl Highfill and Robert Lee Benton was born on September 19, 1919 eight miles west of Alva, Oklahoma. He passed away at The Cheney, Kansas Golden Age Nursing Home on the 21st of January at the age of 87 years, 4 months and 3 days.

He attended the Starr Rural Grade School and the Avard High School.

On February 15, 1942 at Wellington, Kansas he was married to Velma Igean Chambers and she passed away on September 27, 1990.

Following their marriage they lived in Alva until he enlisted in the army on April 6, 1944 serving with the Company B 70th armored infantry battalion in the European Theater and was discharged at Fort Macarthur, California on March 7, 1946. He returned to Alva and started back to driving a truck. In 1957 they moved to Hutchinson, Kansas to make their home. After they retired they spent the winters near the gulf in south Texas.

Mr. Benton was preceded in death by his daughter, Beverly Theissen in 1983, his parents and a brother, Bob.

Marion is survived by his two daughters and their husbands, Gwen and Joe Burnett of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Anita and Verlin McHenry of Hutchinson,

Kansas and a son and his wife, Rex and Catherine of Wichita, Kansas. Six grandchildren and their spouses, Jason and Brenda Shuff, Eric and Edie Shuff, Molly LeBlanc, Melissa and Dan Calvery, Terry Sharp and Chris Harrison. Eighteen great grandchildren, Maggie Michael and Mason LeBlanc, Noah and Jonah Calvery, Mercedes Shuff, Jessica, Chelsea, and Katie Shuff, Sara and Beth Van Wye, and Desi, Adam and wife Casey, Isaiah and Aaron Sharp, Will, Jack and Mary Harrison. A sister Zelma Ruth Strong of Warr Acres, Oklahoma, a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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