



Jessie Baxter Byrd

April 1, 1926 - April 25, 2012

Jessie Baxter "J.B." Byrd, age 86 of Oklahoma City, passed away Wednesday April 25, 2012. He was born in Arkansas on April 1, 1926, the 2nd of 7 children born to Clarence and Alma (Dowdle) Byrd. The Byrd family moved to the Wayne, OK area in the mid 1940's. J.B. worked for a short time at the Naval Training Base in Norman, OK before moving to Oklahoma City where he worked at Armour & CO until the plant closed in 1962. He was employed by the City of Oklahoma City for 25 years as a heavy equipment operator, retiring in 1988. J.B. married Helen Helton of Wayne, OK on July 10, 1957, and to this union, 2 children were born. Using his skills with heavy equipment he worked for the town of Lexington for 9 1/2 years, retiring in 1997. He was preceded in death by: By his wife, Helen Byrd; His parents, Clarence & Alma Byrd; Infant son, Jessie David and 2 brothers, Gale Byrd & Bill Byrd. J. B. leaves behind: His daughter, Julia Jones of Dale, OK; His brother, Cleo Byrd of OKC; 3 sisters, Veda Helm of Albuquerque, NM, Helen Millwood of Nashville, AR and Betty Milner of OKC; 4 grandchildren, Sara, Destiny, Jessica & Brittany and Many other loving family and friends. Graveside Services are scheduled for 1:00 P.M. Saturday, April 28, 2012, at the Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. Arrangements by Wilson-Little.