

CECIL BAILEY

1926-2010

MESQUITE: Cecil Bailey, 83, of Mesquite, Texas died October 29, 2010, at his home after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Cecil was born on November 24, 1926, in Bridgeport, Texas the oldest child and only son to Cuil and Vaudie Bailey.

His grandmother's family, the Anderson's, were a pioneering family in North Bridgeport.

He attended Bridgeport schools, and was drafted during his senior year of high school in 1944 to serve in the Army.

He was deployed to Japan and served during the occupation of Japan. Cecil attended Austin College and obtained a bachelors degree in 1950. He then attended the University of North Texas and graduated in 1953 with a Masters degree. He taught school for a total of 34 years and retired in 1983 with 27 of those years being with the Dallas Independent School District. Cecil also taught and coached Jr. High early in his career at Bridgeport. He also coached and was principal at Spade ISD in West Texas.

Cecil was a 32nd degree mason and was a lifetime member of the Bridgeport Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years Joyce Bailey; daughters, Brenda Bailey of Mesquite and Linda Barr and husband, David of Dallas; grandchildren, Scott Hoeft, Lauren Hays and Aaron Barr; sister, Jean Ehle and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandson, Eric Hoeft and his sister, Helen Gregg.

Graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 2 at East Bridgeport Cemetery, Bridgeport.

*Jones Family Funeral Home
1401 Halsell St. • Bridgeport, Tx.*



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