Wasson, Jessie Bryan 'Chief', Jr. | 1933-2011
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Funeral for Jessie Bryan "Chief" Wasson Jr., 78, of Bowie is 2 p.m. Sunday, July 17, at First Baptist Church of Bowie.
Visitation was to be 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at White Family Funeral Home in Bowie.
Graveside service is 1 p.m. Monday, July 18, at Potosi Cemetery in Abilene. Visitation will follow immediately at Potosi Baptist Church in Abilene.
Wasson died Thursday, July 14, 2011, in Wichita Falls.
Born Jan. 22, 1933, in Abilene to J.B. "Jake" and Linda Gertrude (Sterling) Wasson, he graduated from Abilene High School in 1950. He was licensed to the gospel ministry by the First Baptist Church of Bowie Oct. 15, 1975, and received a pastoral ministries diploma from the Seminary Extension Institute of the Southern Baptist Convention Sept. 21, 1982.
Wasson married Shirley Mazy Feb. 4, 1956, in Abilene.
He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force May 23, 1951, and received a direct commission as first lieutenant from the U.S. Army Feb. 20, 1968. He retired from the Army Reserve Feb. 28, 1986, and transferred to the U.S. Army retired list as a major with credit for 42 years of military service on his 60th birthday.
Wasson was also a former Abilene police lieutenant, Texas peace officer, Bowie chief of police and a retired special agent/safety investigator for the U.S. Department of Transportation.
He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bowie. He rode horses.
Wasson is survived by his wife; daughters Donna Bean and husband, Willie, of Alvord and Brenda White and husband, Darwin, of Chico; granddaughters Tara Knarr and husband, Matt, of Decatur and Delise White of Bridgeport; grandsons Bryan White of Chico, Pfc. Brandon Wasson of Schweinfurt, Germany, and John Bean and wife, Erin, of Fort Worth; great-grandson Jessie Knarr of Decatur; mother-in-law Louise Mazy of Bowie; and other family members.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund in Bowie, in care of the funeral home.