

Forrest Lee Bailey | 1923-2015

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Forrest Lee Bailey, 91, of Keeter died Saturday, July 11, 2015.

Graveside service was July 17 at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park.

Forrest was born Dec. 17, 1923, in Colleyville to Earl Wesley and Kate Sparger Bailey. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he married Dorothy Louise Amyett of Fort Worth May 3, 1947.

They moved in 1950 to the area west of Grapevine, now Southlake, where they lived until 1997 when they moved to their new home in Keeter. Forrest worked 35 years at Rector Well Equipment in Fort Worth, advancing to general foreman before he retired. He was a lifelong member of Pleasant Hill Advent Christian Church in Southlake. In the community, he was known by many names: Skeeter, Skeezi, Slim, Forrest and F.L. He was also known as a generous farmer, tireless rancher and an expert tractor mechanic.

Forrest is survived by his wife of 68 years, Dorothy; son Gaylon Bailey of Southlake; daughters Donna Bailey Robinson of Southlake and Paula Bailey Egger (Douglas) of Keeter; grandchildren Jacy Bailey Zegowitz of Crofton, Md., Justin Robinson of Keller, Colin Bailey of Southlake, Randi Egger Leatherwood of Grapevine and Valerie Egger Lavalley of Keller; and 15 great-grandchildren.