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Memorial Obituary

Entered Into Eternal Rest
Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1999

VIRGIL HOWARD JONES

Virgil Howard Jones was born Sept. 25, 1917, the third child of Martin Claude Jones and Edna Pearl Barber Jones. He departed this life Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1999, in Citizens Memorial Hospital, Bolivar, at the age of 82 years and 11 days.

As a child he was an active participant in the Methodist church and was baptized as a teenager.

Virgil served in the 35th Infantry Division of the United States army. His division was assigned to Gen. George Patton's Third Army during World War II.

On Oct. 29, 1946, he was united in marriage to Beulah Fay McGatha and settled into life as a farmer and a carpenter. They raised two daughters, Peggy and Betty. He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Edna Jones; one brother, Oren; and one sister, Beulah Mae.

He is survived by his wife, Beulah; his daughters, Peggy Pittman and Betty Irvin; one son-in-law, Michael Irvin; five grandchildren, Scott, Todd and Brent Irvin and Jason and Rebecca Pittman; two great-grandchildren, Ashely Madden and Johnathan Irvin; six sisters-in-law, June Jones, Maralyn and Junior Spencer, June and Oris Lee Gannaway, Dorothy and Wayne Cohoon, Penny and Lyman Crisp and Helen and Joe Bedolla; five brothers-in-law, Joe McGatha, Meredith and Mary McGatha, Billy and Jerry McGatha, Donald McGatha and Alden McGatha; also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

Virgil enjoyed simple pleasures such as coon hunting, fishing and telling great stories. He was espe-



cially proud of his children and grandchildren, and his humor and love will be greatly missed.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, in Brumback Funeral Home, with Ralph Benham officiating. Burial was in Stockton Cemetery.

Fishing Time

*I'm glad my father fished
some summer days
And found his happiness
in simple ways:
I'm also glad he never
thought it wrong
To take a little
fishing child along.*

*—
G. S. S.*