

## Elmer E. 'Bud' Blackwell

RANGER — Elmer E. "Bud" Blackwell, 97, died in an Abilene hospital.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today at Mesquite and Rusk Streets Church of Christ. Clyde Antwine and Jim Hall will officiate. Burial will be in Alameda Cemetery, directed by Edwards Funeral Home of Ranger.

Mr. Blackwell was born in Chaney where he attended school. He was the widower of Ruby Ruth Strickler, whom he married in 1923. He served on the Chaney School Board and then on the Chaney, Alameda, and Salem Mt. Consolidated. He was re-elected to the Alameda School Board. He moved to Ranger in 1962. He served as a County Committeeman for the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation for 32 years. As one of the original directors for the Comanche County Electric Coop, he helped bring electricity to the rural people of Eastland County in 1939. He served on the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association and had been president of the Eastland County Farm Bureau. He was also a committeeman for the Farm and Home Administration for four years.

Survivors include four sons, Ray Blackwell of Midland, Herman Blackwell of Arlington, Edward Blackwell of Panhandle, and Virgil Blackwell of Towa Park; one daughter, June Ice of Abilene; one brother, D.W. "Slim" Blackwell of Midland; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.