

Bill Harper

RANGER - Charles E. (Bill) Harper, 74, of Ranger, died at 12:55 a.m. Friday at Ranger General Hospital after a lengthy illness. Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Eastside Baptist Church.

The Rev. Jerry Steer, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be at Alameda Cemetery, near Ranger, directed by Edwards Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 26, 1911, in Blackwell, he married Pauline Blankenship Aug. 1, 1930, in Ranger. He was a member and deacon of Eastside Baptist Church. He attended Ranger Schools. He was employed by Arco Pipeline 29 years, retiring in 1973 and moving back to Ranger.

He and his wife served 11 years as dorm parents at Ranger Junior College.

Survivors include his wife of Ranger; two sons, J. D. Harper of Austin and Charles E. Harper, Jr. of Sewell, N.J.; one daughter, Joy Gilbert of Victoria; two brothers, Joe Harper of Austin and Truman Harper of Tyler; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.