

## Charles Ray Burnett

Tuscola, Texas - Charles Ray Burnett, 80, of Tuscola, passed away on February 15, 2008, at a local hospital.

Visitation for family and friends will be 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 17, 2008, at Elmwood Funeral Home, 5750 HWY 277 South. His funeral service with the Reverend Buddy Goodgame officiating will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 18, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Tuscola. Burial will follow in Alameda Cemetery, near Lake Leon at 3 p.m. under the direction of Elmwood Funeral Home of Abilene.

Charles was born on March 13, 1927 to Lloyd and Nettie Burnett in Ranger, Texas. He joined the United States Navy at the age of 17, and served twenty-three and half years. While in the military all four of his children were born. He received the honor of Sailor of the Month several times. He married Wilda Cumby on August 17, 1985 at the First Methodist Church in Tuscola.

He is survived by his wife, Wilda of Tuscola; his step-children, Kyle Swinney and wife, Rhonda of Abilene, and Tod Gathings and wife, Kathie of Weatherford; his children, Ricky Burnett of Richardson, Ray Burnett and wife, Phyllis of Allen, Gwenlyn Burnett of Richardson, Rhonda Morris and husband, Jesse of Abilene; ten grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.