Grover Wilson Smith, a native of DeQuincy, Louisiana, was born on July 25, 1924, and passed away on Oct. 7, 2017, at the age of 93.

He was a Veteran of World War II and during his service he fought in the Rhine River Crossing battle. He received the highest medal awarded during peace time in Louisiana. Grover retired from the U.S. Army after 30 years of service. Also, he was retired from Citgo and Occidental Chemical.

There were three things in life important to Grover Smith; his church, his family and his country. He was the oldest surviving male member of the Pentecostal Church where he has been a member since 1940. He served in many capacities including Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, youth leader, head usher and an active Board Member. Anyone who knew Bro. Grover knew his to be a loyal dedicated member of the church and extremely loyal to his Pastor.

Grover was a family man. For over 50 years the family would gather to enjoy Sunday dinners in the family home. He loved woodworking and was very skillful with his hands. He also loved working in his garden.

He was a wonderful husband, awesome father and loving grandfather. He will be greatly missed by his family, church family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Dorothy Smith; sons, James “Jim” Smith and wife Cynthia of DeQuincy, Rev. Terry L. Smith and wife Adra of Kinder, Louisiana and Donald “Dubby” Smith and wife Jean of Easley, South Carolina. He is also survived by seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his sister Joyce Davenport of Angleton, Texas and brother, Gregory D. Smith of Beaumont, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grover Cleveland Smith and Lela Estelle Rasberry Smith; his sisters Anna Mae Royer, Grace Malone, Mae Del Robertson, Mildred Goodman and Clara Sue Smith and one brother, J. L. Smith.
The family will receive friends today, Oct. 9, 2017, from 5-8 p.m. and on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at The Pentecostal Church, DeQuincy. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017, beginning at 1 p.m. at The Pentecostal Church, DeQuincy with Pastor Wayne Neyland and Rev. Terry L. Smith officiating. Interment will follow at DeQuincy Memorial Park.

Arrangements are being handled by Riley Smith Funeral Home DeQuincy, La.