Vernon D. Smith

GLADEWATER, Texas—Services for Vernon D. Smith, 87, of Gladewater will be held today, July 23, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Croley Funeral Home chapel in Gladewater with the Rev. Todd Kaunitz officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Croley Funeral Home in Gladewater.

Born on Sept. 29, 1923, in Pineville he died on Thursday, July 21. He was a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps, having served during World War II. For most of his adult life, he was a member and deacon at First Baptist Church, Sulphur. He was instrumental in forming the Agin’ Cajun Senior Adult Choir. In later years, he was a member of First Baptist Church in Gilmer and First Baptist Church in Gladewater, active in the music program in both churches.

His volunteer work included West Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital Auxiliary president and Gladewater Lee Public Library volunteer.

He retired from Citgo Oil Refinery in Lake Charles after a life-long career as an electrician.

His hobbies included woodworking and spending quality time with his family and friends. He and his wife especially enjoyed traveling throughout the world.

He is survived by daughter Delia Smith of Ashland, Ore.; daughter-in-law Marcy Smith of Gladewater; grandchildren Todd and Deanna Smith of Shreveport, Johnny and Veronica Dougan of Kilgore and Tracey and Terry Holmes of Nacogdoches; great-grandchildren Kaylee, Blaine, Blake, Morgan and Avery; and loving nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William H. and Mary Smith; wife, Sarah Smith; son, Ernie Smith; and brothers, Howard Smith and Edgar Smith.

No visitation is scheduled.