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Talequah, OK

TAHLEQUAH - Services for Edwin Gail Wooters, 86, will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 03, 2007, in the Hart Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Berneil Rogers officiating. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa, OK. Services are under the direction of Hart Funeral Home of Tahlequah. Pallbearers are Ronnie Carlile, T.J. McGriff, Garry Roberts, James Shurm, Marvin Gault and Bob Stiles.

Gail was born on July 29, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore "Ted" Wooters. He worked for a while as a roustabout and then enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served from Oct. 14, 1942, until his honorable discharge Jan. 14, 1946, after receiving a purple heart in the liberation of the Philippines.

He returned to Henderson, Ky., and on July 13, 1946 married the love of his life, Georgia Francis Russell, a marriage which lasted 50 years until Georgia's death in 1999. Together they raised their daughter, Phyllis D. Cheek. Gail worked for Texaco for 36 years and then retired. He loved to work. But when he had spare time, Gail could be found bowling in league, loved camping at the lake and fishing trips with his wife and grandkids. He was a 32nd degree Mason and belonged to the Lodge in Corydon, Ky.

He really enjoyed attending the meetings of "The Dead Eyes," the 382nd Infantry Division he served with during World War II. But he was the happiest when he could spend time with his wife, daughter, grand and great-grandchildren. He also loved the title of "Mayor of Kelly Street", a title given him by his neighbors for numerous jobs performed around the neighborhood and the many friends at Yates Auto Mall he made while working there as a transport technician. He was of the Christian faith.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife Georgia in 1999, brother James D. Wooters and one sister Betty Jane Self. Those left to cherish his memory include his daughter, Phyllis Cheek of Glendale, Ariz.; three adored grandchildren Deborah Ann and Frank Panzica of Spring, Texas, Laura Napierkowski of Phoenix, Ariz., Michael and Ha Cheek of Glendale, Ariz.; four special sisters, Wanda and Joe Meuth, Billie Wooters, and Mary Ann Jeffries all of Henderson, Ky. and Fern Holland of Smith Mills, Ky., five great grandchildren, Shannon, Danielle, and T.J. McGriff and Joshua and Jason Williams, many nieces, nephews, cousins as well as his many friends at Yates Auto Mall and all his buddies on Kelly Street.

The family requests those wishing to send an expression of sympathy consider making a donation in Gail's name to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, Attn: Contributions, One Intrepid Square, West 46th

Street and 12th Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10036, or on the Web at www.fallenheroesfund.org, or to the charity of your choice. Hart Funeral Home, 1506 N. Grand, 456-8823.