



BOYKIN, RAYMOND

Co E 381st Infantry

Raymond Boykin, born December 23, 1921 in Antlers, OK, the son of Bill and Olive Boykin went to be with his Savior on December 24, 2011 at the age of 90 years and 1 day.

Raymond grew up in Soper, OK until he joined the Army in 1942. He fought in the South Pacific until he was wounded in Okinawa on April 20, 1945. After spending 15 months in the Army hospital he returned to Soper, OK where he married Katie Waugh, the love of his life, on June 23, 1946. They made their home on a farm north of Soper until it burned down on May 4, 1950, where they lost everything. After the fire Raymond and Katie moved to Oklahoma City where he worked at the American Body and Trailer.

In 1953 Raymond received a calling into the ministry. He began attending Pentecostal Holiness Bible College. During this time he began pasturing at Knob Hill Assembly of God Church in Oklahoma City. In 1956 Raymond and Katie moved to Ft. Towson, OK where he pastored the Assembly of God church for 4 years. On May 4, 1960 their home in Soper was destroyed by a tornado. They lost all of their worldly goods, but survived with their children and faith. After rebuilding on the same location, Raymond worked at various jobs until 1966, when he moved the family to Purcell to pastor the Assembly of God church. He was the pastor for 3 years until he decided to return to Soper due to health problems from his war injuries.

In 1968 he began raising cattle and recuperated at home until he was called back into the ministry at Pickens, OK in 1976. At the age of 62 he retired. Raymond and Katie decided to move to Noble, OK in 1984 because the Oklahoma District asked him to start a church in Noble where there had never been an Assembly of God church. They began holding services in their living room with 14 people. With the help of the Oklahoma District, other churches and friends, they were able to buy land to begin constructing an actual church building in 1986. It took over a year to complete the new Assembly of God church of Noble. Raymond served as pastor at the Assembly of God church in Noble until he retired for the final time in 1989.

He and Katie, his wife of 65 ½ years, continued to live in Noble until he went home to be with his Heavenly Father. Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter, Janice Carol; two brothers, Charlie Boykin and Alford Boykin; and sister, Josie Ice. Family requests all donations be made to the Assembly of God building fund.

SURVIVORS INCLUDE: wife, Katie Boykin of Nobel, OK; two sons, Don Boykin and wife Cathy of Purcell, OK; Phil Boykin and wife Shirley of Oklahoma City, OK; two daughters, Sharon Rayburn and husband Clark of Oklahoma City, OK and Phyllis Allee and husband Al of Frederick, OK; six brothers, Garland Boykin of Oklahoma City, OK, Donald Boykin of Mustang, OK, Orval Boykin of Oklahoma City, OK, Haston Boykin, Burrell Boykin and Vance Boykin all of Soper, OK; two sisters, Lillian Waugh of Hugo, OK and Dollie Burton of Soper, OK; six grandchildren, Brent Boykin and wife Sonya, Amanda Rayburn, Holly Long and husband Shelby, Clint Rayburn and wife Michelle, Allissan Smith and husband Lee and Aspen Colorado and husband Brent; eight great grandchildren along with a host of other family and friends.