



IN MEMORIAM



Leslie "Gene" Fooks

November 22, 1921 - October 31, 2009



Leslie "Gene" Fooks, 87, of Alamosa Street, passed away Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009, at Lakeview Christian Home. Visitation will be 1-2:30 p.m. Friday at Denton-Wood Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Friday at Denton-Wood Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Terry McKean officiating. Interment will follow in Carlsbad Cemetery. Carlsbad Veterans' Honor Guard will provide military honors. Denton-Wood Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Leslie "Gene" Fooks was born Nov. 22, 1921, in Texico, N.M., to Mack Churchill and Rosa Katoria (Miller) Fooks. His military career was as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Following the military, he attended Abilene Christian University graduating in 1948, and then he began his work as a minister of the gospel. Gene retired from the ministry in 1970, but continued as chaplain at Lakeview Christian Home for 18 years. He is the author of five books: "The Tipton Home Story," "Select Stories By Christians," "Fellowship of

Believers," "The Desert Queen" (a book of poems) and the most recent book, "The Pre-Atomic Age." He was a member of several civic organizations while here in Carlsbad, including Lions Club, Friday Focus, VFW, American Legion and Ministers Alliance, just to name a few.

He will be remembered as a loving man of principal, courage, conviction and faith. His hobbies included volunteer work, gardening, writing, bible study groups and photography. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mack and Rosa Fooks; four sisters; and six brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Jean Fooks of Carlsbad, N.M.; two daughters: Jackie Fooks of Bakersfield, Calif., and Kathy Gage and husband, Larry of Portland, Ore.; three grandchildren: Brian Gage and wife, Robin of Marina Del Rey, Calif., Derek Gage of Atlanta, Ga., and Leslie Gage of Atlanta, Ga.; and nephew, Ken Vanderslice of Duncan, Okla.

Pallbearers will be Larry Gage, Derek Gage, Rick McKean, John Russell, David Long and Don Patterson.