

JIMMY JEFFERSON STROUD

Funeral services for Mr. Jimmy Jefferson "Jim" Stroud, age 80, of Centerville, were held Saturday at 3 p.m. in the North Creek Baptist Church near Centerville. The Rev. W. Lynn Stroud, the Rev. Richard Ray, and the Rev. G. Wayne McNeill officiated. Interment followed in the North Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Hardy Watson, Travis Hunter, Billy Jack Skinner, Robert Lynn Jones, Ray Skaines, and Ronnie Langley.

Mr. Stroud was born Oct. 17, 1920 in Overton to William Fisher and Lugenia Kelley Stroud. He was a retired oilfield worker and farmer. He had lived in rural Centerville for many years and was a member of the North Creek Baptist Church. Mr. Stroud was a veteran of WWII serving in the 84th Division of the Army. He fought in several major battles including Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Stroud died Thursday afternoon, July 5, 2001 in a Crockett nursing home after an extensive illness.

He was preceded in death by six brothers and five sisters.

Mr. Stroud is survived by his wife, Ruth Stroud of Centerville; four sons, the Rev. W. Lynn Stroud and wife, Kay of Montalba, Jimmy Stroud and wife, Cara of Kingwood, Donald Stroud and wife, Jo Anne, Clifford Stroud and wife, Teresa of Centerville; a daughter, Patsy North Stroud of Centerville; nine grandchildren, and several step-grandchildren.

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