

Robert L. Dodd, 89, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013, in the Vici Nursing Home.

He was born Feb. 5, 1924, to Robert L. and Flora (Rhiness) Dodd in Kismet.

He married Joyce Elaine Criswell March 15, 1947, in Liberal. She died in 2010.

He attended school in Kismet.

He was inducted into the United States Army and served his country in England during World War II before being honorably discharged as a sergeant E6 in 1945. He later went to work in the oilfield in Liberal and Woodward, Okla., becoming vice president for Jakes Casing. He later worked as area salesman for Cantwell Casing, Clarence Casing, Well Tech and Weatherford Lamb.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and was baptized in 1984.

He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Elks Lodge and the American Petroleum Institute.

He enjoyed serving in the church and being with his family. He also enjoyed the "church singings" at Canton, fishing at Canton Lake with his brother-in-law, Bill House, who preceded him in death last year and friend, Dean Randell. He also enjoyed hunting pheasants and quail with Ken Paulson and many other family and friends.

He is survived by one son, Robert James Dodd and wife, Patricia, Edgewood, Texas; one daughter, Sharon Geerdes and husband, Terry, Bixby; one sister, Billie Jean House, Liberal; six

grandchildren, Christopher Geerdes, Los Angeles, Trevor Geerdes and wife, Sonia, San Mateo, Calif., Jackie Gray and husband, Kevin, Castle Rock, Colo., Jerri Heizer and husband, Tim, Lee's Summit, Mo., Jan Hathcock and husband, Mike, Lee's Summit, and Dawn Garrison and husband, Troy, Tyler, Texas; eight great-grandchildren, Tora Geerdes, Skylar and Tanner Gray, Madison and Grant Heizer, Colton and Bennett Baxter and Amanda Ripple; daughter-in-law, Johnny Tice, Lee's Summit; friend, Betty Mitchell, Woodward; and other relatives and friends.

He was also preceded in death by sons, Steve and Charlie Dale, brothers, Tom Dodd and Roy Smith, and sisters, Leona Bullard and Audrey Jarvis.

o Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, in the Billings Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Tony Barros presiding.

Burial was at the Elmwood Cemetery with the United States Army providing military graveside rites.

Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church Building Fund with the funeral home accepting.

Remembrances may be shared online at www.billingsfuneralhome.com.