

DR. HAROLD ELLIOT BRUNSON SR.

Funeral services for Harold Elliott Brunson Sr., 82, will be held at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Jacksonville, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 28, 2008, with Drs. Perry Purtle and Hal Brunson officiating. Burial will be at the Still Waters Memorial Garden of Autry Funeral Home, Jacksonville. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at Autry Funeral Home.

Dr. Brunson died Sunday, May 25, 2008, in Plano.

A nationally known evangelist and beloved pastor, Dr. Brunson conducted over 1,200 evangelistic crusades throughout the United States, and pastored several churches in East Texas including the First Baptist Churches of Carthage and Jacksonville. Known for masterful homiletics, pulpit grace, and scripture memorization, Dr. Brunson was called "a legend among preachers" by the late Professor S. Lewis Johnson of Dallas Theological Seminary and "the master homiletician" by Dr. Harold Cooper of Central Baptist College. Born Jan. 10, 1926, Dr. Brunson was a World War II veteran of the United States Marine Corps and an experienced pilot.



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Preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Ollie Dean, Dr. Brunson is survived by his daughter, Sonia Peterson and husband Mike of Tyler; a son, Dr. Hal Brunson and wife Judy of Carrollton; and five grandchildren: Trey Brunson, Shane McGuire, Dr. Matt Brunson, Charlie Peterson, and Chelsea Peterson.

In lieu of flowers, Harold Brunson himself requested that memorial offerings be sent to The Church of Mercy in Cambodia, c/o The First Baptist Church, 5304 East Parker Road, Parker, 75002. The family sincerely thanks those whose outpouring of love and prayers have so encouraged them and honored their beloved "Ace."