Mr. Robert Clifton Bennett, age 77 of Grapeland, passed away Friday, March 26, 2010 at Palestine Regional Hospital. Mr. Bennett was born September 4, 1932 in Groveton, Texas and had lived in Grapeland for the past 22 years. He was a Korean War veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Bennett retired to Grapeland after 38 years of service in the Air Force and Civil Service as an electronic technician; most recent service was with the Federal Aviation Administration at Houston Intercontinental Airport. He was a Baptist church of Grapeland, Latexo Baptist Church, and Beaumont Place Baptist Church in Houston.

Mr. Bennett loved God and had a passion for teaching God's word, actively participating in church visitation, working with other men of the church to build the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church in Grapeland, and actively coming to the aiding to those in need. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife Evelyn Pauline Bennett; daughter Donna Bennett McHaney and husband Jeffrey Scott Crook; granddaughters Amy Xiao Crook and Haley Qiongyu Crook, both of Grapeland; grandson Daniel Paul Cantron, of Hemet, Calif.; sisters Jackie Richardson, Vee Ola Corso, of Kalamaz, Wash. and Sonia Albright and husband Doyle Albright, of Portland, Ore.; brother Travis Leland Bennett and wife Mona Bennett, of Kalamaz, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.
Preceded in death by her son Robert Keith Bennett; father and mother Herman Bennett and Savilla Blaylock Bennett; sisters Verna Johnston, Lee Ola Middleton; and brother Chester Bennett.

Memorial Services for Mr. Robert Clifton Bennett will be held Saturday, April 3, 2010 at First Baptist Church in Grapeland at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor David Bradley and Dr. Bill Jones officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Building Fund, First Baptist Church of Grapeland, 408 W. Chestnut, Grapeland, Texas 75844.