



Charles Van Patten,

December 2, 1923

Charles Dale Van Patten, Sr., 87, of Searcy, died Monday, July 11, 2011. He was born December 2, 1923 in Pangburn, Arkansas, the son of I B and Linnie Ray Van Patten.

Dale is preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Herman Van Patten. He is survived by his wife, Sally Van Patten of Searcy; a daughter, Angie Van Patten and a son, Chuck Van Patten, both of North Little Rock; a granddaughter, Alicia Vaughan and two great grandchildren of Flagstaff, Arizona; two step-daughters, Shirley Betts Baugh (Vaughan) and Peggy Betts Smith (Gary); four step-grandchildren and eight step-great grandchildren; and two brothers, Leon and Irvin Van Patten.

Dale was a 33 degree Mason, a decorated WWII Combat Medic Veteran who was awarded the Bronze Star; a member of the First United Methodist Church of Searcy; a graduate of the University of Arkansas; and a member of the Razorback Marching Band. He had a passion for music, which was “the purest pleasure of his life.”

Graveside funeral services will be Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Searcy. A memorial service will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home of Searcy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pangburn United Methodist Church or to the Whitewood Shriners Temple. www.powellfuneralhome.net