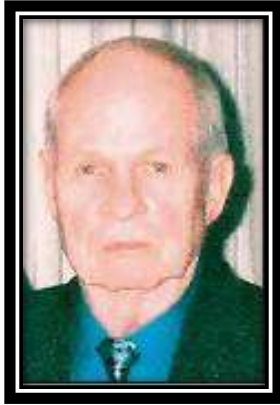


1SG (Ret) Ralph H. Helms

December 11, 1929 - April 11, 2008



Funeral for Ralph H. Helms Sr., 78, Lawton, will be at noon Wednesday in the Whinery-Huddleston Chapel. Mr. Helms died Friday, April 11, 2008, in Lawton. Interment with full military honors will be in the Fort Sill National Cemetery under the direction of Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Home.

He was born on December 11, 1929, in Erwin, N.C., to Earnest T. and Addie Waller Helms. He attended school in Durham, N.C., and enlisted in the Army on June 17, 1947. He served for the next 20 years in Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Germany and other European nations. He received the Bronze Star Medal along with other medals and awards. He retired from the military in 1967 at the rank of first sergeant. He married Lucie Tischer on August 21, 1961, in Bremerhaven, Germany. They moved to Lawton in 1964. He was a member of VFW Post 5263, DAV No. 56, and Vietnam Veterans of America Lawton Chapter 751.

Survivors include his wife Lucie, Lawton; a son, J.R. Helms, Lawton and a granddaughter, Kasey Helms, Topeka, Kan. Friends and family may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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