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Funeral service for Donald “Don” L. McFatter, 87, of DeRidder, LA will be held at 11:00 AM Monday, March 10, 2014, at First Baptist Church in DeRidder with Rev. Jerry Masters and Rev. Lindsey Burns officiating. Burial will follow in Sugartown Cemetery, under the direction of Labby Memorial Funeral Home of DeRidder, LA. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2014, 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the funeral home in DeRidder and Monday, March 10, 2014, 10:00 AM until the time of the service at the church. Don was born on Sunday, March 28, 1926, to John and Nannie Moore McFatter in Sugartown, LA. He was a native of Sugartown and graduated from Sugartown High School in 1942. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1943 until 1946 with service in the Pacific Theatre. He graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry in 1949. Don was employed in 1949 by the Louisiana Forestry Commission and served at every supervisory level including the State Forester’s position as head of the agency. He retired in 1984 with 35 years of service. Eighteen of those years were spent in DeRidder as District Forester over Beauregard, Vernon, and Calcasieu Parishes. Don logged over 2300 hours flying fire patrol over Southwest Louisiana reporting fires and directing fire crews action on those fires. He led five crews with trucks and tractors into Cameron following Hurricane Audrey arriving in Cameron 18 hours ahead of any similar help including the Army. Don received in 1960 the Charles E. Dunbar Career Service Award in recognition of distinguished public service. During 1969 – 70 he served as Rotary International District Governor for Rotary District 6200. Don served as president of the National Association of State Foresters during 1979-80 and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of State Foresters and L.S.U. School of Forestry Alumnus of the Year in 1984. Don retired in 1984 and moved back to DeRidder in 1990. He was honored to serve as King of the DeRidder’s Mardi Gras Celebration in 1993 and



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served a term on both the Tourist Commission, the Beauregard Parish Airport Board and has served as the Chairman of Beauregard's United Way Fund Drive. He also served one term as member of the Greater DeRidder Chamber of Commerce Board and two 3-year terms as member of the Beauregard Country Club Board and as President of the club in 1996. Don passed from this life on Friday, March 7, 2014, at Alexandria, LA. Don is survived by his wife, married 63years, Bobbie Batchelor McFatter of DeRidder, LA; 1 daughter, Donna Miller and husband Wade of DeRidder, LA; 2 grandchildren, Stacy and wife Melissa and Mark and wife Kari and 5 great grandchildren, Ashley, Josh, Lindsey, Jay and Ryan. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Leland McFatter and Milton McFatter.



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