

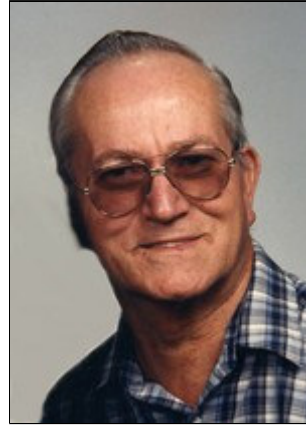
## Dorman Funeral Home

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### Gerald D. Cockerham

(September 12, 1926 - September 17, 2008)

Gerald D. Cockerham, 82, of Vinton, Louisiana, passed away Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at the Memorial Hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi while evacuated for Hurricane Ike. A mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on Meeks Drive in Orange. Father Tom Phelan, pastor of the church will be the celebrant. Rite of committal will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Orange. A gathering of family and friends will be from 5:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. Monday at Dorman Funeral Home in Orange. A christian wake will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home and will be conducted by Deacon Harvey DuBois.



Born on September 12, 1926 in Jena, Louisiana to William and Ella (Arminda) Cockerham, he lived in the area since 1947, he married Frances Ann Nezat on July 2, 1949 in Sulphur, Louisiana, he worked for and retired in 1976 from the Equitable Bag Company in Orange where he was an oiler and her also had worked in the shipyards in Orange. Mr. Cockerham enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping on Lake Sam Rayburn and using his mechanical ability to work on cars. He was a happy go lucky kind of guy with a great sense of humor who loved and was loved by many and he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents when he was a young boy, he is also preceded in death by his granddaughter, Trixie Broussard; his sisters, Mary Cockerham and Eunice Allbritton; and his brothers, E.P. "Snooks" Cockerham and Dewey Cockerham. Those who will most cherish his memory are his loving wife of 59 years, Frances Ann Cockerham of Vinton, Louisiana; his daughters, Ellen Broussard and her husband Kenneth and Janice Campbell and her husband Robert all of Orange; son, Jerry Cockerham and his wife Mona of West Orange, Texas; grandchildren, Chad Broussard, Brandon Broussard, Christopher Cockerham, Jason Cockerham, Jeremy Scott Cockerham, Tausha Patton, Robert Paul Campbell and Dezerae Campbell. Pallbearers will be Chad Broussard, Brandon Broussard, Jason Cockerham, Scott Cockerham, Robert Paul Campbell and Jerry East. Honorary pallbearers are going to be Chris Cockerham, Harold Allbritton, William "Huey" Cockerham and J. W. Cockerham.

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