BENTON - Services for Mr. Lewis Dale Whipple, 82, will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, January 31, 2013 at Centuries Memorial Funeral Home, 8801 Mansfield Road, Shreveport, LA. Officiating will be Pastor Danny Gleason of Benton United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at 1 p.m. at Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, Keithville, LA.

Visitation with the family will be from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at Centuries Memorial Funeral Home.

Lewis Dale Whipple was born on August 4, 1930 in Conneaut, Ohio. He left there at age 17 and enlisted in the USAF where he served for 10 years. (4 Active and 6 Reserves). He served during the Korean War and was involved with the Berlin Airlift, the greatest humanitarian effort by the U.S. Upon return to the U.S. he was assigned to Barksdale AFB in Bossier City, LA. While there he met and married on April 21, 1950 Dorothy Cook, who was to become his best friend and wonderful wife for over 62 years. Two beautiful daughters, Julie and Debi, were born to them. After his military service he worked for Allis-Chalmers in Columbus, Ohio for 3 years. Left Ohio and moved back to Louisiana in 1955 and was hired by Caterpillar Inc., where he remained for 30 years retiring in 1985. Dale was predeceased by his parents Florence J. and Andrew J. Whipple and his sister Marguerite E. Whipple. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Cook Whipple, daughters Julie and her husband Randy Nix, Debi and her husband Chris Friloux. Also there are 6 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, all very much loved.

Dale passed away January 28, 2013 at age 82. He was of the Methodist faith and most recently attended the Benton United Methodist Church. He also was a Life Member of the VFW, VFW Post 5099 Commander 14 times and a member of the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Posse since its inception. He enjoyed his many years volunteering at the Overton Brooks VA Hospital in Shreveport. Dale was also very active with the Berlin Airlift Veterans Association, serving as its Vice President for many years. It is at his request a Memorial Service be held at the Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Keithville, LA., where he will be interred along with his wife. In lieu of flowers, he requests donations be made to the charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank the 4th floor nursing staff at Christus Schumpert on St. Mary Place, Dr. Mark Callaway and Grace Home for their love, care and compassion.