

Son was 5-days-old when father left for War: 63 years later, father comes home

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Bill Burkett never knew his father.

He was five-days when his father, 28-year-old Lawrence Burkett shipped out for World War II. Saturday, he will finally be laid to rest in his hometown of Jefferson following a service at Friendship Baptist Church. It's a bittersweet experience for his son.

His mother, Dora, died in 1994, never knowing what happened to her husband. She never remarried.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 on Saturday. The service will follow at 3 at Friendship Baptist Church.