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John Akers

TRINITY - Memorial services for John Akers, 87, were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2007, at Waller-Thornton Funeral Home in Trinity with the Rev. Jim Parrish officiating.

Mr. Akers died Thursday, March 8, in Tyler.

He was born April 29, 1919, in Fort Worth and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He retired from Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth after more than 30 years of service.

Mr. Akers was known as a family man but when he was not spending time with family, he could be found fishing. He also had a green thumb and took pride in his yard.

He was preceded in death by his birth mother, Lillian Moss; his adoptive grandparents, John and Iva Dell Akers; and a sister, Berna Dell.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Mrs. Beatrice Akers; a daughter and her spouse, Judy and Alan Crane; two sons, David Akers and Randy Akers; three stepsons and their spouses, Johnny Griffin and Judy Gearheart, Douglas and Monica Rowe and Kenny Wayne and Vandalyn Rowe; one step-daughter and her spouse, Barbara and Ray McClintock; a sister, Ruth Cook; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives.

Waller-Thornton Funeral Home of Trinity directed the arrangements.