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Robbie Bailey

GROVETON – Services for Bro. Robbie Bailey, 79, of Groveton were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at the Groveton First Baptist Church with Bros. Lewis Jones, Horace Fletcher and David Horace officiating.

Private internment services were held in the Boonetown Cemetery.

He died Sunday, Feb. 24, at his residence.

Bro. Bailey was born April 29, 1928, in Westville, the son of David Conrad and Atmo Ellis.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War and was currently serving as associate pastor of the First Baptist Church. Previously, he served as pastor at the Josserand Baptist Church of over 23 years, at the Missionary Baptist Church in Lufkin for two years and at the Friday Baptist Church for four years. He also was the music minister at the First Baptist Church in Groveton for five years.

Bro. Bailey was a member of several singing groups, including The Footlighters and Friends, Southern Praise and One Way. He also was a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Betty Thorne Bailey; three daughters and their spouses, Debbie and Sammy Wilson of Groveton, Holly and Danny Gilbert of Groveton and LuAnn and Lowell Fortenberry of Wimberly; a granddaughter, Trilby Fortenberry; five grandsons and a spouse, Robbie David Wilson, Brad and Amie Wilson, Lodin Fortenberry, Chris Gilbert and Casey Gilbert; two great-granddaughters, Peyton Ordaz and Mercedes Wilson; a great-grandson, Gunner Wilson; and a number of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers included Brad Wilson, Robbie David Wilson, Glen Ringo, Gerald Fails, Dan Dominy and Calvin Kersh. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Class of '47.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Groveton Funeral Home directed the arrangements.