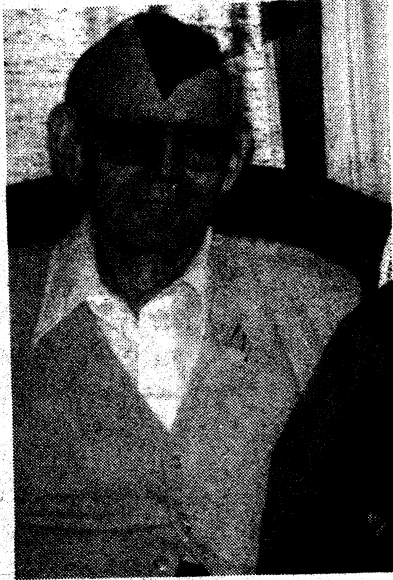


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Mr. James Birch

## Wednesday Rites Held For James Birch

Funeral services for James Birch, age 85, of Grapeland were held Wednesday, September 30 in Bailey & Foster Chapel in Grapeland with Dr. Jack Shoultz officiating. Burial followed in Dalley Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster, Grapeland.

Pallbearers were J.E. Kastrop, Maurice Hatton, John Hatton, Buddy Taylor, Terry Shafer and Thomas Ray Birch.

Mr. Birch died Saturday, September 26, 1998 at East Texas Medical Center in Crockett. He was born on February 16, 1913 in Houston to the late James D. Birch and Emma Cooper Birch. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Emma Carmine Birch, and three brothers, Thomas Lee Birch, Joseph Owen Birch, and Charles Melbourne Birch. Mr. Birch was retired as a manager for Englewood Hardware. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Earl Birch, two daughters, Earl Dee Hatton of Village Mills and Sharon Ann House of Grapeland; one sister, Nellie Evelyn Seabourne of Humble; one brother, William Wayne Birch of Normangee; four grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.