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### **John "Bugger Red" Bruce**

TRINITY -- Graveside services for John "Bugger Red" Bruce, 71, of Trinity were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2004, in the Antioch Cemetery with the Rev. Michael Loftin officiating.

Mr. Bruce died Monday, March 8, in Crockett.

He was born Sept. 19, 1932, in Houston County, the son of the late Jesse Warns Bruce and Laura Knighten Bruce. A graduate of Trinity High School, Mr. Bruce was a life member of the Trinity Ex-Students Association and a member of Ducks Unlimited.

As a student at Trinity High School, he was employed at Hardy Hardware. He later moved to Houston where he worked for the National Biscuit Co. for three months. Mr. Bruce then returned to Trinity

and went back to work for Hardy Hardware, which was later sold to the Wilkison family and became Wilkison Hardware.

Mr. Bruce was employed all of his adult life at the store until his health started to fail.

He is preceded in death by a brother, Harvey Bruce, and three sisters, Darnell Bruce, Edna Earle Hicks and Ruby Spain.

Survivors include two brothers and sisters-in-law, Durwood and Falba Bruce and J.W. and Hilde Bruce; five nieces and nephews, Sammie Cox, Gary Batten, Gail Nelson, Cindy Westbrook and Todd Bruce; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; and his extended family, including Oren and Pauline Wilkison, Rudy and Cindi Wilkison, Jason and Robin Wilkison, Kelly and Donna Wilkison and Gail McAlexander.

Waller-Thornton Funeral Home of Trinity directed the arrangements.