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Matthew Alexander Burda

GROVETON -- Services for Matthew Alexander Burda, 67, of Weldon were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001, in the Groveton Funeral Home with Bro. Lewis Jones officiating.

Burial followed in the Ellis Prairie Cemetery in Friday.

Mr. Burda died Aug. 20 in Groveton.

He was born Feb. 10, 1934 in Bremond and was affiliated with the Weldon Fire Department and W.T. Bruton Community Park Committee. He was the Houston County Go Texan Bar-B-Que Champion in 1986-87 and was retired from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Eastham Unit where he served as captain and laundry manager for 14 years.

Mr. Burda worked for 27 years at the Port of Houston as the Barbers Cut assistant terminal manager and the Gulf Atlantic Warehouse as wharf supervisor. He served as a U.S. Marine Corps sergeant in Korea as a rifle coach in the honor platoon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Helen Burda and a sister, Barbara Burda.

Survivors include his wife, Jeane Burda of Weldon; a son, Ricky Burda of Lewisville; a daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Buddy Dobbs of The Woodlands; a brother, Reginald Burda of Austin; two grandchildren, Seth Garrison of The Woodlands and Brent Garrison of Weldon; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Cleveland Cotton, Robin Robinson, Melvin Thompson, Marty Hyde, Tracy Dreymla, Kale Dreymla and Berry Davidson. Honorary pallbearers were Raymond Pixley, Clifford Harper and John Hinson.

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