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Clifton Edward Bynum

Funeral services for Clifton Edward Bynum were held Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the Restland Funeral Home with Sidney Carnes and Larry Crocker officiating. Internment followed in Memorial Park of Dallas.

Pallbearers were Mark Marks, Joe Marks, Jake Bynum, Joe Richey, James Dorrell and Doug Sanders.

Mr. Bynum went to be with the Lord on February 11, 2003. He was born in Tyler, on October 8, 1914 to May Dee and Roy Gray Bynum. Clifton married Robbie Skidmore in Tyler in 1941. Robbie is the daughter of the late Chuck and Carrie Skidmore of Grapeland. They were blessed with two children and spent 62 precious years together. In 1935 Clifton began working for the Cotton Belt Railroad in Tyler. In 1952 the family moved to Dallas where he became Assistant Trainmaster for the Southern Pacific Railroad, whom he worked for until he

retired in 1977. He enjoyed his 25 years of retirement taking care of his family and watching his five grandchildren grow up. During this time Clifton and Robbie also traveled to Hawaii, Canada and Mexico. Clifton was a Christian and served as a Deacon at Lakeview Christian Church where he and Robbie were members. He was also a member of the Hella Temple for over 50 years, helping his community. We will all miss our "Clifton, Dad and Paw Paw" until we meet again, when it is our turn to board that Heavenly train, and meet him at the station.

Brother, Percy Bynum, preceded in death.

He is survived by his loving wife, Robbie Skidmore Bynum; his son, Wayne Bynum and wife Trina; a daughter, Suzanne Dorrell, and husband James; five grandchildren, April Bynum, Allison Richey, Jake Bynum, Carrie Cox and Courtney Cox and other relatives and friends.