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JAMES BARD DODD

Mr. James Bard Dodd, age 101, passed away Sept. 18, 2001, in Lovelady, Texas. Mr. Dodd was born Oct. 27, 1899, in Yoakum, Texas.

Survivors include wife Ella Frances Mainer Dodd of Lovelady; sons James B. Dodd III of Lovelady, Gene M. Dodd of Lovelady; daughter Martha Lynn Dodd Gass and husband Nick of New Braunfels, Texas; grandsons James M. Gass, Michael W. Dodd, James B. Dodd IV, Jeffery M. Louis and Toby C. Dodd; granddaughters Janice L. Gass Baucum, Linda K. Gass and Sandy M. Dodd; great-granddaughter Brandi Le Coetz; great-grandson Ethan M. Louis; grandson-in-law Brent A. Baucum; grand daughter-in-law Dallas Louis; special nephews Jack Hiltz and Buddy Karasek; numerous nieces and nephews on Mrs. Ella Frances Mainer Dodd's side of the family.

James Bard Dodd was preceded in death by his parents, James Berry Dodd and Lottie Mae Stough Dodd Koerth; sisters Winnie Dodd Hiltz and Thelma Dodd Karasek; by a brother Barney A. Dodd; by a daughter-in-law

the short-lived **Houston** Hockey Club. He returned to Cuero to manage a new Studebaker automobile firm, but because of the scarcity of cars in the post war years, he joined a former friend, Pete Nowohty, in New Braunfels in the insurance and Real Estate business, where he remained until he and his wife went to her hometown of Lovelady, to the aid of her sister, Margaret Muenker, whose husband had died leaving her with a grocery business to run. The three of them added a dry goods and drug department to the existing meat market and grocery store and stayed in this business until they reached retirement age.

During these years, Bard served on the City Council and took his turn as president of the Lovelady Lions Club. Additionally, he served as Director of the Houston County Hospital Board when the present hospital was built. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a member of the Building Committee when the present church was built in 1967-8. He was instrumental in organizing the present Lovelady State Bank, and was stockholder and director in the bank from 1974 through 1980, until his health prevented him from continued service. Bard and Ella Frances retired and have resided in the original Mainer home since.

Bard was loved by his family and friends and will be greatly missed by all.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2001, Bard Dodd took one of his usual three daily walks. He sat down on the front porch of his home as was his habit. A few minutes later, as he