Thursday, Jan. 13, 1972



Mr. John L. Downs

Mr. John L. Downs of 412 Park Street, Crockett, passed away early Saturday morning in a local hospital.

Mr. Downs, 59, was born Nov. 19, 1913, in Houston County and had lived here for his entire lifetime. He was a member of the Central Baptist Church and was employed by Stowe Lumber Company until illness forced his retirement.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Callaway Memorial Chapel with Rev. Glynn Little officiating. Interment was in the Creek Cemetery at Austonio.

Pallbearers were Alton mcCelvey, Frank Allen, Earl Stowe, Ralph Smith, Joe Lane and Ralph Arnold.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. John L. Downs; six daughters, Mrs. Vera Bynum, Mrs. Tiny Wilson, Mrs. Dorine Kirksey, Miss Josephine Downs, Miss Anita Downs and Miss Janita Downs, all of Crockett; three sons John L. Downs Jr., Edgar Nolan downs and R. L. Downs all of Crockett; three brothers, David Downs of Crockett, Newton Downs and Horace Downs, both of Willis; four sisters, Mrs. Mamie Brewer of Bakersfield, Calif., Mrs. Lula Issack of Willis, Mrs. Claudia McNeil of Alto and Mrs. Ruby McDaniels of Slocum; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Callaway Funeral Home of Crockett.

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