

Zion Hill

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Louis Donald Driskell

GROVETON -- Services for Louis Donald Driskell, 70, were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at the Waller-Thornton Funeral Home in Groveton with the Rev. Louis Jones of Groveton officiating.

The eulogy was presented by John Ethridge.

Burial followed in the Zion Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Driskell died Saturday, Feb. 2, at the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett.

He was born Oct. 17, 1931 in Lovelady and was a 1950 graduate of Trinity High School. During his high school years, he enjoyed playing football for the Trinity Tigers

and was a recipient of the American Legion Award at the school.

Mr. Driskell joined the U.S. Army in 1950 and was stationed in Germany during the Korean War. In 1953 he was married to Jill Nielsen in Copenhagen, Denmark. Prior to his military discharge in 1954, he was transferred to Fort Sill, Okla. where he was awarded the Army Occupation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

After leaving the army, he was employed by Wilson Industries in Houston for a number of years. In 1967, he and his family moved to Great Yarmouth, England, for two years where he was employed by Zapata Oil. Upon returning to the United States in 1969, he resumed his position with Wilson Industries.

He was married in 1971 to Pat Archibald Thomason in 1971 in Livingston and subsequently moved to Singapore to work for Reading and Bates. The family later moved to Brunei where they remained until 1978.

Upon returning to Texas, Mr. Driskell built a home for his family in the Zion Hill community of Trinity County where he resided for more than 20 years. During that period, he performed occasional consulting work in Africa and Argentina.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Driskell of Zion Hill; a son, Steven Driskell of Houston; a daughter and son-in-law, Staci and John McCarty of Lufkin; two stepsons and their spouses, Wes and Dru Thomason of Lufkin and Wade and Melissa Thomason of Trinity; a brother and sister-in-law, Ronald Clifton and Judy Driskell; 10 grandchildren, Jennifer, Erica, Alyssa, Adam, Rebekah, Marcy and Ty Thomason, and Caleb, Kaci and Kelci McCarty; one niece, Monica Driskell; and one nephew and his spouse, Ryan and Senoya Driskell.

Waller-Thornton Funeral Home of Groveton directed the arrangements.