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## Graveside Rites Held For Rev. Edwards

Graveside services for Rev. Jack Edwards, age 80, of Grapeland were held Sunday, afternoon, December 17, in the Augusta Cemetery with Rev. David Bradley officiating, Burial followed in the Augusta Cemetery under the direction of Bailey & Foster Funeral Home-

Grapeland.

Rev. Edwards died early Saturday morning, December 16, 2000, at Grapeland Nursing Center. He was born August 9, 1920, in Collin County, Texas, to Rome V. and Bess Duckworth Edwards. Rev. Edwards was a member of the First Baptist Church of Grapeland. He graduated from Sam Houston State University and Southwestern Theological Seminary. Rev. Edwards was a minister for 50 years and also a teacher in the Texas Educational System.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his wife, Inez McLeod Edwards, who died Au-

gust 10, 2000.

He is survived by two daughters, Jacquelyn Edwards of Houston and Linda Richie of the Augusta community; a son, Melvin Edwards of Fayetteville, North Carolina; sister, Helen Garner of Kansas; grandsons, David Richie of Palestine and Lawrence Richie of Grapeland; and three great grandsons, Ryan, Justin and Jacob Richie.

For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to the Augusta Cemetery Fund.