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### Services Held For Willard Foster

Funeral services for Willard Foster, fondly known as "Paw Paw Willard", age 81, of Denson Springs community were held Thursday, November 29, in the Bailey & Foster Chapel, Palestine, with Rev. Randall Reeves and Rev. Tommy Caskey officiating. Burial followed in Mount Cemetery under the direction of Bailey & Foster.

Grandsons and great grandsons served as pallbearers.

Mr. Foster died Tuesday morning, November 27, 2001, at Palestine Regional Medical Center. He was born December 28, 1919, in Anderson County to J. L. and Janie Beasley Foster. A farmer and rancher, Mr. Foster was a charter member of the Denson Springs Baptist Church and a deacon of the church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Russell Foster, and three sisters, Verna Pierce, Naomi Knick and Amy Warren.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Jones Foster of Denson Springs; two daughters, Neva Arbrough of Bridgeport, and

Thalia Vickery of Denson Springs; two sons, Jesse Foster and Johnny Foster, both of Denson Springs; five sisters, Doris Lively, Ima Perry, Eva Mae Ferrell, all of Palestine, Nelda Jean Caskey of Grapeland, and Melba Power of Longview; eight grandchildren; twenty-eight great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

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