

Elvis Houston Gates

KOUNTZE -- Services for Elvis Houston Gates, 73, of Kountze were held Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000, in the Kountze First Baptist Church. Music was provided by his nephews and speakers included Jason Gates, Harold Gates, Kevin Kennedy and Lester Williams.

Graveside services followed at the Thornton Cemetery near Glendale in Trinity County with the Rev. Andrew Fannette of Jacksonville officiating. Music was provided by his nephews, Lewis Gates, Harold Gates, Harvey Ray Gates and Randall Gates.

Mr. Gates died Monday, Dec. 4, 2000 in Beaumont.

He was born May 13, 1927 in Skellytown and was a native of Trinity County. He retired as a supervisor with United Gas Pipeline Co. after 33 years of service. Mr. Gates was a veteran of World War II and was an avid hunter, fisherman and gardener.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fate and Nova Gates; and a brother, Harvey Gates.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Evoyne Gates of Kountze; two sons and their spouses, Jerry and Debra Gates and Gordon and Debbie Gates, all of Kountze; three daughters and one son-in-law, Janice and Jack Friday of Smithville, Connie Sue Gates of Houston and Jeanie Gates of Glendale, Calif.; a brother, Frosty Gates of Trinity; three sisters, Hazel Warren and Nova Lee Hester, both of Houston, and Mary Jane Holmes of Moore, Okla.; and six grandchildren, Kristie, Jodi, Jason, Travis, Tiffany and Kimberly, all of Kountze.

Pallbearers were Travis Gates, Jason Gates, Keith Kennedy, Charlie Moore, Rip Valentine, Jack Ward, Otto Brown and Bill Laird.