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Funeral services for Mabin 'Sonny' Golden Jr., 73, were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at the First Baptist Church in Corrigan. Interment followed in Carmona Cemetery, with Dr. Bruce K. Austin of McKinney and the Rev. Wayne Moss of Channelview.

One of four children, he was born to Mabin Alexander Golden Sr. and Willie Genia Burroughs Golden on May 10, 1933 in Cedar Bayou. After graduating from Robert E. Lee High School in 1952. Mr. Golden owned a gas station in Channelview before working for Arco, from which he retired in 1985 after 30 years. On November 6, 1954, he married the love of his life, LaVon Salyer Golden, and raised two sons in Channelview. Upon retirement, he moved to Carmona, where he pursued his dream of owning a cattle ranch and deer lease. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Corrigan. Through the years, he was known as someone who touched numerous peoples' lives with his kindness and thoughtfulness and whose love of God and his family was sure and unailing.

He died on Tuesday, April 2, 2007 in M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mabin and Genia Golden.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, LaVon; sons, Douglas Alexander Golden and wife, Renee' and Todd Louis Golden and wife, Donna; grandchildren, Bernadette, Vicki, Jeremy, Chad, Kira and Heather; brother, Irvin Golden and wife, Darlene; sisters, Billie Rose Neal and Orlea Dudley and husband, Herbert; brothers-in-law, Herbert Salyer and wife, Eileen, and Gerald Salyer and wife, Jeannie; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.