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J.L. HEARD

Mr. J.L. Heard, age 79, of Canton, passed away Friday, Feb. 23, 2001 in Dallas. He was born June 15, 1921 in Crockett to Julius LaFayette and Florence Cornelia Gull-edge Heard Sr.

Mr. Heard moved to Canton in 1956 as principal of the first eight grades, eventually becoming junior high principal. He served in the Canton schools from 1956 until 1985 when he retired. He had a total of 44 years service in the public schools. He began his career in Crockett, his hometown, where he was a teacher and coach. He became high school principal in Trinity, elementary principal in Tomball, and high school principal in Cleveland before moving to Canton. He was a member of the Texas State Teachers Association and the Retired Teachers Association. He enjoyed camping, fishing, photography, and was an active member of his Sunday school class at First Baptist Church often acting as substitute teacher. Mr. Heard was known by hundreds of students, teachers, and parents over the years. He had a keen interest in athletics especially basketball. He was deeply committed to his family and enjoyed all family activities.

Survivors include wife, Martha Jane Heard of Canton; three daughters and sons-in-law, Martha Lynn and Larry Parker of New Braunfels, Nancy Kay and Keith Tucker of Canton, and Judy Marie and Don Whatley of Goliad; three sons and

daughters-in-law, J.L. Heard and Elisa Heard III of Canton, Jon William and Kristen Heard of Plano, and Cary Don and Melody Heard of Canton; two sisters, Eloise Knox of Crockett, and Omogene Warren of Sugar Land; 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services for Mr. Heard were held Monday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Canton with the Rev. Tim Watson, and the Rev. Charles Richardson officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Crockett.

Pallbearers were Max Callahan, Lewis Young, Larry Davis, Mike Chambless, Tony Olgetree, and James "Poo" Welch. Honorary pallbearers were the men's adult Sunday school class.

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