

Grapeland
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Grapeland City

Howard Services Held Last Friday

Funeral services for W. E. (Bill) Howard, age 82, of Grapeland were held Friday afternoon, September 1, in Grapeland's First Christian Church with Rev. Keith Broyles and Dr. Jack Shoultz officiating. Burial followed in Grapeland City Cemetery under the direction of Bailey & Foster, Grapeland.

Pallbearers were Billy Howard, Sam Howard, Dick Murchison, Bobby Hallmark, Curtis Crowson and W. W. Whitehall.

Mr. Howard died Tuesday, August 29, at his residence at Houston County Lake. He was born December 21, 1917, in Houston County to Samuel and Lillie Johnston Howard. Mr. Howard worked as a signal maintainer for the Southern Pacific, Missouri Pacific, and Union Pacific Railroad for over 40 years. He served in the U. S. Navy during W.W.II. Mr. Howard was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Mary Sam Hallmark, Pete Rials and Orrie Farr; and three brothers, George Howard, Joe Howard and Steve Howard.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Lively Howard of Grapeland; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill Jr. and Judy Howard of DeQuincy, Louisiana; two sisters, Jean Hoffman of Beeville and Lela Joyce Ritter of Hereford; three grandchildren, Billy Howard, Cindy Howard, Sam Howard and wife Kristen; and one great-grandson, Carter Howard.