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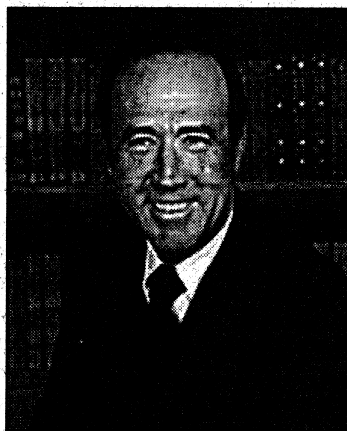
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Herman Gee "Cotton" Jeffus

Services for Herman Gee "Cotton" Jeffus, age 78 of Grapeland, were held Saturday, December 2, at the First Baptist Church of Grapeland with Rev. Charles Haley, Dr. Jack Shoultz and Rev. David Bradley officiating. Burial followed in Grapeland City Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster Grapeland.

Pallbearers were David Mack Jeffus, Bobby Jeffus, Pat Jeffus, Mike Jeffus, Frank Jeffus, Brad Jeffus, Wayne Atkinson and Kary Adams.

Mr. Jeffus died Thursday, November 30, at his residence after his battle with cancer. He was born January 29, 1928 in Houston County near Lovelady to Rev. Lemuel F. and Lettie Mae Bagwell Jeffus. Mr. Jeffus graduated from the Commonwealth College of Mortuary Science and was a funeral director with Bailey & Foster Funeral Home for 50 plus years, attending and directing over 15,000 services. He was a rancher and community leader. He was a member of the First Baptist Church for 52



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years, a Deacon and Sunday School teacher for 50 years, choir director 18 years, a member of the Lions Club, served on the Grapeland Community Council, past master of the Grapeland Masonic Lodge #473, chairman of the Grapeland Housing Authority for 41 years, Master of Ceremonies for the Grapeland Peanut Festival for 40 years. Mr. Jeffus was also a council member on the board that helped bring Nucor Corp. and the Alexandria Manufacturing to Grapeland. He was a member of the Grapeland Hospital Board, Grapeland

Volunteer Fire Department, and the Grapeland EMS.

Mr. Jeffus was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Caleb Edward Jeffus; four sisters, Virginia Johnson, Frankie Mae Atkinson, Locie Wright, and Billie Nell Jeffus; four brothers, Dan Jeffus, Finon Jeffus, Gleason Jeffus and Ira Jeffus.

He is survived by his wife Vernell "Sally" Jeffus of Grapeland; daughter, Kathy Richmond and husband Mike of Grapeland; son, Ricky Jeffus and wife JoLen of Grapeland; granddaughters, Adrienne and husband, Dr. Trumon Davis of Tyler; Melanie Hutcheson and husband, Michael of Grapeland and Nicole Jeffus of Waco; grandsons, Jon-Michael Rhone and wife, Jamie of Palestine, Zane Rhone and Caleb Rhone both of Grapeland and one great grandson Trumon Walker Davis of Tyler; sister Jean Adams of San Marcus; brother, David Jeffus and wife Daisy of Nacogdoches; sisters-in-law Nelma Jeffus of Frankston and Kay Jeffus of Trinity.