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Antioch
Lovelady 184074

Services Held For Brother Of Local Resident

Funeral services for Lemuel Finon Jeffus, age 81, of Lake Palestine were held Wednesday, October 25, at 1:00 p.m. at Bailey & Foster Chapel, Palestine, with Dr. Wendell Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Antioch Cemetery near Lovelady under the direction of Bailey & Foster, Palestine.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Kenneth Jeffus, Trace Jeffus, Casey Jeffus, Cameron Jeffus, Rick Stuffers, John Brent Barnhart and great-grandson Dustin Quick. Honorary pallbearers were grandsons and members of the Lakeside Baptist Church.

Mr. Jeffus died Monday morning, October 23, 2000, at Palestine Regional Medical Center. He was born October 16, 1919, in Lovelady to the Rev. Lem F. Jeffus and Lettie Mae Bagwell Jeffus. Mr. Jeffus was retired from Washington National Insurance Company after 35 years of service. A charter member and founder of Lakeside Baptist Church of Frankston, Mr. Jeffus was the song director, chairman of the board of trustees, a Sunday school teacher and training union teacher. He was a former resident of Palestine and a former member of the Southside Baptist Church.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three brothers, Dan Jeffus, Gleason Jeffus and Ira Jeffus; and four sisters, Virginia Johnson, Frankie Mae Atkinson, Lolie Wright and Billie Nell Jeffus.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nelma Jeffus of Lake Palestine; a daughter, Sherry Jeffus of Palestine; two sons, Brad Jeffus and wife Dollye of Palestine and Frank Jeffus and wife Wilma of Nashville, Tennessee; a sister, Jean Adams of San Marcos; two brothers, H. G. (Cotton) Jeffus and wife Sally of Grapeland and David Jeffus and wife Daisy of Nacogdoches; twelve grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.