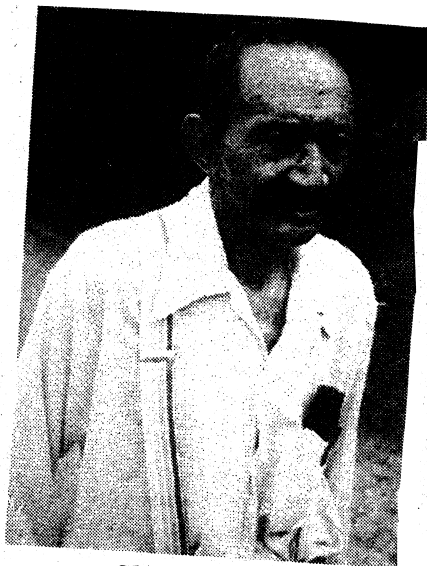


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**Cleo Johnson**

## **Services For Cleo Johnson**

Memorial services for Mr. Cleo Johnson of Grapeland were held Saturday, November 21, at St. John Baptist Church, Grapeland, with Rev. L. T. Session and Rev. James Morrison officiating.

Pallbearers were Jesse Lomax, John Lomax, Suvella Walker, George Pierson, Jimmie Davis, L. D. Black and Henry Ross. Honorary pallbearers were Charlie A. Johnson, Roy A. Johnson, Joe P. Johnson, Donald Ray Johnson, Tommy C. Johnson, Arthur G. Johnson and Archie L. Johnson.

Cleo Johnson was born December 24, 1912, to Minnie Ola Potts and Arthur Johnson in the Mt. Zion community. He departed this life on November 18, 1998, in Trinity Valley Medical Center, Palestine. Mr. Johnson united with Mt. Zion Baptist Church at an early age and later united with Rising Star Baptist Church, Grapeland, where he served faithfully until his health failed.

Cleo Johnson and Hattie Lee Coleman united in holy matrimony on June 27, 1932. To this union, eleven children were born.

He was preceded in death by one son, Harry Gene Johnson, and one daughter, Minnie Bell Turner.

Survivors include his loving and devoted wife of 66 years, Hattie Lee Johnson; seven sons, Charlie Arthur Johnson and wife Robbie Mae of Crockett, Roy A. Johnson and wife Lois of Grapeland, Joe P. Johnson of Lufkin, Archie Lee Johnson and wife Geraldine, Donald Ray Johnson of Trinity, Tommy Cleo Johnson Sr. and wife Brenda of Huntsville, Arthur G. Johnson Sr. and wife Ledonia of Grapeland; two daughters, Betty Ruth Martinez of Grapeland and Alma Dean Johnson of Lufkin; special granddaughter, Ruth Tean Pierson and husband George of Grapeland; two sisters, Allie Mae Johnson and Laverne "Sister" Hicks, both of Grapeland; thirty-three grandchildren; thirty-five great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.