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Services Held For McElvin Johnson

Memorial services for McElvin Johnson of Houston were held Saturday, April 17, in the Christian Love Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, with Dr. Emmitt B. Thompson. Interment followed in paradise Cemetery-North, Houston, under the direction of Carl Barnes Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were Donald Ray Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Raymond Hicks, Herman Hicks, Paul Johnson and Gregory Dancer. Honorary pallbearers were Freddie Fisher, Howard Butler, Orelia Savoie, Melvin Caldwell, McElvin Johnson Jr., Kearnis Richard, Leory Reed, Daniel Fornette and Jean

Savoie.

Mr. Johnson was born April 25, 1938, in Grapeland to Alton and Lenorah Johnson. He attended and graduated from W. R. Banks High School here and attended Mary Allen Junior College in Crockett. Mr. Johnson was a member of Local 76, Boiler Maker Union for 21 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Goldie Johnson, and a brother, Freddie Lee Johnson.

He is survived by one daughter, Leslie Slagle Johnson; one son, McElvin Johnson Jr.; a daughter-in-law, Keisha Johnson; two granddaughters; one grandson; six sisters, Ruby Young, Faye Clark, Clara Dancer, Joyce Fisher, Lola Johnson and Dorothy Butler; one brother, Curtis B. Johnson; eight brothers-in-law, Freddie Fisher, Howard Butler, Kearnis Richard, Leory Reed, Orelia Savoie, Daniel Foinette, Melvin Caldwell and Jean Savole; four sisters-in-law. Josephine Richard, Veronica M. Savoie, Betty Joyce Caldwell and Linda Gail Fornette: a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.