

Grapeland Messenger
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Parker

M. E. "Buckshot" Johnston

Services for M. E. "Buckshot" Johnston age 73 of Palestine were held Monday, July 5, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the Westwood Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Dees officiating. Interment followed in Parker Cemetery with members of the William Foster Masonic Lodge 312 of Frankston officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Brad Hutchison, Jerry Hutchison, Donnie Dowdy, Kenneth Dunnam, Eddie Parker and Marshal James. In addition to all friends of the family, honorary pallbearers were Connie Warren, Dude Massey, Jim Kelso, Porter Herod and Lonnie Andrews.

Mr. Johnston passed away on Friday, July 2, 2004 in a Tyler hospital. He was born March 19, 1931 in Elkhart to Frank Basil Johnston and Eva Thompson Johnston. Mr. Johnston was a Baptist. He was a member of William Foster Lodge #312 in Frankston, Sharon Temple in Tyler, a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Knights

Templar. He was an honorary member of the F.F.A. Chapter at Westwood. He was active in the events of Westwood school district and served on the Westwood I.S.D. School Board for many years. "Buckshot" retired from Lone Star Gas Company following 40 years of service. He then became a fulltime rancher.

His parents; sisters, Ellen Wilbanks and Helen Johnston and a granddaughter, Tiffany Johnston, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Johnston of Palestine; sons, Gary Johnston and wife, Deannette of Palestine, Mike Johnston and wife, April of Lake Palestine, Jamie Jordan and wife, Monika of Grapevine and John Jordan and wife, Donna of Palestine; daughters, Brenda Payne and husband, Tommy of Grapeland and Linda Danson and husband, Rob of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois; sisters, Gereleane Little of Palestine, Virginia Andrews of Austin and Betty Davis of Palestine; and eleven grandchildren.