

George Henry Juniel

TRINITY – Services for George Henry Juniel, 91, of Trinity were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, in the Trinity First United Methodist Church with Pastor James L. White officiating, assisted by Minister of Pastoral Care Everett McCollum.

Burial followed in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Trinity.

Mr. Juniel died Wednesday, Oct. 11, his residence.

He was born July 16, 1915, in Bearden, Ark., and was employed as a lumber industry owner/manager. He often referred to himself on his business cards as “The Sawmill Doctor” and/or “The Rain Dancer.”

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1933-37 and was assigned duty on the U.S.S. Ranger, the U.S. Navy’s fourth aircraft carrier. During his military service, he sailed as far west as Midway Island, as far south as Argentina and as far north as Alaska. His ship also passed through the Panama Canal in 1934 and he sailed throughout the North Atlantic.

Prior to moving to Trinity, Mr. Juniel had resided in Woodville, Houston, Stephens, Ark. and San Augustine.

While in Woodville, he served as the city’s fire marshal and was selected as the Outstanding Citizen of Tyler County in 1952.

Mr. Juniel joined the Woodville Lions Club in 1947 and remained active in the organization for many years. He served as the Tail Twister for the Trinity Lions Club prior to leaving the club in 1998.

He also was a Mason, with dual memberships in both the San Augustine lodge and the Joe Werner Masonic Lodge of Trinity.

He attended the Trinity United Methodist Church for almost 20 years and served as a Sunday school teacher for many years.

Survivors include his wife of over 65 years, **Alvis Evelyn Juniel**

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of Trinity; six children and their spouses, Robbie and Bill Summers of Tucson, Ariz., (Sarah) Konchog Jaton Dolkar of Largo, Fla., Susie and Buck Cefalu of Amite, La., Jimmy and Jane Juniel of Trinity, George and Cory Juniel of Henderson, Nev., and Patty and Edwin Ringo of Trinity; a number of grandchildren, including Mark Summers, Stephen Zeleski, Ellen Zeleski, Cathy Zeleski, Cameron Simmons, Terry Cefalu, Samuel Juniel, Justin Juniel, Thomas Tarver and Robert Ringo; a number of great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews, including John Ed Anthony.

Trinity Funeral Home directed the arrangements.



GEORGE HENRY JUNIEL