

Grapeland
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Parker

Services Are Held Tuesday For A. D. "Dick" Keen

Funeral services for A. D. "Dick" Keen, age 93, of Grapeland were held Tuesday, August 1, at the First Baptist Church, Grapeland, with Rev. Kenneth Mobley officiating. Assisting at the service were Mr. Willie Sneed of Shreveport, Louisiana, a former U. S. Navy pilot and buddy of Mr. Keen's, and H. G. "Cotton" Jeffus. Masonic graveside rites followed in Parker Cemetery conducted by Grapeland Lodge #473 AF & AM. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster, Grapeland.

Masons of Grapeland Lodge #473 AF & AM served as pallbearers.

Mr. Keen died Sunday, July 30, 2000, at Grapeland Nursing Center. He was born March 6, 1907, in Leon County to James Edward and Della Ann Brown Keen. Mr. Keen was a member of the First Baptist Church of Grapeland. A retired Chief Petty Officer with the U. S. Navy, he joined the Navy in April 1927 and served until December 1955. Mr. Keen was a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack, served during WWII, and the Korean Conflict. Service medals include six Good Conduct medals, 3 air medals, Presidential Unit Citation for Air Group 9, the Distinguished Flying Cross, several safety medals for completing work with no accidents involving loss of time to personnel, and numerous campaign bars

and medals. Mr. Keen was also retired from the Department of Criminal Justice. He was a past Master of the Grapeland Lodge #473 AF & AM, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, member of the Grapeland Chapter 120, Order of the Eastern Star.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-mother, Willie Faye Keen; three brothers, R. C. Keen, J. V. Keen and Bill Keen; four sisters, Ona Keen, Omega Keen, Odessa Keen Buchanan and Estelle Keen Chaffin; three step-sisters, Louie Jane Hobson, Lottie Denson and Loy Benengan; and a grandson, William Aaron Cowan.

Survivors include his wife, Carty Irene Keen of Grapeland; three daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine Marie and Bobby Cowan of Grapeland, Mary Jane and Scott Gamlen of Kemah, and Charlotte Ann and Mike Kramer of Houston; five grandchildren, Christopher Herrell Kugle and his wife Julianne, Elizabeth Jane Kugle, Don Eugene Cowan, Jr., Jimmy Marion Cowan and Amber Marie Kramer; two great-grandchildren, Katheryn Louise Cowan and Kelly Knox; two brothers, John I. Keen of Palestine and James Darrell Keen of Elkhart; three sisters, Opal Thompson, Nora Lee Wills, both of Dallas, Eddie Vaughn Garrison of Yelleville, Arkansas; and a step-sister, Willie Faye Amason of Houston.