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BUFORD DARGIN KENNEDY

Funeral services for Mr. Buford Dargin Kennedy, age 79 of Groveton were held 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 21, at Oaklawn Baptist Church in Groveton with Pastor Lester McAdams of Oaklawn Baptist Church officiating. Interment followed at the Bennett Cemetery.

Mr. Kennedy was born June 17, 1923 in Groveton and passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2003, surrounded by his family and loved ones at home after a three month

struggle with cancer.

Mr. Kennedy was born to Arthur and Drusie Kennedy and grew up on the family farm located at McGee Bend. Mr. Kennedy was a farmer for almost 20 years. Mr. Kennedy was later employed by Trinity County until his retirement in 1983. Mr. Kennedy enjoyed the outdoors, he was a hard working man devoted to his family, church, friends and community.

Mr. Kennedy will be remembered as the wonderful grandfather, great grandfather and uncle, who always had time to give the children a ride on his tractor or four-wheeler. Mr. Kennedy always had time to play or joke around with his children. Mr. Kennedy loved all of them very much.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years Christine Kennedy, of Groveton; a daughter Ann Netta and husband Don Oliverio, of Austin; sons Joe Don and wife Bonnie Kennedy, Eddie Dean and wife Dorothy Kennedy, all of Groveton; six grandchildren and their spouses Greg Powell and wife Linda, of Austin, Cheryl Powell Blair and husband Tom, of Dallas, Kevin Kennedy and wife Terrie, Keith Kennedy and wife Tracy, of Houston, Liz Kennedy and Nick Kennedy, all of Groveton; two step-grandchildren Kristi Oliverio, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and Melodie Dodgen, of Edmond, Okla.; nine great-grandchildren Krystal Powell, Taylor Powell, Tommy Blair, Taryn Blair, Lexie Blair, Jake Kennedy, Seth Kennedy, Kyle Kennedy and Marshall Dargin Kennedy; three step-great-grandchildren Jack Dodgen, Amanda Dodgen and Jeffrey Dodgen; three sisters Minnie Lee, Louise Fondren and Owen Cougat; two brothers-in-law Joe Cougat and James Morris; one sister-in-law Frances Morris; nieces, nephews and their families Carl and Lola Lee, Paulette Gibbins, Lkouis and Bonnie Fondren, Loretta and Ed Uhl, Pat and Don Murray, Marvin and Burna Morrison, Kathy and Larry Brown, Elaine Schwarty, Lurline and Mike Morrow,

Jimmy and Kam Morris and Stanley and Dianne Morris, and an entire community of wonderful friends.

Preceded in death by his brother Buel Kennedy; parents Aurthur and Drusie Kennedy.

Mr. Kennedy will be greatly missed, but his spirit will live on in the hearts and minds of people who knew and loved him. Greatness is not found only in possessions, power, position or prestige. It is discovered in truth, goodness, humility, service to others and character. Mr. Kennedy was honorable, honest, fair, tolerant, charitable of others and a gentleman, which in itself is greatness.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude towards Hospice in the Pines of Lufkin for the love and care he received.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations may be made to the Oaklawn Baptist Church, Bennett Cemetery or Haopice in the Pines in Lufkin, TX.

Groveton Funeral Home