

Wheeler Springs

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**LINBERGH LEONARD,  
SR.**

Mr. Linbergh Leonard, Sr. age 65 passed away Sept. 13, 1999. Mr. Leonard was born Aug. 18, 1934, in Houston County, to Theodore Armanda Leonard. He attended Crockett High School through the eighth grade when he met and courted Hazel Mae Hunter. In 1954, he married Hazel Hunter at Wheeler Springs Baptist Church in what was to be the first wedding ceremony performed there. In 1959, at the age of 15, he journeyed to Houston where he began to work and establish a homestead.

Mr. Leonard was a born leader, and proved to be an honest, reliable and trustworthy individual. On his first job, Uncle Johnny Mills, he was appointed assistant manager at the tender age of 18. In 1960, he attended night school at Jack Yates and received his high school diploma. This propelled him into the vocation he grew to love - lumber.

He worked for Norris Lumber/Boise Cascade as yard supervisor for twenty-five years. His love for lumber continued with Sheplers where he retired in May 1999 and thus earned the coveted and respected title of "Mr. Lin."

It is said that to whom much is given, much is required. Lin was a born leader at home and at work; a great spiritual force in his church. Linbergh Leonard became Deacon Linbergh Leonard and was ordained in 1965 at Union Spiritual Temple in Houston. He later joined New Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church where he served not only as deacon, but as a Sunday School Superintendent, Adult Sunday School Teacher and Trustee faith-

fully under the auspices of Pastor Willis Williams.

Deacon Linbergh Leonard departed this life for his new home Sept. 13, 1999. He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Cassandra Leonard.

Left to cherish his life, love and memory are a loving wife of 40 years, Hazel Mae Leonard; children Corlis Leonard, Monica Leonard, Kenneth Leonard, Lindberg Leonard, Jr. and Cecilia Leonard Johnson, all of Houston; son-in-law James Johnson, Jr. of Houston; grandchildren Cassandra Hoyle, Barry Harris, Melinda Leonard, Shena Harris, Artesia Leonard and Jeremy Leonard, all of Houston; great-grandchildren Donovan Leonard, Isis Hoyle and Patrick Robinson, all of Houston; sisters Ollie Brown, Verdie Rice, Julie Whitting, Janie Siverand, and Lillie Jackson, all of Houston, Annie P. Warner and Martha Wooten of Crockett; brothers David Leonard, Theodore Leonard, Ricky Leonard, Mitchell Leonard and Adrian Leonard, all of Houston; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Leonard were held Saturday, Sept. 18, 1999, at noon at Wheeler Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. Dennis Gainers and the Rev. Willis Williams officiating.

**Barkley Mortuary**