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Gaylord H. Limerick

Services for Gaylord H. Limerick, 85, of Lufkin were Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Bailey and Foster Funeral Home in Palestine with the Rev. Kevin Roy and the Rev. John Day officiating. Military burial followed at Strong Memorial Cemetery in Slocum.

Mr. Limerick was born June 2, 1920, in Dallas, Texas, and died Wednesday, March 15, 2006, in Lufkin after an extended illness.

He married Bobby Collier in 1946 and they celebrated their 59th anniversary last August. Mr. Limerick received his B.B.A. from East Texas Baptist University in 1949, his M.A. from Sam Houston State University in 1953; and studied for a doctorate at the University of Southern California. His teaching experience included two years at Lyford High School, eight years at Sweeny High School, and was a teacher, principal and superintendent at Slocum High School from 1961 to 1979. He was instrumental in the construction of their new school while serving as superintendent.

Military service included serving from June 2, 1941, until Jan. 8, 1946, in the U.S. Army during World War II. He also fought in New Guinea, Leyte Islands, Luzon, Philippines, as well as Japan. He received numerous medals for his service.

Mr. Limerick was very active over the years in the church. He was a charter member in Lakeside Baptist Church in

Slocum, and taught Sunday school for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Limerick moved to Lufkin about 12 years ago, and are currently members of Denman Avenue Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his son, Bobby Limerick, who was killed in Vietnam in 1971; his mother and father, Eltner and Eunice Maple; sister, Aileen Gregory; and brother, Scott Maple.

Mr. Limerick is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Bobby Limerick; daughters and sons-in-law, Gay and Terry Brown of The Woodlands, Kay and Larry Upshaw of Hemphill, Carol and Jim Poston of Tyler, Judy and Randy George of Lufkin; and son and daughter-in-law, Billy and Melanie Limerick of Lufkin. Also his pride and joy were his 13 grandchildren: Sarah and Heath Limerick of Austin, Lori and Leigh Brown of The Woodlands, Ryan and Andrew Upshaw of Hemphill, Lindsey and Chelsey Poston of Tyler, Brian and Ashley Nelson of Tyler, and Randy Jr., Kristina and Caitlin George of Lufkin. The newest addition was his only great-grandson, Maddox Nelson of Tyler.

Pallbearers included Heath Limerick, Ryan Upshaw, Andrew Upshaw, Randy George Jr., Brian Nelson and Freddy Pryor.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Volunteer Services Council at the Lufkin State School, or a charity of your choice.