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## Jack C. Magee

TRINITY - Services for Jack C. Magee, 84, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005, in the Trinity Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James L. White, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Robbie Bailey, pastor of the Friday Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial followed in the Thornton Cemetery in Trinity County.

Mr. Magee died Tuesday, Aug. 30, in Huntsville.

Born Sept. 12, 1920, in the Saron Community of Trinity County, he was the son of the late Ed Foster Magee and Mae McMichael Magee.

During World War II, Mr. Magee served in the U.S. Army's Battery B, 78<sup>th</sup> Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion in the Aleutian Islands. Following the war he was a member of the Trinity County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6899 of Trinity and served as its post commander in 1998-99.

Mr. Magee worked in the oil fields of Texas and Louisiana with Owens Drilling Co. He began work as a roughneck and advanced during the next 40 years to the positions of driller, tool pusher, drilling superintendent and finally vice president.

While working with Owens Drilling, Mr. Magee directed the drilling of what was then the deepest oil well at 23,157 feet in Kaplan, La. The well, known as Fontenot No. 1, was completed on March 20, 1966.

In 1974, Mr. Magee and his wife traveled to Guatemala, where they resided for a year while he served as a petroleum consultant.

Mr. Magee was preceded in death by his son, Charles Edward; three sisters, Joyce Marie Magee, Emma Mae Magee Moreland and Merle Magee Strugla; and his parents.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Lois Dewalt Magee; two daughters and son-in-law, Kolleda and Gerald Hebert of Jupiter, Fla. And Jackie Matlock of Livingston; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Banks Magee and George Magee, both of Trinity, and Bo and Betty Magee of Houston; seven grandchildren, Kristina Hebert Cunningham and her husband, Sean, Jeremy Delain Hebert of Jupiter, Fla., Duane Matlock of Pennsylvania, Thomas Matlock, James Matlock, Laura Matlock and Catherine Matlock; a great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Marie Cunningham of Hixon, Tenn.; five nephews; and five nieces.

Pallbearers included Clegg Edward Dewalt, Robert Moreland, Robert Magee, Michael Magee, Eddoe Magee and Harold Wayne Dewalt II.

Honorary pallbearers included the members of VFW Post 6899.

Trinity Funeral Home directed the arrangements.

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