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**BYRON ALEXANDER
MAXWELL, JR.**

Mr. Byron Alexander Maxwell, Jr., age 82 of Grapeland, passed away Thursday, January 18, 2002 at his residence. Mr. Maxwell was born December 31, 1919 in Grapeland to the late Byron Alexander Maxwell, Sr. and Lovie Spence Maxwell. Mr. Maxwell was a descendant of pioneer families of Houston County. Mr. Maxwell was a member of the First Baptist Church of Grapeland, and the Palestine VFW. Mr. Maxwell graduated from Grapeland High School and attended Texas Tech at Lubbock. Mr. Maxwell joined the U.S. Navy serving from 1940 to 1946. Mr. Maxwell was one of the 11 Navy radiomen chosen by General Douglas McArthur for special service with the U.S. Army for two years serving in special communications, codes, teletype, decoding, deciphering, Morse code and electronics, cryptography. Mr. Maxwell a survivor of Pearl Harbor, assigned sea duty on a navy oil tanker as a chief radioman on ship and land when necessary. Mr. Maxwell was on the USS Rampo about 300-500 yards from the Arizona and other battleship. Mr. Maxwell received the Pearl Harbor Survivor Medal, Good Conduct Medal,

American Defence Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Legion of Merit, U.S. Army and Australian Navy Battle Starr, New Guinea Medal, Naval Commendation Medal, Asiatic, Pacific, Campaign Medal, Philippines Defense ribbon, Naval Outstanding Unit Award, WWII Victory Medal, Occupation Medal, three Battle Stars, Liberation of Phillipine Battle Stars.

Mr. Maxwell was the Regional Field Supervisor for the Great American Life Insurance Company for a five state area for many years. Later he was a salesman for the Pittsburg Paint and Glass Company. Mr. Maxwell also served as the administrator of the Grapeland Hospital after retiring to live in Grapeland. Mr. Maxwell was co-founder and co-owner of the Grapeland Nursing Home.

Mr. Maxwell was preceded in death by his parents. Mr. Maxwell is survived by his wife Betty Satterwhite Maxwell of Grapeland; daughters and sons-in-law, Lynn and Layne Finlay of Lake Martin, Alabama; Joy and Ivan Parrish of Flower Mound; son and daughter-in-law Vonn and Jeanne Murray of Eddy; granddaughters, Leah Finlay, Monica and Lindsey Parrish, Misty and Kelly Murray, grandsons, Laramie Burson, Gavin Finlay, and Seth

Murray, great grandsons, C.J. and Logan Burson, first cousins Jack Clinton Spence of Grapeland; Dr. John McCall, Sr. of Crockett; Dr. Emmitt McCall of Palestine, and Peggy Jones Pearce Bright of Mincola.

Pallbearers were John Looker, Dr. Ed Cutshaw, Bob Jones, Gary Rains, Andy Pearce, DeWayne Kendrick, Michael Cutshaw, Dale Braun, and Harry Wayne Pridgen.

Funeral services for Mr. Byron Alexander Maxwell, Jr. were Saturday, January 19, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Grapeland, with the Rev. David Bradley officiating. Interment followed in Grapeland City Cemetery.

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