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Claude Edwin McClain

GROVETON -- Services for Claude Edwin McClain, 81, of Groveton were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, in the Waller-Thornton Funeral Chapel in Groveton with Bro. Neil Kemper officiating.

Burial followed in the Glenwood Cemetery in Groveton.

Mr. McClain was born July 13, 1922, in Groveton and was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar McClain and Ollie Kay McClain.

He was a 1940 graduate of Groveton High School and attended Satterwhite College of Business in

Lufkin. He served on the First Bank of Groveton's board of directors for 57 years. He joined First Bank in 1946 and was serving as its president when he retired in 1977.

From 1977 to 1980 he enjoyed building fences and chasing bulls on his farm. In 1980, he and his son, Benny, opened McClain's Hardware in Groveton where he was a familiar figure for years.

In 1997, he was presented a lifetime service award for his contributions to Groveton by the Groveton Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. McClain served for three years in the U.S. Army, including service as an artillery man in Europe during World War II.

He was a member of the Groveton Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Joylea McClain; one daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Johnny Wayne Allen of Lufkin; a son and daughter-in-law, Benny and Linda McClain; two grandsons, Marty McClain and his wife, Shanna, and Michael McClain; one granddaughter, Marla McClain; special friends, Douglas and Thelma Terry; and care givers Teresa Wyatt and Graham Livingston.

Pallbearers were Scott Evans, Joe Ned Dean, Lewis Pillows, Alton Mericle, Glen Ward, Dean Due, Anthony Page and Bennie Lee.

Honorary pallbearers were Gerald Smith, Don Reily, Byron Richards, J.L. Gibson, Billy Avery, Melburn Minter, W.B. Due, John Nelson, Dick Gillum, Buddy Reynolds, Travis Kitchens, Tommy Walton, Nelson Due, Lynn Dial, Wade Ray, Tiger Worsham and Junior Legg.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Groveton Highway 94 Church of Christ or the Groveton EMS.

Waller-Thornton Funeral Home of Groveton directed the arrangements.