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Local Resident Buried With Military Honors

Memorial services for Ella Jane McKinley of Grapeland were held Tuesday, June 8, in the Outdoor Shelter at Houston National Cemetery with military honors by the Veterans of Foreign Wars District #4 Ceremonial Detail.

Mrs. McKinley was born in Beaumont on February 11, 1943, to Joseph Edward and Ella V. Henderson. She passed away in Houston on June 3, 1999, at the age of 56. She had served in the U. S. Navy, leaving in October 17, 1976 as a 1st Class Petty Officer.

She is survived by her children, Rhonda L. Willers and husband Stephen, Sean L. McKinley and wife Michelle, and Donna J. Christensen and husband Jeff; mother, Ella L. Henderson; grandchildren, Clarissa McKinley, Jah Jah Turneur, Jahlillah Turneur, Kelli McKinley, Meagan McKinley, Trent Christensen, and Austin Christensen; along with many other relatives and friends.