

New Zion

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## Willard McManners

TRINITY - Services for Willard McManners, 87, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 2007, in the Calvary Baptist Church.

Burial followed in the New Zion Cemetery.

Mr. McManners died peacefully on Wednesday, July 25, in Groveton.

Born April 10, 1920, in Trinity County, he was the last of eight children born to Lucian Hightower and Vida Edna Bagwell McManners.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was employed as a tugboat engineer for many years. Wanting to become closer to his late wife, Alice Marie Rich McManners, and their five

daughters, he began a new career as a garden boss working with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He retired from that position after more than 25 years of service.

Mr. McManners raised a large garden every year from which he provided friends with fresh vegetables. He also enjoyed singing as well as playing both the harmonica and guitar.

Survivors include five daughters and their spouses, June and Randy Trangmar, Debbie and Billy Peek, Lynn and Rick Villarreal, Cindy and Rod Daniels, and Kay and Nolan Blair; a sister-in-law, Ernestine McManners; 12 grandchildren, James, Michael, Charlie, LeAnn, Erin, Thomas, Jeremy, Kyle, Steven, Brandon, Shane and Cody; nine great-grandchildren; and a number of nephews, nieces and other relatives.

Waller-Thornton Funeral Home of Trinity directed the arrangements.