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Vernon Mitchell

Funeral services for Vernon Mitchell age 75 of Palestine were held Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Evangelistic Temple with Dr. Barry Roberts officiating. Internment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster.

Pallbearers were grandsons: James Robert Vincent, Jake Holiday, William Riker, Matthew Riker, Ryan Maeker and Jeremy Lanier. Honorary pallbearers were Travis Lanier and Payton Wallace.

Mr. Mitchell passed away Saturday, January 17, 2004 in a local nursing home. He was born August 5, 1928 in Percilla to Bennie Mitchell and Willie Coleman Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell was a member of the Evangelistic Temple Church and the Augusta Masonic Lodge. He was a rancher.

His parents; daughter, Donna Gale; two sisters, Benola Daniels and Leota Mitchell and two brothers, Porter Mitchell and Harold Mitchell, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Dale Mitchell of Palestine; five daughters, Verna Jean Nall of Tennessee Colony, Denise Gilliam of Palestine, Jennifer Wallace of Tennessee Colony, Beth Maeker of Lubbock and Cindy Lanier of Stephenville; one son, Benny Mitchell of Palestine; two sisters, Leona Dickey of Percilla and Flora Mae Jones of Rusk; fifteen grand-children and one great grandchild.