

WILLIE L. PERKINS

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TRINITY -- Services for Willie Lewis Perkins, 91, of Trinity were held at noon Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003, at the Harris CME Church in Trinity with the Rev. DeBose officiating.

Burial followed in the Trinity Community Cemetery.

Mr. Perkins died Wednesday, Oct. 29.

He was born Aug. 12, 1911, in Weldon, the third of nine children born to Will and Moten Wright Perkins. Mr. Perkins accepted Christ at an early age and became a charter member of the Carter Metropolitan CME Church in Detroit, Mich. He served that church as president of the steward board before returning to Texas where he was united with the Harris Chapel CME Church of Trinity.

Mr. Perkins attended public school in Trinity, attended Sam Houston State University and earned a certificate from a barber college.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a member of the Minuteman and Ohio State Bowler League and the Postal Union. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 35 years prior to his retirement.

Mr. Perkins also served in the U.S. Army from April 1943 until February 1946 when he was honorably discharged.

He was married to Garnette McKee Perkins in 1943.

Mr. Perkins was preceded in death by his wife on Aug. 12, 1999; his parents; two sisters, Maple Perkins West and Nuna Perkins Frost; three brothers, Hoxie Perkins, T.L. Perkins and Fred Perkins; a sister-in-law, Josie McAdams Perkins; and two brothers-in-law, Andrew Nauls and Clyde Frost.

Survivors include one brother, Hill H. Perkins of Trinity; a sister, Ethel Lee Perkins Nauls of Houston, a brother-in-law, Sam West, a sister-in-law, Laurine Perkins; and a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Emmanuel Funeral Home of Crockett directed the arrangements.