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**Joe Sam Ramey**

TRINITY--Funeral services for Joe Sam Ramey, 83, were conducted in the Waller Thornton Funeral Home Chapel Thursday with Rev. Leroy Brown officiating.

Burial followed in the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

He was born October 23, 1916 in Trinity and died January 26 at E.T.M.C.-Trinity.

Mr. Ramey was a graduate of Sam Houston State University with a business degree.

His grandparents moved to Trinity in the early 1850's. His grandfather, his father and he operated a meat market here for many years. Later, Mr. Ramey worked for First National Bank and Builders Service. Then, he went to work for Leroy Hardys Hardware. After it closed, he went into business for himself, first selling appliances, then antiques. He and his wife, Catherine, operated the antique store on Robb for 18 years.

Mr. Ramey was a World War II Navy Veteran, stationed in the Pacific.

He was a member of the American Legion, serving as commander twice and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Catherine Nesmith Ramey; two sons, Sam Robert Ramey and friend Simone Paisley of Houston and Tommy Ramey and wife, Vicki, of Trinity; grandchildren, Samantha, Troy, Melanie and Jennifer; and eight great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ray Andrews.

Rudy Wilkison, Kelly Wilkison, and Neal Smith. Dab Albright, Goree Gates, Edwin Arnold, Dwight Hine served as honorary pallbearers. Waller-Thornton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.