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- OBITUARIES -

Services Held For Oran Edens Rials

Funeral services for Oran Edens Rials, 84, of Grapeland were held Monday, June 7 at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Jack Shoultz and Dr. John Dawson officiating. Burial followed in Grapeland City Cemetery with Graveside Masonic Rites. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster Funeral Home-Grapeland.

Pallbearers were Larry Christopher, Chris von Doenhoff, David Christopher, Daniel Hearn, Michael Woodson, and Scott Sory. Grapeland Masonic Lodge #473 served at the graveside.

Mr. Rials was born September 29, 1914 in Reynard, Texas to the late Oran Meriweather Rials and Elizabeth Lee Edens Rials. Mr. Rials passed away Saturday, June 5, 1999 at East Texas Medical Center in Crockett. Mr. Rials was a Veteran of the US Army. He married Merle Christopher Rials on August 6, 1942. Mr. Rials was an iron worker in the construction business. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Grapeland, member of the Masonic Lodge in Grapeland #473, Past Worshipful Master, "A" Certificate Holder, Golden Trowel Award, and a 50 year member. Mr. Rials was preceded in death by a brother, Ira Rials, in 1980.

Mr. Rials is survived by his wife, Merle Christopher Rials of Grapeland; two daughters and son-in-laws, Glenda and Tom Murphy of Beaumont and Deborah (Debbie) and Tim Woodson of Friendswood; one sister, Iva R. Hughes of Omaha, Nebraska; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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