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Richard Joe Roddam

Memorial services for Richard Joe Roddam were held at 1:00 p.m. on December 9, 2003 at Brook Hollow Baptist Church, 135 W. Wintergreen, DeSoto, Texas. Additional memorial services were conducted at Flatwood Assembly of God, 6705 FM 279, Ben Wheeler, at 2:00 p.m. on December 10, 2003 and at First Assembly of God, N. College St. in Grapeland at 10:45 a.m. on December 7, 2003. Primary officiate for all services was Dr. Timothy M. Roddam, assisted by several other ministers. Arrangements were under the direction of Flower Mound Funeral Home, Lewisville.

Mr. Roddam was born in Wolfe City, Texas on August 15, 1921. He passed away on December 2, 2003 in a hospice setting in the Addison area. "Joe" spent his formative years in Garland, playing football for the Garland Owls. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, stationed in the Solomon Islands. He studied electrical engineering in Chicago, but worked primarily as

a bookkeeper for several businesses in downtown Dallas. He retired from Bernstein Millinery in 1983. From 1963 until June 2003, he lived in South Dallas County, prior to moving to the Ben Wheeler area. AT the time of his death, he was a member of First Assembly of God in Grapeland, but previously had been a member of the Brook Hollow Baptist Church in DeSoto for nearly 33 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Damaris Roddam and sisters, Lois Roddam, Myrtle Jordan, Alma West and Bess Johnson.

He is survived by his spouse, Louise of Ben Wheeler; son, The Reverend Doctor Timothy M. Roddam of Ben Wheeler and five grandsons.

In lieu of floral gifts, the family requests that memorial gifts be directed to CASA of Trinity Valley, Box 2259, Athens, Texas 75751, an organization advocating for abandoned and neglected children.