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### **GENE EVERETT SANDERS**

Graveside service for Gene Everett Sanders, 86, of Trinity was held Saturday January 12, 2008 at 1:00 PM at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery with Rev. Steve Daly officiating.

Gene was born on May 10, 1921 in Magnolia, Texas and passed away on January 7, 2008 in Huntsville, TX.

He is preceded in death by Father, Julius Albert Sanders; Step-Mother, Bula Sanders & a step-sister Nanaline Hawes.

The family moved to Houston in mid 1920's and Gene grew up in the Heights. Gene honorably served his country in the US Naval Construction Battalions (Seabees) from 1942-1945. He served in the South Pacific. Attained the rank of Chief Boatswain's Mate. Gene was a graduate of Reagan HS in 1937. He attended University of Houston & Sam Houston State, studying Engineering. Gene was united in marriage in March 16, 1947 to Dorothy "Tiby" Adams. He moved to Pearland in 1959 and resided there until his retirement 1983. Prior to moving to Pearland he had been involved in the formation of East Texas YMCA of Houston. In Pearland he was involved in the formation of Pearland Baseball League. He served ten years as a City Councilman from 1962 to 1976. He held various management positions during his 32 years of employment with Southwest Fabricating and Welding Co., (Expediting, Drafting, Engine-ering, Material Manufacturing). After his retirement in 1983, Gene moved to Kitrell Community in Trinity, TX where he spent a lot of time with relatives and enjoyed riding his tractor with his grandkids and watching them fish in his tank. Gene is a past member of Broadway Baptist Temple, (Houston), Pearland First Baptist, Calvary Baptist Church, Trinity, current member of Antioch Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife 60 years Dorothy Sanders; children Gene Sanders, Jr. and wife Barbara, James Sanders, Lonnie Sanders and wife Dee, Lloyd Sanders and wife Regina, Mary Beth Pinkerton and husband Ronnie; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and sister, Hazel Murdock.

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