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Johnnie Merle Tatom

TRINITY – Services for Johnnie Merle Tatom, 76, were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, in the Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church in Trinity with the Rev. Jason Burden and the Rev. Leroy Brown officiating. Burial followed in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Trinity.

Mr. Tatom died Tuesday, Oct. 23, in Lufkin.

He was born Sept. 4, 1931, in Sweetwater and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Tatom was a longtime Chevrolet automobile dealer in Trinity. He was known for his laughter and the smile he had for everyone.

Mr. Tatom was preceded in death by his parents, John Claude and Rose Buchanan Tatom.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Etta Burlyne Tatom; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark and Lisa Tatom and Wesley Tatom; a brother and his spouse, Alan and Ruby Tatom; two sisters, Rosemary McCoy and Tommie Ann Wrzesinski; six grandchildren, Zachary, Hayley, Nicholas, Jordan, Joshua and Kelsie; and a number of other relatives and friends.

Waller-Thornton Funeral Home of Trinity directed the arrangements.