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Services Held For H. W. Thedford

Services for H. W. "Bill" Thedford, 89, of Grapeland were held Thursday, February 22, at Herrington/Land of Memory Chapel, Palestine, with the Revs. Todd Chapman and Tommy Caskey officiating. Burial followed in Guiceland Cemetery north of Grapeland.

Pallbearers were Preston Lively, Ben Moseley, Damon Erwin, Tommy Chapman, Hilary Ray Jr. and Bob Wortham.

Mr. Thedford died Tuesday, February 20, at his home here. He was born July 3, 1911, in Chandler to Jess Pierce and Jessie Georgia Sneed Thedford. A retired salesman, he lived most of his life in Smith County before moving to Grapeland. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Slocum.

Survivors include his wife, Elwanda Thedford of Grapeland; sons, Keith Thedford of Rockwall and Jim Bowman of Fort Worth; a daughter, Joyce Sanders of Waco; sisters, Maurene Claiborne and Opal Thedford, both of Dallas; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.