

## R.C. Thornton

TRINITY -- Services for R.C. Thornton, 81, of Trinity County were held at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 17, 2001, in the First Baptist Church in Groveton with Bro. Max Wells and Bro. Raymond Robbins officiating.

Burial followed in the Chita Cemetery.

Mr. Thornton died May 14 in Memorial Medical Center in Lufkin.

He was born Jan. 30, 1920 in Chita, the son of Clinton O. and Eva Mae Parker Thornton. He was a World War II veteran and was a retired medical officer with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He also enjoyed ranching and worked as a cattleman for most of his life.

Mr. Thornton was a deacon and church leader at the Sebastopol Congregational Methodist Church and was past president of the Chita Cemetery Association.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Catherine Elizabeth Parker Thornton; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Everett Rhodes of Lufkin, Beth Thornton of Chita, and Kathy and Ronnie McCarty of Woodlake; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jimmy and Frances Thornton, Henry and Ginger Thornton and Haron and Ruth Thornton, all of Chita; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jean and Roy Sowell of Houston and Grace Kantz of Conroe; and two granddaughters and their spouses, DeLayne and Wesley Higginbotham of Diboll and Lisa and Joey Watson of Broadus.

Pallbearers included Glenn Thornton, Steve Thornton, Lamar Thornton, Dr. Bob Deuell, Dewayne Jordan and Clinton Edward Scale.

Trinity Funeral Home directed the arrangements.