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**LOMAN KELLEY TIPTON**

Mr. Loman Kelley Tipton, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Mr. Tipton was born October 31, 1917 in Beaumont to Kelley and Ora Tipton. Mr. Tipton time on this earth was 90 years and now he has gone to live with the Lord.

Mr. Tipton grew up in Beaumont, married his high school sweetheart, graduated from South Park High School, attended business school in Beaumont, and went to work for Ideco Incorporated in Beaumont.

Mr. Tipton retired from Ideco as Manager of Manufacturing in 1972. Mr. Tipton joined the Masonic Lodge in Beaumont and remained forever a mason dedicated to the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

Shortly after retiring he met and married Bertie. They enjoyed traveling and spent many summers in Estes Park, Colorado. Mr. Tipton was an active member of the Lovelady Methodist Church and a long time member of the Northwood Christian Church in Beaumont.

Mr. Tipton was adored by all his family and friends who treasured his ability to love, his wit, his intelligence, and his great enthusiasm for life. Mr. Tipton will be greatly missed and forever cherished in our hearts and minds. Life as we know it will never be the same without him.

Survivors include his son Kenneth Loman Tipton and wife Vera, of Houston; sisters Doris Calder and Alice Butler, of Kountz.

He is also survived by his special long time second family and friends the LaRue family, of Lovelady and Crockett including step-sons, daughter and grandchildren Betty LaRue, Glenn LaRue and wife Joylea, Ronald LaRue and wife Colleen, Russell Bracewell and wife Kathy, Jeremy LaRue and wife Kristi, Wesley LaRue and fiance Kristin Sliker. This second family readily took him into their hearts and were a significant part of Mr. Tipton's life.

Preceded in death by his wife of 37 years Effie Marie Tipton and wife of 28 years Bertie LaRue; parents Kelley and Ora Tipton; brothers Jack and Cal; and sister Polly.

A Celebration of Mr. Loman Kelley Tipton life was held Saturday, November 10, at Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Beaumont.