

Services Held In Murchison For Former Resident H. W. Tompkins

Funeral services for Mr. H. W. (Blue) Tompkins Jr., age 73, of Athens were held Thursday, June 10, at First United Methodist Church, Murchison, with Rev. Chris Harrison and Rev. Kevin Otto officiating. Private interment followed at Oaklawn Memorial Park, Athens, under the direction of Carrol-Lehr Funeral Home, Athens.

Pallbearers were Joe Tompkins, William Richard Jackson, Josh Tompkins, Aaron Tompkins, Richard Lytle and Larry Tompkins. Honorary pallbearers included A. P. Hardin, Clyde Brown, Darold Parker, Dan Saxon, Foy Magee, Clyde Bed-

ford, Wendell Warner, Dr. John Kennedy, Bill Howard Sr., Marvin Musick, Jimmy Malone, Hopper Parker and Earl Edwards.

Mr. Tompkins was born in Brownsboro January 28, 1926, to H. W. Tompkins Sr. and Carrie Ellen Wood Tompkins. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Murchison and a member of the Grapeland Masonic Lodge #473. He worked for Ensearch Exploration in Grapeland for 25 years and retired in Athens after 39 years of service.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Grace Saxon Tompkins of Athens; two sons and daughters-in-law, H. W. III and Terri Tompkins of Athens, Phil and Martha Tompkins of Victoria; a daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Jimmy Jackson of Virginia Beach, Virginia; two brothers, Jim Wood Tompkins of Brownsboro, Jack M. Tompkins of Garland; four sisters, Pat Ball of Rusk, Marie Killingsworth, Janie Faulkner and Billye Lytle, all of Brownsboro; grandchildren, Gina Anton of Athens, Bryan Tompkins of Seagoville, Todd Tompkins of Webster, Angela Jackson Rovira and James Worth Jackson, both of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Chase Tompkins of Athens; three great-grandchildren, Justin Anton of Athens, Taylor Tompkins and Tanner Tompkins, both of Seagoville.

If desired, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 8, Murchison, Texas 75778.