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## Robert Arthur Turner

**TRINITY** -- Services for veteran educator and former school board president Robert Arthur Turner, 74, of Trinity were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, at the First United Methodist Church in Trinity with the Rev. Everett McCollum officiating.

Burial followed in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Trinity.

Mr. Turner died Sunday, Dec. 24, at his residence.

The son of Bob and Lorene Turner, he was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. Upon his return from military service, Mr. Turner attended Sam Houston State Teachers College where he earned bachelors and masters degrees in education.

He began his career as a teacher and coach in 1949 with the Freer school district and later served in the Navasota school system. Mr. Turner subsequently served as both a high school principal and superintendent in the Pearland Independent School District. In his more than 30-year career in education, he served in numerous capacities, but considered himself first and fore-

most as a teacher.

In community affairs, he served as the president of the Bellville Lions Club, president of the Trinity Independent School District Board of Trustees, board member for the Trinity Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and board member for the Lake Area National Bank.

Mr. Turner also was a lifetime member of the Huntsville and Trinity ex-student associations.

Throughout his life he earned many honors. He was an honorary lifetime member of the National PTA and a member of the Texas Association of School Administrators, was elected by his peers to the Letterman's Association as SHSU and was selected in 1979 as a member of the Bearkat Hall of Honor at SHSU.

Mr. Turner was chosen as the 1940s Huntsville High School Graduate of the Decade and was elected to the Huntsville Hornet All-Century Football Team.

He was a member of the Trinity First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Billie Laroe Turner; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Carol Turner; two daughters and a son-in-law, Susan Turner and Dannie and Charles Hardy; grandchildren, Jennifer and Mason Turner, Tracy and Scott Hardy and Katie Hutson; one aunt, Myrna Steele; and a number of cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the following scholarship funds: Huntsville Ex-Students Association, P.O. Box 1717, Huntsville, Texas 77342-1717; Trinity Ex-Students Association, P.O. Box 1994, Trinity, Texas 77862; or the Sam Houston Letterman's Association, P.O. Box 1776, Huntsville, Texas 77342.

Waller-Thornton Funeral Home of Trinity directed the arrangements.