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Mt Zion



Mr. Eligha Walker, Sr.

Services Held For Eligha Walker, Sr.

Funeral services for Eligha (Buddy) Walker, Sr. were held Saturday, October 3 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, west of Grapeland. Arrangements were under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home, Palestine.

Pallbearers were Michael Lathan, Reginald Thomas, Henri Cruse, Charles Holmes, Sandy McCorvey and Ronald Shepherd. Honorary pallbearers were George Walker, Eligha Walker, Jr. Billy W. Walker, Rickey Walker, Dean Walker and Gus L. Walker.

Mr. Walker passed away on Thursday, October 1, 1998 at his home in Grapeland. He was born on June 13, 1913 to Nathan and Eliza Jane Walker in Grapeland. Preceding him in death were two daughters, one son, six brothers, five sisters and one grandson.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years and nine months Essie B. Walker of Grapeland; five sons: Rev. George Walker and wife Nancy of Houston, Rev. Eligha Walker, Jr. and wife Willie Bell of Nacogdoches, Rev. Billy Wayne Walker and wife Rev. Gwendolyn of Longview, Rickey Walker, Sr. and wife Marilyn of Grapeland, Dean Walker and wife Donna of Nacogdoches; one sister, Eliza Jane Guster of Galveston; one daughter-in-law, Odessa Walker of Longview; twenty-five grandchildren; forty great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.