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Mt Zion



THEOPHILUS RUDOLPH WALKER

Theophilus Rudolph Walker was born on April 10, 1928 to the late Sammy and Angie Walker of the Mt. Zion Community, Grapeland.

At an early age he joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church where he was baptized. He also managed and sang with the Spiritual Wonders Quartet. In 1975 he joined Bethel Baptist Church and served as chairman of the deacon board, sang in the male chorus, and cooked barbeque for church functions.

On January 1, 1946 he married the former Eula Lois Turner with eight children born to their union. From 1975 to 1985, T.R. served as a Reserve Deputy for the Houston County Sheriff's office. He also managed a cotton farm and contracted with Southern Pacific. In his spare time he was an avid gardener.

T.R. was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle until he departed this life after 78 years on February 12, 2007 at the Methodist Hospital, Houston.

Preceded in death by by 2 sons, Donald Ray and Sammy Walker and a grandson, Jerald Wayne Houston.

Survivors are: wife of 61 years, ~~Eula Lois Walker~~ of Crockett, 3 sons; Rudolph Walker, Thomas Walker and wife Joyce of Dallas, Jimmy Walker and wife Dorothy of Midway, 3 daughters; Eula Houston and husband Sherman of Bossier City, LA., Della Howard and husband Will of LaMarque, Carrie Gilford and husband Marvin of Houston, 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters; Della Moore, Mary Bradford and husband Horace of Texas City, 2 brothers; Lawrence Walker and wife Daphane of Houston, Charles E. Walker of Galveston, 2 brothers-in-law; Albert Turner and wife Wilma of Grapeland, Joe Turner and wife Eva of Dallas, sister-in-law; Willie Mae Gambrell and husband Ralph of CA., nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, special cousins and friends, Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Darius Kitchen.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 17, 2007, 11 am, Bethel Baptist Church, 906 North 6th, Crockett, Rev. Earl Harris, pastor and officiated. He was laid to rest in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Grapeland.

Casketbearers were granddaughters; Debra Jones, Sheila Jenkins, Jessica Scott, Vera Johnson, Kesha Walker Byrd, Yo;anda Adams, Ashala Walker.

McClain-Cleburn Funeral Service