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## Billie John Wars

GROVETON — Burial services for Billie John Wars, 74, of

Lufkin were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at the East Prairie Cemetery in Trinity County with Bros. Carrol Norsworthy and H.J. Billingsly officiating.

Mr. Wars died Friday, May 20, at the Temple Veterans Administration Hospital.

Born Dec. 26, 1930, in Groveton, he was the son of James Lewis Wars Sr. and Dolphia Norsworthy Wars.

He served in the U.S. Air Force, having attained the rank of master sergeant. During his military career, Mr. Wars served during the Korean and Viet Nam war eras and was stationed in Guam, Japan and Labrador. Flying duties also took

him to numerous places in the Pacific area, including Korea, the Philippines and Hawaii and to locations in the Atlantic area including Bermuda, the Azores and Iceland. He also made trips to the Northwest Territories, Europe, Africa and Central America.

Mr. Wars served as an elder and teacher in the East Prairie Church of Christ and retired from the Champion plywood plant in Camden.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan Wars; a son, John Allen Wars; a granddaughter, Danielle Wars; his parents; and two brothers, James Wars Jr. and Wilmer Wars.

Survivors include four sons and their spouses, Billy Duane Wars of New Mexico, Charles Marsh and Alanna Wars of Hardin, James Douglas and Shannon Wars of Willis and Kelvin Warren and Kathy Wars of Lufkin; a daughter-in-law, Dana Clay of Beaumont; a brother, J. Donald Wars; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the East Prairie Church of Christ or to the Temple Veterans Hospital's Oncology Department.

Groveton Funeral Home directed the arrangements.