

Ferrell Clements Whittlesey

TRINITY - Services for Ferrell Clements Whittlesey, 97, of Trinity were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, in the Trinity First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Everett McCollum officiating.

Burial followed in the Chita Cemetery.

Mr. Whittlesey died Sunday, Nov. 28, in Huntsville Memorial Hospital.

He was born April 15, 1907, in Center, the son of Oscar Leslie and Leona Clements Whittlesey. A graduate of Sam Houston College with a Masters degree in education, Mr. Whittlesey was a teacher, coach, principal, rancher and land developer.

He taught school for more than 33 years in several communities, including Chita, Carlisle, Groveton, Lovelady, Pennington, New Caney and Trinity. After his retirement in 1961, Mr. Whittlesey worked as a rancher and developed the Hillwood Acres subdivision in Trinity County.

He was a member of the First Christian Church.

Mr. Whittlesey was preceded in death by his parents; five sisters, Mispah Warren, Mary Mathews, Amy Hamilton, Alma Burford and Elma Hamilton; and a brother, Floyd Whittlesey.

Survivors include his wife of 74 years, Byron Lawrence Whittlesey of Trinity; a son and daughter-in-law, George and Betty Whittlesey of Groveton; three grandchildren and their spouses, Randel and Lisa Whittlesey of College Station, Karen and Jim Key of Missouri City and David Whittlesey of Groveton; four great-grandchildren, Taylor Whittlesey and Cole Whittlesey, both of College Station; Elizabeth Key and Laura Key, both of Missouri City; a brother-in-law, Samuel Burford of

Bay City; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Pallbearers included Randel Whittlesey, David Whittlesey, Jim Key, Paul Warren, Larry Whittlesey and Dr. Craig Reese.

Honorary pallbearers included James Leslie Hamilton, Larry Hamilton, James Lawrence, Harold Lawrence, Forest Hilton, Bo Fotheringham, Gene Jenkins, Morris Brown and Dr. Joe Frank Thornton.

Waller-Thornton Funeral Home of Trinity directed the arrangements.

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