

## The Rev. James P. "Jim" Wood

**CROCKETT** -- Services for the Rev. James P. "Jim" Wood, 83, of Tyler, and formerly of Trinity and Lovelady, were held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 10, 2002, in the Trinity First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Frederick March, Merle Kelly, Dr. Jim Ross and the Rev. Kevin King officiating.

Burial followed in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Trinity.

The Rev. Wood died June 6, in the Hospice for East Texas Homeplace in Tyler.

He was born Jan. 26, 1919, in the Corinth Community near Buffalo and had resided in Tyler for the past 15 months.

The Rev. Wood began his ministry in the late 1930s with the Assembly of God in East Texas, worked for Southwestern Bible Institute and was vice president of the Texas Private Junior College Foundation.

In the 1960s, he moved to Houston where he joined the First United Methodist Church, serving as chairman of the board, Sunday school teacher in the Quillian Class and as a substitute minister for the district.

The Rev. Wood also was a partner in Hiamonette, Inc. He obtained his auctioneer's license in 1979 and formed L&W Sales.

He re-entered the ministry on a full-time basis in 1981 as pastor at the Lovelady First United Methodist Church for 11 years. He later worked as a chaplain for Hospice in the Pines in Lufkin and retired at the age of 82 as the associate pastor of the Trinity First United Methodist Church.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Trinity and Lovelady.

The Rev. Wood attended Southwestern Bible Institute, Lon Morris College and Texas A&M University. He was a member of the Lovelady Masonic Lodge No. 539, Center Lions Club, Houston Rotary Club, Trinity Optimist Club and Trinity Noon Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by three wives, Alice Wood, Mary Kate Wood and Phyllis Mann Wood; one great-grandson; his parents, Carrol and Lonie Wood; two brothers, Sam Wood and Howard Wood; and a sister, Ruth Jones.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, James C. and Cheryl Wood of Waco, Doyle and Brenda Wood of Wichita Falls and Joe and Sarah Bentley of Houston; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth Ann and Chris Poirier of Tyler; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a special niece, Iva Nell Heintz of Conroe; a sister-in-law, Sue Johnson of Houston; and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association Northeast Texas Chapter or the Trinity First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 31, Trinity, Texas 75862.

Callaway-Allie Funeral Home of Crockett directed the arrangements.