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### RUTHERFORD WOOTEN

Mr. Rutherford Wooten, son of Clarence and Eloise Wooten, was born Nov. 7, 1916 in the Thankful Community, Lovelady.

He completed his public education in Lovelady. He then attended Mary Allen Jr. College in Crockett. He taught for two years in Lovelady Elementary School after which his time was devoted to farming and ranching. He truly loved his farm as well as additional outdoor activities.

In 1941 Mr. Wooten was united in marriage to Cornelia Pike, a native of Mounds, Ok. To this union one son was born, Rutherford Wooten, Jr. Three nieces also became members of this family: Debra, Carolyn and Jacqueline. He was also a father figure to numerous other extended family members.

Mr. Wooten can also be remembered for his untiring work in the White Rock United Methodist Church where he served as a trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school for over thirty years until his health failed.

In addition, he always supported and participated in community affairs especially the community center.

He departed this life on Feb. 6, 2000 in Crockett. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Edward and wife Beatrice.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 59 years, Cornelia Wooten; son Dr. Rutherford Wooten, Jr. and wife Irene of Austin; Debra Lucas and husband Winston of Angleton; Carolyn Holley of Clear Lake; Jacqueline Smither and husband Ernest of Marlboro, Ma.; grandchildren Henry Wooten, Rutherford Wayne Wooten, Sharon Wooten, Wendell Lucas, Reginald and Rosalind Renee Holley and Ernest Smither, III; sister Berthena

Williams of Los Angeles, Ca.; brother C.J. Wooten and wife Greta of Lovelady; sister-in-law Thelma Pike of Tulsa, Ok.; caring neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Berry of Lovelady; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Wooten were held Saturday, Feb. 12 at 11 a.m. in the White Rock Methodist Church in Lovelady with the Rev. C.C. Jammer and the Rev. Donald Walker officiating. Final resting is Fodice Cemetery, Lovelady.

Pallbearers were grandsons Reginald Holley, Rutherford Wayne Wooten, Henry Wooten, Ernest Smither, III and Wendell Lucas and nephew Clarence Wooten, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were church stewards and Masonic brothers.

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