

Funeral Services Held For Jesse Franklin Counts

Funeral services for Jesse Franklin Counts, who would have been 67 today, Thanksgiving Day, were conducted Saturday at the Church of Christ in Lancaster. Robert Irby, Church of Christ minister, officiated. Burial followed at the Lancaster Cemetery under the arrangements of Mumaw Funeral Home.

Mr. Counts died of injuries suffered in a traffic accident at Highway 6 and Avenue D Nov. 18. He resided at 44224 N. 52nd Street West, Quartz Hill.

Born in Texas, he came with his family to California from Odessa, Texas., in 1942. He had been a preacher in his earlier years and had devoted his life to church activities. Prior to moving to Antelope Valley in 1951, he resided in Bellflower, Norwalk, and Buttonwillow.

A member of the Church of Christ since 1910, he had been instrumental in starting a number of congregations in his own home and had served as an elder for the last 25 years. Since 1953 he had served as an elder in the Quartz Hill congregation.

Also surviving are three sons, J. T. Counts, of Norwalk, Jesse J. Counts of Lancaster and Hugh D. Counts, of Mojave; four sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Duty of Abilene, Tex., Mrs. Lora Mate Matthews of La Mesa, Tex., and Mrs. LoRene Lynch of Las Cruces, New Mexico; four brothers, Hugh Counts of Lockney, Tex., Jim Counts of Fort Worth, Tex., Amos Counts of El Centro, Tex., and W. T. Counts of Fort Worth, Tex.; and 11 grandchildren and one great grand child.

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