Mr. Joe Mack Roach, age 70 of Lufkin, passed away Saturday, October 31, 2009 in a Lufkin Hospital. Mr. Roach was born February 5, 1939 in Crockett to the late Julia (Roberson) and Joe Roach. He had resided in Lufkin for the past 5 years, and previously lived in Lake Charles, Louisiana for 30 years. Mr. Roach was a retired teacher and principal for the Kennard Independent School District, following a 25-year career in public education. He was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Betty Roach, of Lufkin; daughters and son-in-law Jeannie and Jimm Twohig and Julie Landry, all of Lufkin; brother and sister-in-law Emmitt and Maura Roach, of Kennard; six granddaughters Kristi Dowdy, of Kennard, Stacy English, of Yokohama, Japan, Erin Graham, of Lufkin, Alex Landry, of Houston, Dani Walker and Kacey Walker, both of Lufkin; four great-grandsons Elijah Dowdy and Nikolaos Dowdy, both of Kennard, Jake Fougeron and Isaiah Waldon, both of Lufkin; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by his parents Julia (Roberson) and Joe Roach; and a son-in-law Danny Walker.

Funeral Services for Mr. Joe
Mack Roach were held Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Carroway-Claybar Funeral Home Chapel in Lufkin with the Reverend Don Johnson officiating. Interment followed in the Ivie Cemetery in Houston County.

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