

# Funeral Services For Johnie Reynolds Held At School Auditorium

Johnie Clyde Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sterling Price Reynolds, was born December 25, 1886, at Liberty, Missouri.

On December 9, 1908, at Ivanhoe, Oklahoma, he was married to Grace Idella Edwards. She and one son, Keith Claymore Reynolds, survive. Johnie was preceded in death by his only daughter, Edith Florence, who died December 17, 1932, at the age of seventeen years.

At the age of 12 Johnie was converted and became a member of the Liberty Baptist church. He died on January 10, 1948, in Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo, Texas, at the age of 61 years and 16 days. Two sisters, Bessie and Susan, and one brother, Melvin, preceded him in death. He is survived by two sisters, Jennie Sharpe, of Follett, Texas, and Harlis Scrivner, of Greeley, Colorado. Also surviving are half-brothers and half-sisters as follows: Ronie Reid, Higgins, Texas, Ruby Freeman, Hutchinson, Kansas, Guy Reynolds, Andrix, Colorado, Robert Reynolds, Follett, Texas, and Donald Reynolds, Catesby, Oklahoma; also a step-brother, Archie Stevens, Follett, Texas, and four grandchildren, Lela Mae, Keith, Jr., Shirley Ann and Marvin Clyde Reynolds.

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Johnie Reynolds had strong convictions and the courage to defend them. Sometimes these led into conflicts. It is a good answer to his critics that those who knew him best, loved him most. Reared in a Christian home, he early took the Bible for his guide; Jesus for his master. Never perfect, as he well knew, he depended on divine guidance and was always striving towards "the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus."

Late Saturday, December 27, after completing his work in the school buildings, he turned the key on a task well done. As he

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