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**Deceased: BOBBY J. NEEDHAM**

**Date: May 6, 1997**

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Bobby J. Needham, age 64, a lifetime resident of Dripping Springs, died Monday, May 5, 1997.

Mr. Needham played in Minor League Baseball from 1949 to 1952, with the Austin Pioneers and the Odessa Oilers. He was an avid horse lover, and was a member of Carpenters Local #1266.

He was preceded in death by his father, Enoch James Needham; and his aunt, Vina Norwood.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Gayle Needham of Dripping Springs; son, Bo Needham and wife, Sareena, of Dripping Springs; daughter, Terri Needham of Austin; mother, Beulah Needham, of Dripping Springs; grandchildren, Maegan, Haley and Brandi; brothers, Buzzy Needham, Eddie Needham and Joey Needham; sisters, Shirley Ragland, Peggy Montgomery, Minnie Jenkins, Cherry Fry, and Donna Needham; numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at the funeral chapel in Dripping Springs from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 1997.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at the Harrell Funeral Chapel in Dripping Springs, with Reverend David Smith officiating. Burial in Phillips Cemetery.

Special thanks to the Southwest Regional Cancer Center, doctors and staff for their care during his time of illness.

Arrangements by Harrell Funeral Chapel in Dripping Springs, 858-5666.