

NELL HOUSTON HALL PATTON

Mrs. Nell Houston Hall Patton, age 104, has gone to be with her Lord and Savior, on Wednesday, December 12, 2007. Mrs. Patton was born September 10, 1903 in Houston County, near Crockett, Texas to Robert F. and Bertha J. Hall. Mrs. Patton was the middle child of seven.

Graduated from Crockett High School in 1922. Attended North Texas Normal in Denton, (now North Texas State University) and received a temporary teaching certificate. Mrs. Patton taught in several country school in East Texas before marrying Howard Craig Patton on June 17, 1928. They had two children, Margie Nell in 1930 and Howard Maxwell in 1932.

In 1955 she returned to college at Sam Houston State University and graduated with a BS degree in Education. Mrs. Patton lived and taught in Crockett, later moved to Center and Tenaha and was active in church activities and raising her children. Mrs. Patton taught Sunday, VBS and was an officer in WSCS (now called UMW) at Tenaha Methodist Church. They moved to Pasadena in 1957, where she taught at Mae Smyth Elementary for 11 years, retiring in 1968. Mrs. Patton always taught elementary, third grade was her favorite.

Mrs. Patton's husband Craig died in 1966. Mrs. Patton also loved keeping grandchildren after school, teaching them dominoes, canasta and other games and helped them learn to read. Mrs. Patton adored all of her five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, who called her Mamaw. Mrs. Patton was an active member of First Presbyterian Church and joined First United Methodist following her husband's death. Mrs. Patton attended Sunday school and Church until the age of 102, she loved the Christian Fellowship Class. Mrs. Patton lived and attended Sunday School and church until the age of 102.

Mrs. Patton lived at Colonial Oaks Assisted Living for 11 years and recently moved into the Heritage House where she was lovingly taken care of until her passing. Mrs. Patton enjoyed reading up to last birthday and won several awards for most books read and enjoyed

working any crossword puzzle and loved bingo. In her retirement she would stay with elderly people and even accompanied a lady on a trip to Las Vegas to tend to her while her family went sightseeing. Nell loved gardening, flowers and vegetables.

Mrs. Patton enjoyed driving up to the age of 92. She was active in a handbell choir up to Christmas 2006. Mrs. Patton enjoyed participating in Texas Retired Teachers, Grandmothers Club where she went on many out of state trips, AARP meetings, Pasadena Reading Club and mended books at the Pasadena Public Library, She enjoyed TV-golf and football, Wheel of Fortune was a daily favorite and Oprah.

Survivors include her daughter Margie Kearns; grandchildren Craig E. Kearns, Carol Smith, Jill Scott, Linda Malone, and Glen Kearns; their spouses; daughter-in-law Sharley Patton; great grandchildren Kayla, Leah and Deanna Smith, Scott and Kyle Kearns, Lauren, Lana and Leann Scott, Brianna Busby, Matthew, Luke and Kendall Kearns; nephews Charles Fuller, Shannon Fuller, Robert Fuller, Robert Hall, Wilbur Meier, Jr, and Mike Meier. Nieces Joye Mitchell, Jane Cook and Clarite Neer.

Funeral Services were held at First United Methodist Church, Friday, December 14, at 10:00 a.m.

Graveside Service was at 3:00 p.m., in Crockett in the Evergreen Memorial Park.

Donations in her memory can be sent to First United Methodist Church to the Heritage Fund.

Pasadena Funeral Chapel