

Jessie Mildred Barnes

Mrs. Jessie Mildred Barnes, age 93, of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, January 29, 2008, in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Jessie Mildred Barnes was born on November 10, 1914 in Crockett, Texas to her parents Homer and Lela Manville. She grew up in Crockett, went to school here and graduated from Crockett High School. She was a very dedicated student, had perfect attendance and walked three miles to school each day.

She married Jarrett Barnes on September 2, 1933, and they had two daughters, Lela Anne and Thelma. She worked at Betts Dry Goods and Variety Goods on the square in Crockett, in the building which now houses the Courthouse Annex on Goliad Avenue. She was manager of the variety store and it was located downstairs in the basement with the entrance on South 4th Street.

Mildred later worked for Mrs. Delbert Brown at Fairyland's, a children's dress shop located on Houston Avenue where Thomas McLendon presently has his business.

Her husband, Jarrett, passed away in 1950. Mildred never remarried and raised her daughters as a single parent. She worked very hard giving her daughters every advantage. She was a wonderful, caring mother through the years, showing sacrificial love for them, providing for them and not once thinking of her needs. She worked two jobs, her regular job and worked as an excellent seamstress on the side. She made wedding dresses, prom dresses, and any type of dress even without patterns and did all kinds of alterations.

Later years, she joined Jimmy and William Spruill



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as their bookkeeper and clerk in the business of Spruill Builders Supply. While working for them, Floy Spruill originated a floral business, named it Crockett Florist and it was located where Crockett Bank is today. Mildred learned floral design and loved working with flowers. After working for the Spruill family for 32 years, she retired.

She later returned to the floral business and worked for Janie Ivins at Janie's Flower Shop. She enjoyed arranging flowers and helping her customers with their floral needs. She was a very talented lady, anything she strove to do, she did it well.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church for 57 years, she loved the Lord and her family was a very important part of her life.

Mothers are a gift from God and her family was truly blessed having Mildred Barnes as their mother and grandmother. She was a very loving and caring person. She was a real lady from years ago, where she was taught manners and used them graciously. No one ever did anything for Mildred Barnes that she didn't thank them for. She always used the words, "Mam", "Yes Mam" and "No Mam", words not heard too much in these days.

Thanks Mother, for all your love and support, we will love you forever and you will always be in our hearts for giving us so much love and filling our world with your love. You were a special lady, and we love you. Everyone who knew Mrs. Barnes loved her and she was truly our gift from God. We love you Mother and Granny, you were very special to us, and we will miss you.

Survivors include her daughters Lela Anne Lackey and husband, Curtis Wendell Lackey of Arlington and Thelma Broxson and husband, E. J. Broxson of Lovelady; grandchildren Dana Lynn Lackey of Arlington, Carla Kay Davies and husband, Tom Davies of Magnolia, Ron Keith Lackey of Grapevine, Russ Curtis Lackey and wife, Sarah Lackey of Arlington, Jarrice Anne Perry and husband, David Perry of Lovelady and Jennifer Lea Freeman and husband, Stacy Freeman of Lovelady; great-grandchildren Callie Anne Perry of College Station, Dustin David Perry of Lovelady, Cody Allen Freeman of Lovelady, Courtney Lea Freeman of Lovelady, Eric Curtis Samuel Smith of Arlington, Hannah Christine Davies of Magnolia, Brandon Thomas Davies of Magnolia and Grayson Robert Curtis Lackey of Arlington.

She was preceded in death by husband, Jarrett Howard Barnes; mother, Lela Manville; father, Noel Homer Manville; and infant sister, Eva Estell Manville.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mildred Barnes were held Friday, February 1, 2008 at 11 a. m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Rev. Scott Matthews and Rev. LeRoy Pearson officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park.