



**ELRETHA JAMES  
STRONG WILLIAMS KING**

Mrs. Elretha James Strong Williams King, age 91 went to her heavenly home Tuesday, November 25, 2008, in Humble, Texas. Mrs. King was born in Plainview, Texas, July 14, 1917 and was the oldest child of five children: parents were McKinley and Mary Thornton James. She was married to William E. Strong, John W. Williams and Junious N. King, who all preceded her in death. Mrs. King resided in Humble, Texas for much of her adult life but moved to Groveton, Texas to live with her loving daughter after having knee surgery. Her caretaker, Alice Smith, was one of her favorite people.

Mrs. King worked as a cook, caretaker and volunteer. Although a faithful member of St. Mark Baptist Church in Humble, Texas she adored attending Mt. Senora Baptist Church in Pennington to hear the male choir sing and Rev. Richard, Preach.

Mrs. King was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother and played a significance and active role in the lives of all of the members of her family.

Survivors include many friends and family who adored her: one brother Robert O.T. James, of Dallas; two sisters Ida Bell Baines, and Lillie M. Young, both of Houston; Six daughters Bettye Strong, of Detroit, Mich., Eula McCardell, of Houston, Lorine Dendy, of Hyattsville, Md., Elizabeth Taylor, of Washington D.C., Lula Battle, of New Caney and Mary Curtis, of Groveton; two very special son-in-laws James Curtis and Herman Taylor; Mrs. King was very proud to

be blessed with 25 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren, 52 great-great-grandchildren; and 31 great-great-great-grand-children; numerous other relatives and friends.

In addition, to her three husband's, Mrs. King was pre-

ceded in death by her parents McKinley and Mary Thornton James; sister Myran Childress; son Larry Strong; daughters, Marylene Williams, Ruth A. Williams; granddaughter Christine Landrum; great granddaughters Madeline Richards, Mary Richard Hardin; aunt Priscilla Pennington; and many more uncles, aunts,

cousins, and friends from this community.

A Celebration of Life Service for Mrs. Elretha James Strong Williams King will be held Friday, December 5, at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Luke M.B.C. on 8906 Humble-Westfield Rd. Humble, Texas 77338, with Rev. Timothy Sloan pastor/ Pastor J. Wesley Williams, II, officiating, Interment-Calvary Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Mt. Herman Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1264, Groveton, Texas 75845 or The Key Women Safe House, P.O. Box 3334, Humble, Texas 77347.

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