



BEATRICE "BEA" ACKLEY

Mrs. Beatrice "Bea" Ackley, age 78 of Grapeland, passed away Wednesday, February 18, 2009 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Ackley was born June 16, 1930 in Angelina County, Texas, to Eugene and Josie Shoemaker and was a resident of Grapeland for the past seven years. She had worked for the Royal Café in Crockett for many years. Mrs. Ackley was retired from the Houston Chronicle Newspaper and was a carrier for the Dallas Morning News. She was also a representative for Avon for many years and member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children Georgia Webster and Larry Burger, of Grapeland, Matilda Tunmire and Randy Davis, of Kennard, William Ackley, Jr. and wife Deborah, of Fort Worth and Joe Falkner and wife Peggy, of Cleveland; step-children Katy Lowery, of Crockett and Leslie Ackley, of Kennard; 28 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; sisters Bertie Mott, of Splendora, Mae Costello, Lou Mulson and husband Melvin, all of Marlin; brothers Alton Shoemaker, of Killeen, Curtis Shoemaker and wife, Marie, of Lake Jackson and Billy Ray Shoemaker and wife Glesia, of Belton; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by her husband Leon Ackley; daughter Rosie Paulin, of Wisconsin; son Jimmy Ackley of Houston; step-sons Clarence Ackley of Crockett and Tommy Ackley of Crockett; two grandsons three brothers and one sister.

Graveside Funeral Services for Mrs. Beatrice "Bea" Ackley were held Saturday, February 21, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in the Creek Cemetery with the Rev. Ottis Byers officiating. Interment will follow.

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