



KAREN BRIDGES

Mrs. Karen Bridges, age 61 of Grapeland, passed away Monday April 27, 2009 in Tyler, Texas. Mrs. Bridges was born July 4, 1947 in Palestine, Texas to George and Thelda Barte.

She graduated from Grapeland High School in 1965. She was a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics and Elementary Education. She also earned her Masters of Education in Counseling Psychology. She was a Texas Board Certified Counselor in special education and crisis counseling. She worked in the Field of Education as a Counselor and Teacher for 31 years. Upon retiring from education she began working with the family business, George Barte Construction Company, Inc.

Mrs. Bridges married Dick Bridges on June 1, 1974. They were married 34 years.

Mrs. Bridges was a charter member of the Grapeland Missionary Baptist Church, and actively participated in the Discovery Club program. She served her community as a member of Grapeland School Board for 6 years. She was also a member of Grapeland Augusta Eastern Star Chapter # 120 and a member of Delta Chi Sorority, a home economic organization. She was loved and admired by many friends for her kind friendship and generous heart. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who continuously gave her love to her large family.

Survivors include her husband Dick Bridges; mother Thelda Barte; children Greg Bridges, Lindsay Bullock and husband Rodney, Jason Bridges and wife April, and Brandon Bridges and wife Jessica; grandchildren Brian, Kaleb, Madison, Ben, Jaycee, Cameron, Bridges and Taylor Watson.

Preceded in death by her father George Bartee.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Karen Bridges were held Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Grapeland Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Maydelle, TX.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Gaines, Jimmy Caveness, Bob Jones, Ralph Barnett, Tom Keith, Stanley Skidmore, Tommy Byrd and Carl Kellum.

Donations may be made to the George Bartee Scholarship

fund, P.O. Box 372, Grape-land, TX. or at Prosperity Bank.

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PATRICIA MELTON

Mrs. Patricia Melton, age 82 of Crockett, passed away Sunday, April 26, 2009 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Melton was born August 20, 1926 in San Angelo, Texas and had lived in Crockett for the past 18 months, previously living in Huntsville. She was retired antique dealer and was a member of the St. Thomas Catholic Church in Huntsville.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years: Mart Melton, Jr., of Crockett; daughter Gail Thomas and husband Wade, of Belott; grandchildren Tiffany Thomas, of Auburn, Ala., Jared Thomas, of Belott, Lauren Menn and husband Tony, of Dallas, Ashley Melton, of Baton Rouge, La.; sisters Ann Scruggs, of Dallas and Linda Harless, of Austin; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by her parents Herman and Thelma Perry; and son David Melton.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Patricia Melton were held Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Father Steven Payne officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park.

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