



JESSIE BELL JOHNSON SHEPHERD

Ms. Jessie Bell Johnson Shepherd, age 92 of Grapeland, passed away Saturday, February 27, 2010. Ms. Shepherd was born April 4, 1917 to the parentage of Johnny Johnson and Flossie Beazley Johnson. She attended Daily High School and was an "A" student. Ms. Shepherd joined church at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Zion Baptist Church and was always a devoted worker. She later united with Greater New Hope Baptist Church in the Daily Community, St. John Baptist Church in Grapeland, Texas and Rising Star Baptist Church in Grapeland where she remained a faithful member until her demise. Ms. Shepherd was loved by all and honored by many. She was the mother of the church.

Survivors include her six sons (James, A.J., Edward, Willie Fadell, Lee Terrell and Winfred Shepherd); two daughters (Barbara Franklin and Wanda Black); one adopted daughter (Nita Harrell); 45 grandchildren; 80 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents Johnny Johnson and Flossie Beazley Johnson; one sister (Addie Bell Shepherd); eight brothers (Elmo, Pete, Spencer, Ike, Dunk, Herbert Lee Stubblefield, Fadall and Walter Johnson); and one son (Charles Shepherd).

Funeral Services for Ms. Jessie Bell Johnson Shepherd were held Saturday, March 6, 2010 at Rising Star Baptist Church and laid to rest at Golden Gate Cemetery.