



## IRENE WELCH

Mrs. Irene Welch, age 82 of Latexo, passed away January 9, 2010 in Conroe, Texas. Mrs. Welch was born December 12, 1927, in Redland, TX to John Lester and Irene Burnett Perkins. She was the youngest of 8 siblings. She grew up in Redland and completed both Bachelors and Masters degrees at Stephen F. Austin State College in Nacogdoches. Mrs. Welch worked as Elementary, Junior, and High-School Teacher, High-School Principal, and finally Superintendent at Latexo ISD from 1949 until 1974. She worked with the Houston-Trinity County Special Education Coop from 1974 until her retirement in 1988. Mrs. Welch was the third woman public school superintendent in the state of Texas. She was also the first Mayor of the City of Latexo. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Crockett, Texas. She served 17 years on the Board of Directors of the John H. Wooters Crockett Public Library. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 22 years. She is a life member and past president of Beta Sigma Phi, Past Chief and Pianist of Pythian Sisters, and life member of the Stephen F. Austin State University Alumni Association.

Survivors include her brother Morris Perkins, of Groves; sons John Charles Welch, of Spring and George Robert Welch, of College Station; grandchildren Sandra Irene Welch, Mary Elizabeth Welch, Glenn Ernest Welch, and Samuel Eric Welch; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceded in death by her parents John Lester and Irene Burnett Perkins; husband Glenn Everett Welch; and six siblings.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Irene Welch were held at the First United Methodist Church in Crockett on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. with Dr. Jerry House officiating. Interment followed in the Latexo Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Welch may be memorialized by gifts to the scholarship fund she endowed at her alma mater. Checks may be made out to the J. L. and Irene Burnett Perkins Scholarship Fund, and sent to: Alumni Association; P.O. Box 6096, SFA Station; Nacogdoches, TX 75962. Please indicate that the gift is in memory of Irene Perkins Welch.

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