



## ANNIE ELIZABETH WASHINGTON WHITTING

Ms. Annie Elizabeth Washington Whitting, age 96, passed away Thursday, May 27, 2010. Ms. Whitting was born October 16, 1923, the eldest of six children born to John I. and Augusta Baker-Washington in Crockett.

The family was sharecroppers and lived on the Brown Farm. Ms. Whitting attended the Mt. Moriah Community School, a one room schoolhouse. She walked 1 ½ miles one way to school and received her high school certificate. The family moved to the Austonio Community.

“Mama Annie,” as she was lovingly called, accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Mt. Mariah Baptist Church all of her life. She was in love with the Lord and exemplified it in every facet of her life. Possessing a passion for service, she sang in the choir, was a Sunday school teacher and church secretary. Her faithfulness was steadfast and she remained an active member until her health failed her.

She met and married John B. Whitting. To this union, nine children were born. Ms. Whitting was an honorary lifetime member of the Order of Eastern Star. She was recently honored for 50+ years in the organization. A virtuous woman, “Mama Annie” stayed active and busy by quilting, cooking, canning, feeding her livestock and gardening.

Survivors include her son John B. Whitting, Jr. (Myrtle), of Crockett; adopted daughter Betty Ruth Simon (Earl), of Crockett; a granddaughter she raised Betty Evans, of Crockett; sister Mame (Ma Pig) McKnight, of Crockett; aunt Josie Riggins, of Crockett; 33 grandchildren; countless great, great-great and great-great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, O.E.S. and church members and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents John I and Augusta Baker-Washington; seven brothers and sisters; and eight children Fred "Ted," Willie B "Buddy," Zelma Lee "Snowball," Oscar Lee "Red Man" and Rufus "Steamboat" and three who passed away shortly after birth.

Funeral Services for Ms. Annie Elizabeth Washington Whitting were held Monday, May 31, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Crockett with the Rev. Larry J. Mouton, Jr. and the Rev. Charles Easterling Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

Active Pallbearers were Clarence Jolly, Randy Jones, Johnny Ray McKnight, Terrell McKnight, Alvin Pope, Jr. and Brandon Whitting.

Honorary Pallbearers were John B. Whitting, Jr., Grandsons, Great and Great-great-grandsons.

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