

Madeline Oliver Hodges

Funeral services for Madeline Oliver Hodges, age 95, of Crockett, were held Monday April 2, 2007 at Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Dr. Charles Lowrey officiating. Interment followed at Shady Grove Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Callaway-Allee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hodges was born February 16, 1912 in Grapeland, Texas and passed away Saturday, March 31, 2007 at her home surrounded by her loving family and friends. She was a member of Shady Grove First Baptist Church. Her pastor and his wife meant the world to her along with the rest of her church family.

Madeline who was also known as "Pal" was born to Emmie Ola Oliver and Marshall Monroe Oliver and had eight brothers and sisters. Being one of the older siblings, her job was to do household chores and watch over her younger brothers and sisters while the rest of the older children worked in the fields with their parents on the farm where she grew up.

In 1928, at the young age of sixteen, she and her sweetheart, Dye Hodges eloped to the surprise of her family, but inevitably had a long lasting 65-year marriage until he passed away in 1993. She worked in downtown Crockett at Duke & Ayers a "five and dime" store for approximately 35 years until she retired where she met and made friends with many people over the years. She loved people and everyone who met her would notice that she was always laughing. She

had a great sense of humor and loved to giggle.

She had three granddaughters whom she loved dearly. They declared her the best grandmother ever due to all of the time she spent playing with the three of them, as well as, her subsequent great and great great grandchildren. There was nothing she would not have done for them and they in return loved their "Mema".

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dye Hodges; granddaughter, Lynette Hodges; brothers, Marcus Oliver, Marvin "Jack" Oliver, and Maurice "Sam" Oliver; and sisters, Lois Northrup, Marcia Ross, Mada Lee "Red Top" DeLaune, and Eola Cox.

She is survived by her only son and daughter-in-law, Bobby Lynn Hodges and Eva Joyce "Joy" Hodges; two granddaughters, Evette Lively and husband, Charles, Annette Wallace and husband, Olan; six great grandchildren, Samantha Wallace, Chase Lucas, Knox Lively, Sawyer Lively, Jamie Wallace, and Amanda Allen; and one great-great grandson, Tyler Phillips; one remaining sister, Mrs. Ray (Nona) Rushing; one sister-in-law, Anita Hodges; many nieces, nephews, and loving friends; and one special little friend, Lily Shian Ashley who sang during the service.

Pallbearers were Olan Wallace, Jamie Wallace, Charles Lively, Knox Lively, Sawyer Lively and Chase Lucas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shady Grove First Baptist Church, 8474 Highway 287 South, Crockett, Texas 75835.