

## Zelma Oliver Yates

Zelma Oliver Yates 95, was born to Alvin and Kate Oliver September 5, 1912 in Grapeland, TX. She was a devoted wife to Lee Roy Yates for 69 years, a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. A lifelong member of Sunset Christian Church, Mrs. Yates lived most of her life in Grapeland. She passed away peacefully Monday, November 12, 2007, with her daughter by her side.

Mrs. Yates was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Lee Roy Yates, two daughters Marilyn Day and Kathy Steed, brothers John Oliver and Egbert Oliver, sisters Winnie Green, Faye Johnson, and Emma Oliver. She is survived by her daughter Sybil Sanders and husband Richard of Grapeland, son Robert Yates and wife Kathleen of Pasadena, son-in-law

Gary Steed of Crockett, grandchildren Michele Sanders of Grapeland, Philip Sanders and wife Christie of Grapeland, Janet Kennedy and husband Paul of Tyler, Jon Day and wife Pam of League City, Gina Gates of Killeen, Joanie Luna and husband Butch of Jasper, Lisa Pyle of Grapeland, Bobby Yates of Pasadena, Kelly Roy and husband Brian of Pasadena, Ray Durst III and wife Kara of Royce City, eighteen great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren, and a sister Cleba Cade of Tyler.

Services for Zelma Oliver Yates of Grapeland were at 1 p.m. Thursday, November 15, 2007 at Sunset Christian Church with Dr. Vance Drum officiating. Burial followed in Davis Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direct on of Bailey & Foster Funeral Home Chapel, Grapeland.