

Willie Mae Henson Coleman

On May 19, 2008, at the age of 85, a beautiful lady slipped into the waiting arms of Jesus. Willie Mae was a person strong in her faith that Jesus Christ was her personal Lord and Savior. A wonderful blessing to her family; words cannot express how deeply we will miss her. Having the natural ability to talk with and listen to others, often complete strangers shared their life stories.

Willie Mae was born near Grapeland on May 9, 1924. She graduated from Grapeland High School in 1941 and married Roy Dean Henson January 3, 1942. During the course of their 25-year marriage, they had five children. She was a dedicated full-time mother whose utmost priority was taking care of her children. The family moved from Grapeland to Huntsville, Texas in 1964 where she supported her family through employment at Terry's restaurant, making life-long friends with many of her co-workers. Willie Mae was remarried in 1974 to Earl Coleman and remained



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a Huntsville resident for several years.

In 1990 she returned to live in Grapeland where she was a member of First Baptist Church and the Maratha Sunday School Class, drawing great strength from her church involvement and in particular her association with members of the Sunday School Class. For the last few years, she lived in Dallas with daughter Joan and son-in-law David Hinchliffe.

She is survived by one brother, Wade Cutler of Grapeland, and her children,

Arnold Henson of Austin, Jean Mills and husband Larry of Huntsville, Joan Hinchliffe and husband David of Dallas, and Tammy Norcross and husband Jessie of Arlington. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Kyle Henson and wife Ronda of Austin, Donna Henson and fiance' Nathan Corley of Dallas, and April, Audrey and Jude Norcross of Arlington. Hunter Henson and Brian Henson of Austin are her Great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jake and Myrtie Cutler, her son, Kerry Dean Henson, sister Emma Lou Leamons Teems, and brothers Elmer and A.J. Cutler.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 22 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at Bailey & Foster Home Chapel Grapeland. Family members will be present from 6-8 pm. Services will be held Friday, May 23 at 1:00 pm at the First Baptist Church of Grapeland, with the Dr. A. Charles Allen officiating. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery.