



## EDRIS DARE HOPKINS

Mrs. Edris Dare Hopkins born Edris Dare Buller in Grapeland, Texas to Meda and Edd Buller on April 14, 1931. Edris was born into a family of musicians and was an accomplished vocalist singing for many churches and functions around Houston, County.

A graduate of Crockett high School class of 1948. Mrs. Hopkins attended Baylor, Southern Methodist, and Sam Houston Universities earning a B. S. in history and music in 1957. Mrs. Hopkins began her teaching career at Houston County C.S.D. (Porter Springs School) from 1955-1958, she was choir director in Aldine I.S.D. from 1963-1967, Choir director for both Jr. High and High School in La Marque I. S. D. from 1968-1972.

In 1972, Edris reinvented herself and began a career in special education at Glena Park I.S.D. while she attended University of Houston Clear Lake graduate school.

Mrs. Hopkins taught special education reading for 5 years and after achieving her Masters of Education she began her career as an Education Diagnostician. Edris worked as an educational diagnostician for Galena Park I.S.D.

In 1973-1980, Alief I.S.D. 1980-1981, Grand Prairie 1981-1982, Alief 1982-1983, Crockett State School 1983-1984, and Houston Trinity County Resource Education Coop 1984-2006 where she retired at the age of 75 years. She had also taught for Sulross Univeristy in Alpine. Mrs. Hopkins and her husband Jack owned and operated Discount World in Crockett and Rudy Stephan Perfume business in Houston. Mrs. Hopkins was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Crockett. Mrs. Hopkins touched the lives of countless children in her career. Mrs. Hopkins lost a courageous battle to cancer on Saturday, January 26, 2008. Mrs. Hopkins will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include her son Edd Buller Smith and wife Kathy, of Crockett; grandson, John Pablo and wife Cheryl, of Grand Prairie; great-grandchildren Heath Ferguson and Chiane Swinner, both of Grand Prairie; sister Sammye Stanley, of George Town; niece Carol Sibley and husband Stanley, of George Town; and many other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents Edd and Meda Buller;

Funeral Services for Mrs. Edris Dare Hopkins were held Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Jerry House officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Percilla Cemetery.

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