



BESSIE MAE KEE

Miss Bessie Mae Kee walked into the Garden and met her Savior on Sunday afternoon, January 20, 2008. Miss Kee was one hundred three years and four days old.

Miss Kee was born in Keltys, a sawmill town of East Texas on January 16, 1905 to Mary Jane Wheat Kee and James Taylor Kee. Miss Kee was raised in Nogalus Prairie, Texas on a farm with her five siblings and a large extended family.

Miss Kee graduated from Groveton High School earning her high school certificate and began teaching in small country schools sometimes riding a horse to school from home, other times boarding with families in the community. By teaching during the winter term and attending Sam Houston State Teachers College during the summer term, she graduated in 1934 and began to teach in earnest in small communities around East Texas. She earned a Masters Degree in Education from the University of Texas at Austin in 1943.

Survivors include her beloved youngest brother Leland Kee, of Angleton; nieces and nephews James McClain, of Livingston, Sam Kee, Frances Kee Arreguin, Phil Kee, Marcy Kee Irwin, and Paula Kee Robinson, all of Houston, Carl Kee, of Elgin, Janice Kee Yiengst, of Dripping Springs, David Kee and Barry Kee, both of Austin, Susan Kee Eendyk of Dallas and Nancy Kee Patterson, of Liverpool; in addition to a host of friends and former students around the state and the nation.

Preceded in death by her parents James Taylor Kee and Mary Jane Wheat Kee; brothers Jim Wheat Kee, Morris Kee, and Vernon Kee; and sister Dorris Kee McClain.

Graveside Services for Miss Bessie Mae Kee were held Friday, January 25, 2008 at Bennett Cemetery, Groveton, Texas, with the Reverend Bruce Peterson officiating.

A Memorial Celebration of the life of Bessie Mae Kee was held at South Park Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2008.

Honorary Pallbearers will be her nephews.

The Family requests that memorials be made to the Bessie Mae Kee Scholarship Fund in care of Alvin ISD Education Foundation, P.O. Box 2342, Alvin, TX 77512-2342 or the Library at South Park Baptist Church, 1718 S. Johnson Drive, Alvin, TX 77511.

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