

## Iva B. Smith

Mrs. Iva B. Smith, age 83, of Crockett, passed away Friday, July 11, 2008 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Smith was born April 5, 1925 in Lovelady, Texas to Albert J. and Cora Roberson Baker and was raised in Houston County. She had worked for many years at the Crockett Hotel. Mrs. Smith moved back to Crockett in 1982 with husband James A. "Smitty" Smith and together they opened Smitty's Bar-B-Que, which is still in its original location today. After the death of her husband in 1987, Mrs. Smith continued to operate and handle all of the daily operations of the business until sometime in 2005. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxillary and of the Elks Lodge Ladies Auxillary. Mrs. Smith was also a member of the Church of God. She was known as Memaw to all who came in contact with her and she will be missed by all who loved her and held her dear, however we all know that she is at the big dance in Heaven as we speak, no longer in pain and suffering.

Survivors include her daughter Marilyn Harrison and husband, Don of Crockett; son Jesse Stephens and wife, Wanda of Kennard; son Jerry Stephens and wife, Phyllis of

Navasota; daughter Paula Jones and husband, Earl of Amarillo; and daughter Dyanna Jennings and husband, Steve of Huntsville. She is also survived by her grandkids, which she held close to her heart, Sherri Hazlett of Crockett, Lori Novak of Caldwell, Stephen Harrison of Centerville, Gaylene Allen of Crockett, Marshall Stephens of Conroe, Leslie Doughet of Nome, Kevin Stephens of Navasota, Darrell Griffith of Crockett, Susan Griffith of Amarillo, Pam Lomas of Amarillo, James Frost of Friendswood, Jacob Frost of Virginia, and Krystin Feole of Lockhart. Mrs. Smith is also survived by 18 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James A. "Smitty" Smith; her parents, 6 sisters and one brother.

Funeral services for Mrs. Iva B. Smith were held Monday, July 14, 2008 at 2 p. m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Rev. John Goss officiating. Interment followed in the Lovelady Antioch Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lovelady Antioch Cemetery Association, c/o Mrs. Joan Little, 4846 C. R. 3455, Lovelady, Texas 75851.