



HAZEL PIKE-JOHNSON

Mrs. Hazel Pike-Johnson, age 91 of Crockett, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. She had many special names; Mom, Mother, Ms. Hazel, Grammie, Ms. Pike, Ms. Johnson and she answered to all of them. "Ms. Hazel" was born September 3, 1918, to Jess and Pearl Wells in Tadmor, Texas, and lived her life in Houston County. Whichever name you called her by, you knew her as a Christian, a loyal friend and a lady.

Mrs. Johnson owned her own beauty shop as a young woman, worked as a nurse during World War II, and was dietician for Whitehall Nursing Center. She was a member of the Church of God and had served for 50 years as secretary of the Women's Missionary Society. Her house was always open to family, as well as friends. Hundreds of "get together", parties, and "holidays shared" were always planned at "Ms. Hazel's" home. She sent out flowers to the sick, and for anniversaries as well as special occasion cards to everyone she knew and shared her earthly goods with all of us. "Ms. Hazel" could talk on her cell phone, land phone, listen to the scanner, watch t. v., baby sit her great grandchildren all at the same time! and still carry on a conversation if you were visiting her. And we all loved it that way.

When we ask the grandchildren what one word that described how going to Gram's made them feel...the word was "safe" (you were always taken care of and felt "safe" in her home.) Ms. Hazel continued to have a sharp mind and "ran" her house until she went to heaven. She worked diligently for her church and we never remember a time when our Mother didn't pay her tithe. Her giving -sharing spirit drew us to her. To family and friends alike, she was a listener. Her home was filled with laughter, lots of food, and special games. One tradition we will carry on is playing "Dirty Dog" a card game she always won. A memory of her which will last is Mother playing solitaire on her computer and she wouldn't go to bed until she won and "her

yellow pages" of names and numbers, who of us hasn't called "Ms. Hazel" for a telephone number?

God threw the mold away when he made "Ms. Hazel". Her encouragement will remain in our hearts, her weekly phone calls to everyone in her life will be missed. But we are thankful that God honored us to be part of Ms. Hazel's life!! We will miss you every day for the rest of our lives here on earth and we will cherish the day we are reunited with you in Heaven! You were the best Mother, Grandmother and Friend that we could have ever had. You, Hazel Pike Johnson, were "an angel" here on earth. God is so lucky to have you helping Him now. We honor you today as we celebrate your wonderful life by living ours to follow in your footsteps.

Survivors include her children Elnor Pike-Pyle, of Texarkana, Barbara Pike-Land, of Kingwood and Tilford Pike and wife Gabriela, of Temple; special daughter Elizabeth Gaylord, of Miami, Fla.; grandchildren Carmen Pyle, Richard Pyle, Gail and Joe Perusic, Dreux and Misty Land, Shannon and Jason Martz, Angela Pike Engelmohr, Marisa and Anthony Lonzetta III; great-grandchildren Jess and Heather Cook, Jena Pyle, Brandy Lail, Ryan Lail, Devin Engelmohr, Christian Perusic, Landon Engelmohr, Madison Land, Maddux Engelmohr and Tanner Cook; great-great-grandchild Lily Cook; sister and brothers Lois Hammond, Leroy Wells and wife Lenora and Kenneth Wells and wife Mary; sisters-in-law and brother-in-law Henrietta Johnson McFall, Genova Pike Spence, Edgar Johnson and wife Laquana and Pat Johnson; special cousin Robbie Dean Smith; special family friend Martha Wooten; "Aunt Hazel" also considered all her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews as an important part of her life.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Hazel Pike-Johnson were held Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. David Taylor and the Rev. Matt Jones officiating. Interment will follow in the Evergreen Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Women's Missionary Fund c/o the Church of God, 405 Alamo Drive, Crockett, Texas 75835.

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