



### RUTH BATSON CARRIGAN

Mrs. Ruth Batson Carrigan, age 92 of Crockett, formerly of Centerville, passed away Friday, April 23, 2010 in Crockett Hospital. Mrs. Carrigan was born in George, Madison County, Texas on June 3, 1917 to Noah and Myrtle (Adams) Batson. She moved to Centerville in 1938 and married Roy B. Carrigan in 1939. She raised their three children in Centerville. She was a room mother, sometimes for several rooms, until her children no longer needed room mothers.

Mrs. Carrigan served as president of the P.T.A. more than once. She was active in her church, First United Methodist Church in Centerville, as a Sunday School teacher, V.B.S. teacher and on many administrative boards through the years. She was a homemaker but, she worked along with her husband in their grocery store and, later, clerked for the Lacey's Grocery Store. She also worked for Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green in their funeral home and furniture store.

Mrs. Carrigan was a fantastic cook and she really enjoyed cooking. Her baked products were in very high demand by organizations that were trying to raise money through cake auctions, bake sales and concession stands. She was a member of the Centerville Area Chamber of Commerce and received their Pioneer Award. She was also a member of the board of the Centerville Cemetery Association.

For many years, she did volunteer work at the Centerville Nursing Home and, at one time, was the president of the auxiliary there. Later in life, she was

an active and enthusiastic member of several "42" clubs. Mrs. Carrigan did hand work and made many baby blankets and Christmas stockings for the children in her life. She loved children and she loved to travel. She had a special affinity for the hummingbirds in her yard. She was very outgoing and gregarious and loved by many. Mrs. Carrigan had a great and wonderful laugh and loved to use it. She was another "grandmother" for generations of children in Centerville and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Roy B. Carrigan, Jr. and Sharon, of Franklin; two daughters Anita Carrigan, of Centerville and Mary Carrigan, of Port Lavaca; brother Joe Oren Batson and wife Linnie, of Bryan; sister Doris Gast, of Clifton; sister-in-law Eunice Carrigan; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her parents Noah and Myrtle (Adams) Batson; husband Roy B. Carrigan, Sr.; three brothers Jim Pitt Batson, Lee Ross Batson; infant Elmo Batson; nephew Ross Dean Batson; and a niece Gaynell Clossin.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Ruth Batson Carrigan were held Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Walters Funeral Home in Centerville with the Rev. Bud Miller, Bro. Tuffy Loftin and Pastor Joy Richards officiating. Interment followed in the Centerville Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Tommy Neyland, Johnny Franks, Robert Campbell, Mike Wilson, Johnny Ellis and Elbert Roberts.

Honorary Pallbearers were Alan Bass and the staff of Whitehall Nursing Center in Crockett, Tony Boykin, Reese Bellah, John Bellah and Lawrence Johnson.

The Carrigan family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorials being given to: First United Methodist Church, 245 S. Commerce St., Centerville, Texas 75833-1965; Centerville Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 340, Centerville, Texas 75833; Centerville Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 452, Centerville, Texas 75833; Elmer P. and Jewell Ward Memorial Library, 207 St. Marys St., Centerville, Texas 75833 or to an organization of your choice.

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