



**LILLIAN ADELL
PARRISH GIBSON-
KELSEY**

Mrs. Lillian Adell Parrish Gibson-Kelsey age 90 of Kenard, passed away Sunday, February 7, 2010 in the Memorial Hospital in Lufkin. On Tuesday, July 8, 1919, twins Lillian Adell and Lilly Belle were born to Lizzie Emma Poole Parrish and James Newton Parrish. Lillian got her middle name from her father's birthplace in Adell, Georgia, her height from her mother, and her sparkling wit, brilliant

mind, invariable kindness, and love of reading and gardening from both of them.

She was a lively conversationalist who could entertain and amuse the youngest child, the sickest patient, or the most troubled individual. Her hobbies were reading, gardening and canning, playing with her dogs and fishing, attending the Ratcliff Sr. Citizen's Center, caring for her parents' old home place, and participating in many missions projects. For years, she went weekly with a group of friends and relatives to sing at the various nursing homes in Houston County. She loved to be outside, and considered a day to be wasted if she couldn't comfort, feed, or transport someone, chop down at least one tree, work in the yard, or use her tractor to fix the roads by her house.

Survivors include her husband Joe Kelsey, of Kennard; son and daughter-in-law Jesse and Marsha Gibson, of Crosby; step-daughter Linda Clifton, of Linden; grandchildren Jesse Gibson, Jr., and his son Seth, of Weatherford, Krista Gibson and husband Jim Coppedge, and their daughters Victoria Gibson, Sarah Coppedge, and Lillian Coppedge, of Sugar Land, Mark and Markus Werner, of Houston, Jana and Eric Visser and their children Jessica, Gus, and Ros, of Austin, Nicole Gibson and her children Andrew, Amber and Max, of Dallas and Kristi Grogan, of Texarkana; three nieces, seven nephews and hundreds of friends and relatives who loved her dearly, and, of course, her dogs, Blue and Sam.

Preceded in death by her husband Robert H. Gibson; son Johnnie Gibson; parents Lizzie Emma Poole Parrish and James Newton Parrish; sisters Lilly Belle Parrish Wright (twin) and Betty Parrish English; brothers James Maurice Parrish and RG Parrish; mother-in-law Natile Simon Gibson; and niece Gwen Parrish Davis.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Lillian Adell Parrish Gibson-Kelsey were held Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel in Crockett with the Reverend Gerald Hollis will officiate, along with tributes offered by her niece Jacqueline Parrish Stewart and her sister-in-law, Jewel Kelsey. Burial followed in the beautiful historic Antioch Cemetery in Ratcliff where most of her loved ones are buried.

Pallbearers were grandsons Jesse Gibson, Jr. and Jim Coppedge and nephews Gary Parrish, Jerry Parrish, Michael ("Mike") Parrish, and Jason Parrish.

Honorary Pallbearers were nephews Carroll Stewart, James Wright, Bo Parrish, Don Parrish, and Jimmy Frank Harrison and friends Phillip Taylor and Los Aiken.

Callaway-Allee Funeral Home