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**BESSIE SHOEMAKER
ARNOLD**

Mrs. Bessie Shoemaker Arnold, age 88 of Wells, passed away Wednesday, March 14, 207 in a Lufkin hospital. Mrs. Shoemaker was born February 16, 1919, in Wells to the late Mattie Lee (Wallace) and Charlie Holsomback.

Mrs. Arnold was a homemaker and a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister. Mrs. Arnold was an excellent cook, and loved to can and bake. When money was tight while raising her family, she never wasted things and always managed to meet their needs. Mrs. Arnold loved to garden, and she loved playing dominoes. Mrs. Arnold was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Wells, where she had lived all her life.

Survivors include her daughters Margie McKinney,

of Crockett and Norma Nell Ogden Dubose, of San Augustine; daughter and son-in-law, Jessie and Frank Doucette, of Wells; son and daughter-in-law Thomas and Melinda Shoemaker, of Hemphill; brother and sister-in-law Jesse and Maxine Holsomback, of Dodge; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; as well as a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by her husbands Lennis Shoemaker in 1981 and Albert Arnold in 1994; sons Billy Shoemaker and Johnny Shoemaker; granddaughters Norma Lee Ogden, Johnnie Jean Shoemaker and Ronda Shoemaker; grandson David McKinney; great-grandson Vernon Marsh; brothers Marele and Forest Holsomback; and sisters Edna Brock and Annie McDuffie.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bessie Shoemaker Arnold were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 17, in the Calvary Baptist Church in Wells with the Reverend Grant Hanes and the Reverend Horace Fletcher officiating. Interment followed in the Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Delbert McKinney, Thomas Carl Shoemaker, Billy Shoemaker, Jimmy Shoemaker, Mark Shoemaker, John Chance and James Booker.

Honorary pallbearers were Lynn Chance and Bill Doucette.

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