

July 12, 2007

## **Bay**

Patricia M. "Pat" Bay died at her home in Liberty on June 24, 2007.

She was born February 17, 1931, the daughter of John C. and Clola E. Bitter Breckenridge. She grew up in Oakley, Kansas and later attended El Dorado Junior College in El Dorado, Kansas, where she met and fell in love with Liberty County native, Harold W. Bay.

Pat and Harold married in February 1950 and soon moved back to Texas to start their lives together. They reared their children while living in Hull from the early 50's until 1977, when they moved to Liberty. Pat was a homemaker and also worked as a bookkeeper for Alford LP Gas during her years in Hull.

After moving to Liberty, she became an active patron and supporter of the Liberty Municipal Library and its outreach programs. She was a volunteer for the Spirit of Sharing program and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Liberty.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents. She lost her mother at an early age and received guidance and support from others in her family during her formative years, especially an aunt, Bessie B. Breckenridge, who also preceded her in death. Pat was a descendent of Revolutionary War soldier, Low Brown (DAR membership pending).

Survivors include her four children, Harold W. "Skip" Bay Jr. and wife, Mary Foster, of Jonestown, Terry Jo Ray of Liberty, John P. Bay of China and Bess Carol Rawlinson and husband, Jake, of Liberty; sisters, Shirley Lee and husband, Garth Lee, of Junction City, Kansas and Carolyn Barteo of Christiansburg, Virginia; a brother, John Breckenridge of Oakley, Kansas; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pat will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, intelligence, fun-loving spirit, hearty laugh, and sensitivity to the feelings and needs of others. Her home, her kitchen, and her heart were always open to family and friends.

In accordance with Pat's wishes, the family received visitors who shared fond remembrances of Pat at Allison Funeral Home in Liberty on Wednesday, June 27, 2007. Funeral services were private.

In lieu of flowers,, memorials can be made to the Liberty Municipal Library, 1710 Sam Houston, Liberty, Texas 77575.

Allison Funeral Services, Liberty, was in charge of arrangements.