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LORRAINE GALLANT BEARD

Ms. Lorraine Gallant Beard, age 81 passed away Saturday, December 30, 2006. Ms. Beard was born August 6, 1925, in Latexo to David S. and Wessie Bowman Gallant.

After graduating from Latexo High School in 1942, she moved to Houston where she attended Draughon Business College. Upon graduation, she began her career in banking at the Houston Federal Reserve Bank.

During those early years, Lorraine lived in Mrs. Crocker's boarding house at 204 Marshall Street. There she met several other young working women who became lifelong friends and still refer to themselves as "The Crocker Girls."

After her marriage in 1951, she took several years off from her banking career to raise her son and daughter.

Ms. Beard returned to work at the Houston Federal Reserve Bank when her children were teenagers, and worked until her retirement in 1989. Ms. Beard became a member of the bank's 25-Year Club, and when she attended its meetings, she was able to renew and maintain the fond friendships she had with co-workers.

Ms. Beard was a resident of Ella Lee Forest for almost 50 years where she had many wonderful friends who shared her love of gardening.

Ms. Beard was a member of Houston's First Baptist Church and the Maranatha Sunday School Class. Ms. Beard was very appreciative of her church friends who were a source of great comfort in her later years.

Survivors include her one son Paul Allen Beard and wife Susan, of Pine Bluff, Ark.; daughter, Karen Beard Jones and husband Michael Temple, of Houston; two granddaughters Lisa Beard Purdum and husband Jason, of Houston and Crystal Brook Beard, of Star City, Ark.; one brother, Dr. David Samuel Gallant, of Latexo; one sister, Jimmie Edwina Gallant Spence and husband C.B., of Missouri City; one nephew John Wesley Spence and wife Belinda, of Sugarland; one niece Kristen Spence Turner and husband Michael, of Manvel; One step-great-granddaughter; and three great-nieces.

Preceded in death by her parents David S. and Wessie Bowman Gallant; and nephew Gary Wayne Spence.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 3, 2007, in the Chapel of Houston's First Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in

the Latexo Cemetery, at 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210, or the Latexo Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1007, Latexo, TX, 75849.

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