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**MELBA DOWNS BECK**

Ms. Melba Downs Beck, age 56 of Gause formerly of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at her home. Ms. Beck was born January 4, 1951 in Houston County to Terrell David and Gertrude (Willis) Downs. Ms. Beck who for years selflessly provided home healthcare for the sick and elderly free of charge.

Survivors include her daughter Carla Michells, of Nacogdoches, Carrie Denice, of Rockdale, Rebecca Ann, of Nacogdoches; brothers Beauford Downs, of Nacogdoches and Leon D. Downs, of Porter; sisters Loretta Wall, of Gause, and Georgia Johnson, of Crockett; and three grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her son Billy Leon Moore; brother Jimmy Downs; and sister Vinita Downs.

Private Family Services for Ms. Melba Downs Beck will be held at a later date.

E-mail condolences may be sent by visiting [www.marek-burns-laywell.com](http://www.marek-burns-laywell.com)

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