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## Rites Held For Mother Of Local Resident

Funeral service for Mrs. Marie Bentley of Garrison were held Monday, February 14, in the Bethel Baptist Church near Nacogdoches with the Rev. M. A. Ervin officiating. Burial followed in the Bethel Cemetery.

Mrs. Bentley was born June 2, 1920, in Nacogdoches, a daughter of T. M. Lawson and Laura Scroggins Lawson. She died Saturday, February 12, 2000, in Medical Center Hospital, Nacogdoches, following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Bentley was a retired Deputy Director of Community Action in Nacogdoches. She was an active member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and Bethel Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Bentley was preceded in death by her husband, Nelson Bentley on October 30, 1976.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law. Dawn and Frank Chapman of Grapeland; a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Carolyn Bentley of Huffman; one sister, Leura Johnson of Trinity; seven grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.