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Graveside Rites Held At Rusk For Irma Black

Services were held Sunday, February 27, at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Rusk for Mrs. Irma Black, 97, a longtime resident of Rusk who had resided in Palestine in recent years. Rev. James Jacobs of Jacksonville officiated the graveside service and burial followed under the direction of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home, Rusk.

~~Pallbearers were Glenn Miller, Jeff Lovelady, and the board of deacons from First Baptist Church in Rusk.~~

Mrs. Black died Saturday, February 27, 2000, at Palestine Health Care Center. She was born February 6, 1903, to James Robert Smith and Linnie Ken Smith. Mrs. Black was a retired employee of the Rusk State Hospital. She was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Rusk.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Guy M. "Boots" Black and twelve brothers and sisters, Terrell Smith, Elwin Smith, Carter Smith, Birdette Smith, Norbon Smith, Lonnie Smith, James Weldon Smith, J. C. Montgomery, Christine Smith, Winnie Lou Smith, Cordelia Leggett and Olga Salmon.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews including Mrs. Louie (Arwena) Lively of Grapeland, Mrs. Buel (Betty) Grigsby of Elkhart and Lynn Salmon Brown of Palestine.