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Eva Melissa Morgan Bland, age 89, of Kennard, passed away Thursday, Jan. 8, 1998 at the East Texas Medical Center Crockett. Mrs. Bland was born Jan. 28, 1908 at Center Hill in Houston County to A.L. and Amanda Harrison Morgan. She joined the Center Hill Methodist Church in 1917 at the age of nine years. Mrs. Bland graduated from Kennard High School in 1926 and married Earl Bland in 1929. She received her B.A. degree from Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches and her master's degree from Sue Ross in Alpine. Mrs. Bland was a school teacher for 43 years. After her retirement she taught a ladies Sunday school class for 14 years. She was a charter member of the Delta Kappa Gamma where she had been inactive for a number of years. Mrs. Bland was also a member of the Retired Teacher's Association. Mr. and Mrs. Bland did not have any children of their own, but they loved the children they taught. Mrs. Bland would have been 90 years old on Jan. 28.

Mrs. Bland was preceded in death by her husband Earl Bland; sisters, Mabell Vickers, Adelle Holt, Annie Morgan; brothers, Thomas Morgan, Alvin Morgan, Everett Morgan, Willie Dan Morgan.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bland were held Sunday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Doug Howell officiating. Interment followed in the Corinth Cemetery.

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