

**VERNELL CLOSE  
BOWENS**

Funeral services for Mrs. Vernell Close Bowens, age 81, were held Saturday, December 15, 2001, 1 pm, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Rev. L.T. Merchant, pastor, Rev. Larry Willis, officiated. Eternal resting place was in Union Prairie Cemetery.

Mrs. Vernell Close Bowens, the oldest of 7 children, was born November 21, 1921 to Ida and Burl Close of the Fodice Community, Lovelady. She attended the Post Oak Community Schools and graduated from Williams High School.

On September 7, 1942 she married the late Eva Bowens Sr. to their union 5 children were born, her youngest, daughter Bobbie preceded her in death.

Life's departure was on December 13, 2001 in the local hospital. Survivors are: Eva Bowens Jr. and wife Evelyn, Winford Bowens and family, Carolyn Terrell and family, Mary and husband Joe Martin, son in law, Alfred Watson III, Step daughter; Berline Hopkins, 18 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, sisters; Hattie Hopkins, Berlean Cobbs, and Suwella Lewis, brother; Winford Close, brother in law; Wallace Bowens and wife Cooper, sisters in law; Gladys Bowens and Eula Bowens, and a host of nices, nephews, and friends. Preceding her in death also were; brother, Lawrence Close, sister, Lucille Cobbs.

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