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**SHIRLEY ANN BRAUN**

Shirley Ann Braun, age 41 of Crockett, died Thursday, Aug. 5 in East Texas Medical Center Crockett. She was born Oct. 3, 1957, the daughter of August William and Irene Elizabeth Lorenz Braun of Houston.

Shirley was a very special part of her family, being born with Down's Syndrome. She was baptized at an early age in the Lutheran faith, and was a member, later in life, at West Side Baptist Church in Houston.

She attended school at Spring Branch and worked for 18 years at Sheltered Workshop in Houston. For 12 years, she enjoyed bowling at Spring Branch Lanes.

She lived with and cared for her mother, who passed away last December.

The family wants to give special recognition to Ben Anthony Smith, who read to Shirley every day in the hospital; and Cody August Braun, who Shirley referred to as "Sweet Baby," two very special people who helped Shirley during her illness.

She is survived by brothers Douglas Lorenz of Washington and Ben and wife Pat of Crockett; sisters Patsy Bokemeyer and husband Jack of Houston, Marjorie Smallwood and husband John of Houston and Ima Jean Diller and husband Rusty of Houston; nieces and nephews Carol Sue Lorens, Judy Ann May, Micheal Lorenz, Deborah Smallwood, Petey Smallwood, Donna Kay Smith, Larry Wendell Braun, Ricky Williams and Andrew Williams.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were held Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. in Brenham Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Richard Butts officiating. Burial followed in Prairie Lea Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dean McCauslin, Reggie Havard, Petey Smallwood, Ricky Williams, Larry Braun and Michael Smith.

Honorary pallbearers were Rusty Diller and Richard Butts, Jr.

Memorials may be made to West Side Baptist Church of Houston.

**Brenham Memorial Chapel**