

**December 9, 2007**

**Big Thicket Messenger**

**Briggs**

A Mass of Christian Burial for Ruby St. Julian Briggs, 88, of Dayton, was conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 20, 2007, at the Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Ames. Burial followed at Ames Catholic Cemetery.

She was born April 30, 1919, in Stilson, the daughter of Louis and Elodia Solomon St. Julian, and has resided in the Dayton area throughout her life. She was a custodian for Dayton Independent School District for two years and Liberty Independent School District for 25 years. She was a member of the St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church and Ladies Auxiliary, and enjoyed cooking, cleaning and flowers.

She passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at her residence. Her parents; husband, Rodis Briggs Sr; infant, daughter; sisters, Lillie Mae Paul, Agnes Pitts, Mable Hicks, Rosie Thompson and Clara Raymond; and brothers, Luke St. Julian, Warren St. Julian, Columbus St. Julian, Lewis St. Julian, Dalton St. Julian and Lionel St. Julian preceded her in death.

Survivors include her son, Rodis Briggs Jr. of Dayton; daughters, Mary Ann Pearson and husband, Derbe Jr., Leona Carter and husband, David Jr., and Eva Briggs Holmes, all of Dayton; sister, Bonnie St. Julian of Houston; brothers, Lawrence St. Julian and James "Jimmy" St. Julian, both of Los Angeles, California; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

**Brown**

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 21, 2007 for John Samuel Brown Jr., 61, of Cleveland, in Houston National Cemetery/

He was born October 4, 1946 in Jacksonville, Florida, the son of John and Gloria Brown Sr.

He passed away on Thursday, November 15, 2007. His parents preceded him in death. Survivors include his loving wife, Odelia Brown of Cleveland; son, Rayne Mendez of Moss Hill; brothers, Ronnie Brown and wife, Sherry, of Vidor and Terry Brown and wife, Deborah, of Deer Park; and sister, Lana Erigsby and husband, Charles, of Spring. Sterling Funeral Home, Dayton, was in charge of arrangements.