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Katherine Burns

Burns Services Held Saturday At Cedar Branch

Memorial services for Mrs. Katherine Burns of Houston were held Saturday, April 24, at Cedar Branch Baptist Church, west of Grapeland, with Rev. Robert Sanford, Jr. officiating. Interment followed in the Cedar Branch Cemetery under the direction of McCoy & Harrison Funeral Home, Inc.

Pallbearers were Darrell Burns, Eric Burns, Dave Evans, Derrick McClendon, Larry McClendon Jr., George Wilmore Jr., Walter Fisher, Malcolm Fisher, Charvin Jones and Myron Rusher. Honorary pallbearers were Frank Burns, Jesse Evans, Henry Fisher, George Wilmore Sr., Frank Jones, Larry McClendon Sr., Waymon Rusher and Qualyn Harvey.

Katherine Burns was born on August 12, 1921, in Grapeland to Dave and Julie Leonard. She passed away Sunday, April 18, 1999. She attended Cedar Branch School. A former resident of Crockett, she was employed by Houston County Hospital and worked various private duty assignments. She united with Cedar Branch Baptist Church at an early age and after moving to Crockett became a member of Friendship Baptist Church. She was an active member of the Eastern Star, Court of Calanthe, and was a Sunday School teacher, choir member and member of the church finance committee for many years until her health

In her later years, she moved to Houston to be near her children and united with New Mt. Zion Baptist Church under the watchful care of Rev. Robert Sanford Jr.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Henry Burns; her parents; four children, Elbert, Ameldia, Gladys and Lee Franklin; three brothers, three sisters and one grandson.

She leaves to cherish her memory six children, Jesse of Dallas, Beulah, Frank, Shirley, Shirli Dean and Katherine, all of Houston; sixteen grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Alvilda Harvey of Grapeland and Lula Harvey of Houston; two brothers, Larry Leonard of Grapeland and Ned Leonard of Houston; three daughters-in-law, five sons-in-law, one sister-in-law and a lost of other relatives and freeds.