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New Hope

**MRS. ANNIE MAE BYRD**

Mrs. Annie Mae Byrd was born May 29, 1913. She was the fifth of six children blessed to the union of Riley and Nancy Horace Morris. Growing up in Pennington, she confessed her love for Christ at an early age and united with the church in the Durden community.

She completed her high school education at Mary Allen Colledge and worked in the school cafetorium. This fostered her love for cooking which influenced her decision to remain at Mary Allen and select Elementary Education And Home Economics as her field of study. She graduated from Prairie View A & M University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. She also pursued graduate level study at Texas Southern University.

She began her teaching career in the Pine Springs and Hickory Creek communities. A firm believer in the value of education, she worked diligently to instill those same values in all the children she encountered.

On March 5, 1937, she united in Holy Matrimony to Earl G. Byrd. Married 53 years, this union was blessed with three children.

Continuing her teaching career, she taught at Sweet Union Kennard, William High, Alta and Goodrich. She spent the last 20 years of her career teaching in San Antonio in the South San Antonio Independent School District. She retired in 1986 after 50 years of providing excellence in education.

Holding firm to her vow to return home, she and Earl moved back to Kennard to enjoy the fruits of their labor. An avid gardener with a green thumb, the yard was always a blaze of color.

She departed this life on Tuesday, May 9, in San Antonio. She was Baptist Church with the Rev C.L. Richard officiant, the Rev William Purvis Pastor. Final resting place New Hope Cemetery.

Preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Earl G. Byrd and their first born, Annie Earl.

She leaves to cherish her memory; son, Earl Jr. and wife, Palmira; daughter, Inez and husband, Earnest of San Antonio; Step-daughter, Owena Byrd of Lufkin; grandchildren, Earl Byrd III (Trey), Veronica Vargas, Erika Byrd, Nicole Jones and Ernest (C.J.) Jones of San Antonio; sister, Della Morris of Los Angeles, Calif.; brother, John Chandler and wife, Katrina of Amarillo; niece Jean Stallworth and husband Eddie of Los Angeles, Calif.; nephews, Ernest Woods and wife Louise of Seattle, Wash., Myles Wooten and wife Jerri of Houston, Barbee Morris and wife, Katherine of Las Vegas, Nev. a host of relatives and a multitude of friends.

Funeral services for Mrs Byrd were held Saturday May 13, at New Hope

**Barkley Mortuary**