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**JEWEL MARIE
CARDENAS**

Jewel Marie Cardenas, 74, formerly of Crockett, died May 13.

Mrs. Cardenas was born Feb. 8, 1926, in Alto. She married Louis Cardenas Sr. on Dec. 20, 1941 and moved to his family farm and ranch in Crockett. They moved to Houston in 1943, but maintained the old homestead in

Crockett. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Galena Park since 1955.

Everyone who met Marie encountered her great sense of humor. She was always the life of the party. Whenever you needed a lift, Granny was the one to see. Her never-ending wisdom always brought a sigh of relief and on most occasions a hearty laugh at oneself.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Steven L. Mears.

Survivors in addition to her husband include son Louis Cardenas Jr. and wife Jennifer; daughter Barbara Lou Johnson and husband Charley; grandchildren Lou Cardenas III and Bria Marie Cardenas; step-grandchildren, John Allen Johnson, Jimmy Wayne Johnson and Marci Surrey; brother Donald Lea; sister Hazel Estelle Willis; stepfather, E.M. Lea.

Funeral services were held May 16 at First Baptist Church, Galena Park, with the Rev. Jerry Webber officiating. Interment was in Brookside Memorial Park, Houston.