

## **Polk Co. Ent**

**Feb. 3, 2008**

### **Ida Mae Collins**

Funeral services for Ida Mae Collins will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2008 at Circle Drive Baptist Church in Bridge City, Texas with Reverends Barry Murchison, W. P. Murchison and Jack Comer officiating. Interment and graveside services will be at the Holly Grove Cemetery in Livingston at 4 p.m Friday

Collins was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother until her death on Jan. 28, 2008, in Bridge City, Texas.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Circle Drive Baptist Church. Services are under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Ida Mae was born Nov, 5, 1912, in Thicket, Texas, the daughter of James Alverd and Alice Ida Noorman. She was reared in Votaw, Texas, and graduated from Votaw High School, valedictorian of her class, she attended college in Beeville, Texas.

She met and married her dearly loved husband of 69 years, Watson Harrison Collins on March 12, 1938, in Romayor, Texas. They lived most of their married life in Rye, Texas, until 1994 when she and Watson moved to Bridge City to be near their children.

Ida Mae loved reading her Bible and studying God's word in preparation for teaching or writing church programs. She loved singing hymns and enjoyed her time spent doing God's work, brightening each corner of the world she touched. She was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking, sewing, and making quilts for her family.

Ida Mae took great pride in her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She always took time to have conversation with each one to see what they were doing in their life. Her greatest joy was that each of her family members know the Lord, serves Him and call Him Savior.

She is survived by her husband, Watson Harrison Collins of Bridge City, five children; Kenneth and Delores Kennedy of Dallas, Texas, Ellen & Bill Nickum, Betty Jean Starkey, Harold and Teresa Collins all of Bridge City, TX, and Carolyn Jowell of Houston, TX. Ten grandchildren; Angela Haynes, Alyson Smith, John Nickum, Patrick Starkey, Crystal Starkey, Jeffrey Collins, Chris Collins, Don Harp, Melissa Sattler and Carolyn Jowell. Three step grandchildren; Judd and Robert Smith and Ellick McCann of Dallas, TX. She is also survived by twenty great grandchildren; Caleb, Catelynn and Cameron Haynes, Kelsey, Kollin and Kaylea Smith, Coleman, Nate and Abigail Nickum, Mason and Isabel Starkey, Tyler, Jacob, Chloe and Brady Collins, Nolan and Nathan Harp, Makeala and Makenzie Sattler and Cailyn Elmore.

Serving as pallbearers will be John Nickum, Patrick Starkey, Jeffrey Collins, Chris Collins, Don Harp, Kevin Smith, Cliff Haynes and Tony Sattler.

Memorials may be made to Circle Drive Baptist Church, P O Box 184, Bridge City, TX, 77611 or Jacksonville College, 105 B.J. Albritton Dr., Jacksonville, TX, 75766.