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**PEARL TROUTMAN
COOPER**

Willie Pearl Cooper passed away Feb. 23, 2001, one day short of her ninetieth birthday, at her home in Humble. She was born Feb. 24, 1911 to Jessie Blount and Susie Smith Johnson Troutman in the Union Grove community of Houston County.

Pearl was an accomplished seamstress and hand crafter, always making sure that each member of her large family had gifts lovingly made. A lifelong Baptist, Pearl never lost her faith, even after losing her husband, and infant daughter (twin to Jesse), an adult daughter, and two sons, tragically. Her cheerful disposition was amazing. Her siblings and the younger members of the family never tired of hearing her sing the old hymns and ballads that she had learned from her mother. Her love and singing was instilled in her own children. Her stories of life in the country were enlightening, and at times hilarious. She freely admitted she was the instigator of all the mischief that she, Iva Lee, and Donnie

engaged in.

Mrs. Cooper was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Cooper; daughters, infant, Mary Sue, Patsy Annette; sons, Jesse Franklin and Jerry Thomas Cooper; parents, Jessie and Susie Troutman; sisters, Mabel McCullar, and Iva Lee Mason; brothers, Calvin Johnson, Dayton Johnson, and Donley Troutman.

Mrs. Cooper is survived by daughters, Bobbie Jean Dowden, and husband, Lester, Donnice Dowden, Judy Everett and husband, John, Anita Ainsworth and husband, Tommie; 22 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Clara Sue Phythian, and Annie Beth Spruill; four sisters-in-law, Musette (Jet) Rains, Lora Kowalski, Ruth Rains, and Ruby Cooper. Many nieces, nephews, and other relatives also survive.

Funeral services for Mrs. Cooper were held Monday, Feb. 26 at Brookside Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Rick Crick, and a grandson officiating. Interment followed in the Brookside Memorial Park in Houston.

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