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### ROBBIE D. COTTON

Sister Robbie D. Cotton was born to the late Bob and Augusta Richard on August 10, 1915 in the Snow Hill community, Crockett. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Bulah Baptist Church. She finished elementary school in the Snow Hill community then attended Williams High School in the Porter Springs community under the guidance of Mrs. Mable Landrum. She was a "star" basketball player and graduated with honors. She attended the Mary Allen College in Crockett, Huston-Tillotson College on Austin where she received

a B.A. Degree in Home Economics, and received a Masters Degree, in Elementary Education from Prairie View A&M College.

Her teaching career began in the Snow Hill community, then Corrigan ISD for 12 years, then to Jewitt ISD retiring in 1958 to care for her mother, later accepting a position in Crockett ISD, when hired by W.M. Batts, until retiring again in 1980.

Robbie D. was married to the late Anthony Rayford Sr. with one son Anthony Jr. born to their union. In 1949 she married Deacon Tucker Cotton who preceded her in death.

She worked faithfully in her local church, in the district, state, and national auxiliaries until her health failed. She served as an Adult Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, scholarship committee member, Mission II Bible teacher, and Senior Choir President at St. Luke, District Congress Instructor for the Adult Sunday school teachers and District Choir Member, and a member of the National Congress Scholarship Committee.

Robbie D. peacefully departed this life on Nov. 16 at age 85, in the home of her son in Crockett. Survivors are devoted son, Anthony Rayford Jr.; a loving daughter-in-law, Shirley and grandson, Clavance Ball of Crockett, nieces, Raytheda Boyd of Corpus Christi, Paulette Ruffin, of San Diego, Ca., Renita, LaTasha, and Felicia Richard of Houston, Lois Jones, Lula Faye Griffin, Owena Richard of Crockett; sisters-in-law, Josie L. Richard of Houston, Dorothy Richard of Fort Worth; nephews, Jesse Richard of Houston, Scottie Holman of Austin, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 21, 11 a.m., St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 315 South Second St. Crockett, the pastor, Rev. Ralph P. Taylor, officiated. Eternal resting-place was in

Jasper Cemetery. Casketbearers were Donald Lamb, Herbert Wooten, G.B. Burton, James Pace, Mark Giles, Johnny Taylor.

**McClain-Cleburn Funeral Service**