

*Evergreen
Crockett*

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**MARY JANE KEELAND
DAWSON**

Mrs. Mary Jane Keeland Dawson, age 92 of Crockett, passed away Thursday, July 1, 2004 in Houston. Mrs. Dawson was born June 14, 1912 in Grapeland.

Mrs. Dawson was a member of the First Baptist Church joining at an early age. She served as Director of the nursery for 25 years and was a committee chairperson. Mrs. Dawson was a former member of the Magnolia Garden Club, Culture Club, and Cadman Club of Crockett. She was a member of the Choral Club, Spring Creek Country Club and the Tuesday Sewing Club, honorary members being Bob Overstreet, Frank Towery and Thomas McClendon. She was a board member of the Rusk State Hospital volunteers, chairperson of the Decorating committee of the restoration of the Monroe Crook house and a member of the Downes Aldrich Corporation. She was an organizing member of the Major Jarrell Beasley Daughters of American Revolution, serving as treasure and chairperson of many committees. She was a former member of the Davy Crockett Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, daughter of A.E. Gossett, who gave the Town-

site. Mrs. Dawson was also a former member of the La Grange Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists, the Jamestown Society, the Magna Carter Dames. She was former member of the Colonial Dames of America Chapter VIII, Houston. Mrs. Dawson was a descendent of Joseph Royall, who came to America, settled on the Jamestown River in Virginia in 1622. A founder and Patriot.

Mrs. Dawson was a graduate of Crockett High School, attended CIA, Mary Hardin Baylor College and the University of Texas, majoring in Architecture and Interior Design.

Survivors include daughter Mary Jane Byrd of Houston; grandchildren Robert Dawson and wife Melinda and Mary Elizabeth Byrd Gomez of Houston; great grandchildren Lauren and Kristen Byrd and Gilbert Oran Gomez III; sister Theresa Overstreet; Nieces and nephews Robert C. Overstreet Jr, Francis O. Tabor and husband Tommy; grand niece's and nephew's Stacy Selman and husband Sabrina O.

Overstreet and husband Jim, Bob Overstreet III, Kimberly Phillips, Ronald Walker, Lance Corporal T.J. Tabor, Jr, Katelyn Tabor Carmichael, Courtney Huff, Ty Huff, Madison and Emily Phillips, Kalee, Emily and Macie Walker. "Aunt Jane" is survived by many loving and precious Dawson relatives and friends.

Mrs. Dawson was preceded in death by son-in law Wm. W. Byrd and great niece Melissa Huff.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Jane Keeland Dawson were held Monday, July 5 in the First Baptist Church of Crockett with the Rev. E.P. Ramsey and the Rev. Kenny Dickenson officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Crockett.

Pallbearers were Bob Overstreet, Jr., Bob Overstreet III, Tommy Tabor, Lance Corporal T. J. Tabor, Sturart Dawson, Bob Dawson, Scott Dawson. Honary pallbearers were Frank Towery, Dr. Charles Spain, Thomas McClendon, Ronald Dowell, Charlie Dawson, Dawson Ainsworth, Robert Dawson, Reid Dawson, Kyle Dawson, Bill Dawson, Dawson Cole, Turner and Benjamin Brown.

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