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Melba Evans

Graveside services for Melba Lively Evans age 85 of Grapeland were held Saturday, July 1 at Guiceland Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster, Grapeland.

Mrs. Evans died Wednesday, June 28 at East Texas Medical Center in Crockett after courageously battling numerous health problems for many years. She was born in Houston County on August 31, 1920 to John R. and Paralee Killion Lively. Mrs. Evans attended Grapeland Schools and worked as a manager for Pairmaid Bakery during WWII where she met the love of her life Charlie Joe Evans. She was blessed with two sons, and was a loving wife and mother. She was a member of the First

United Methodist Church of Grapeland. She loved life and often spoke of happy memories.

Mrs. Evans was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Charlie Joe Evans; sisters, Bernice Edmiston, Cleo Bridges, Verna Jones, and Fay Dozier; brother, Paxton Lively, Elmer Lively, Apton Lively, J.R. Lively, Elwood Lively; and foster brothers, Lawrence Starnes and Leland Starnes.

She is survived by her sons, Dennis Evans of Houston, and Jody Evans of California; sister, Jeanette Lively Goodnight of Tyler; foster brother, Lanier Starnes of Arkansas; numerous grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.