MILDRED (KENNEDY) GAINES

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Mrs. Mildred (Kennedy) Gaines, age 80 of Grapeland, passed away Wednesday, January 7, 2004 after an extended battle with cancer. Mrs. Gaines was born October 13, 1923 in Elkhart to Tom and Josephine (Brown) Kennedy, Mrs. Gaines was a graduate of Elkhart High School. On December 1942 she married George Shelby Gaines. During their 52 years of marriage they had three children. Mrs. Gaines was a loving and devoted wife who took an active role, along side her husband, in all the farm and ranch activities. At the same time she was very supportive and involved with her children's school and all community endeavors. Mrs. Gaines lived her entire life in Anderson and Houston Counties. Mrs. Gaines was an active member of the Church of Christ.

For those that have been left behind, we will miss your warm smile and loving friendship always.

Survivors include her eldest son Jimmie Lynn Gaines and wife Barbara of Portland; daughter Annette Jo Gaines McElyea and husband Chris of Winnsboro: sisters Joyce Scarbrough and Bertie Salmon both of Houston, and Ruby Mae Keen of Elkhart; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband George Gaines; son Michael Steve Gaines; and a brother Alfred Thomas Kennedy.

Funeral services for Mildred (Kennedy) Gaines were held Saturday, January 10, at 10:00 a.m at the First Baptist Church, Grapeland with Rick Kelly officiating. Interment followed in Guiceland Cemetery.

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Pallbearers were Corey Nix, Troy Selman, James Gaines, Glenn Scarbrough, Paul Denman, Tammy Mays, Lucas McElyea, and Burr Hankins.

Honorary pallbearers were Clyde Bedford, George Bartee, and Cotton Jeffus.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations in memory of Mildred be made to the University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX. or to the American Cancer Society.

Bailey & Foster Funeral Home