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Lorraine Walker Gates

TRINITY -- Funeral services for Lorraine Walker Gates, 87, were held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 11, 2007, at the First Presbyterian Church in Trinity with the Rev. Dan Alexander officiating.

Burial followed in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Trinity.

Mrs. Gates died Friday, June 8, in Muntaville.

She was born Jan. 19, 1920, in Saratoga, one of three children born to Edward and Elvir Cotton Walker. She was known as a strong, independent, Christian lady who loved classical music and had a passion for reading good books.

She was employed as a librarian for the Lansberry Elementary School in Trinity as well as the Blanche K. Werner Public Library. She later devoted volunteer time to the Martin Senior Citizens Center in Trinity and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Randolph L. Gates in 1977; a son, Randolph "Lindy" Gates Jr. in 1984; a son, Bill Barber in 1988; a brother, Edward Walker; and a sister, Dorothy Harris.

Survivors include two daughters and their spouses, Jan and Jerry Stephens and Jennifer Barber and E.W. Williams; six grandchildren and their spouses, Marie and Gregory Water, Laurie Broussard, Tara and Erwin Williams, William "Fre" and Amy Barber, Tori and Timothy Smith and Lynssey Stephens; 11 great-grandchildren, Rachelle, Cassidy, Josh, Jacob, Timothy, Courtney, Justin, Thomas, Joseph T. Killion, and Steven Lorraine; and a number of nieces,

nephews and other relatives.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 872, Trinity, Texas 75862 or to the Blanche K. Werner Library, P.O. Box 1168, Trinity, Texas 75862.

Waller-Thornton Funeral Home directed the arrangements.