

Thursday, August 27, 1970

Mrs. Fred W. Gayle

Funeral services for Mrs. Fred W. Gayle, 82, of Grapeland, were held Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. in the Lake of the Woods Chapel, Houston, with the Rev. Rodney Sunday officiating. Burial was in the Forest Park Cemetery, Houston, under the direction of Hassel & Foster.

Active pallbearers were David Banta Sr., David Banta Jr., Allen Gueck, David Glueck, Bobby Allen and Galen Marshall.

The following grandsons were designated honorary pallbearers: David Deax, John Deax, Michael Gayle and Steven Gayle.

Mrs. Gayle, the former Miss Winifred Goodwin O'Connor, was born Aug. 13, 1888, in Center Point, Texas, to the late John A. O'Conner and Mrs. Sarah Josephine Creeckmore O'Connor, and she died Sunday, Aug. 29, at 10:15 p.m. in a Grapeland hospital following a long illness.

A retired schoolteacher, she lived in Bellaire a number of years until moving to Grapeland six years ago. She was a member of the Ballaire Presbyterian Church and taught in both the Magnolia and Houston schools. She received both her early and college education in San Antonio, and was the widow of Fred W. Gayle, who preceded her indeath on June 26, 1959.

Survivors are a son, Col. Charles A. Gayle of Grapeland; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Gayle Engle of San Antonio, and Mrs. H. W. (Winifred) Deax of Tulsa, Oklahome; a brother, John A. O'Connor, Grapeland; three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Banta, Miss Louise O'Connor and Mrs. Stanley Gill, all of Houston; 11 grandchildren; four great grandchildren.

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