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## MARY ETTA HANNA

The journey began for Mary Etta Oct. 2, 1909 in Crockett, when to Solomon George and Lula Louise Bursleson Givens, their fifth child and third daughter was born. Reared in the fear and admonition of the Lord, Mary Etta accepted Christ in her life at an early age. She grew up on "Givens Hill" and worshiped with her family at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in the Pine Grove Community. Mary Etta attended Reeds Opening School and graduated Crockett High in 1919. In 1921, Mary Etta married Johnny B. Hayden and to that union one child, Carrie Lee, was born. Carrie Lee lived 10 years. In the late 1940's Mary Etta became the wife of Olden Hanna. Mary Etta and Olden joined Bethel Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. Dowell. She was a faithful member and served as a Sunday school teacher, BYPU, and a Mission Circle. As the deacon's wife, she prepared the bread for Communion. In the early 70's they became members of the Friendship Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Thomas Foster and later Dr. T.W. Berry. In 1981 her husband went to his Eternal Home. Two months after her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday in 1982 she moved to Dallas. She was faithful in attendance at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She was an inspiration to those who wanted to hear about the "Goodness of God" through her telephone testimonies. She called the known sick and homebound to offer encouragement and would assure the despondent that "God would do right and on Him they could depend."

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~~Mary Etta missed a few times for candidates of her church. In fact she had already voted in the 2000 elections. She enjoyed reading and was an honorary member of the Highland Hills Library Friends and the Poetry "Riters" and Readers Club. Oct. 23 after 100 years and 21 days, Mary Etta joined her daughter, Carrie Lee, husband, Olden, parents, Solomon George and Lula Louise, siblings, Bertha Lee, Evola Rena, Payne Portilla, Fred Douglas, Elbert Emory, Hubert Lawrence, nephew and niece, Harry Earl and Freddie Mae.~~

At 11:15 in the morning at home in Dallas, Mary Etta Hanna said, "See you in that Great Morning" to four nephews, George Hubert Givens (Jewel) of Houston, Ennis Payne Wesley Givens (Mary

Lee) of Dallas, Willie Elbert Givens (Justin) of Houston, Douglas McArthur Givens (Minnie) of Longview, two nieces Hattie Louise Givens Connor of Houston, Lula Louise Givens (her caretaker for 18 years) of Dallas, one "niece" cousin, Barbara Holloway Smith (Billy) of Belton, 12 second level nephews and nieces, 25 third and fourth level nephews and nieces, a devoted brother in law, Edward Hanna (Erma) of San Francisco, other relatives and friends, her desire would be to take good care of her pet dog, Eboni.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 28 at 1p.m., Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 337 Patterson Ave., Crockett, Rev. Isaac Clark and Rev. Henry Lovelady officiated.

Casketbearers were Harry F. Connor, Adrian L. Givens, Willie Emory, Phillip Givens, and Donald Givens.

McClain-Cleburn Funeral Service