

H.C.C. February 27, 2005

IRENE BELLE HANCOCK

Mrs. Irene Belle Hancock, age 83, formerly of Newby and the Centerville Health Care Center, passed away Saturday, February 19, 2005 at the Madisonville St. Joseph Hospital. Mrs. Hancock was born July 21, 1921 in Bear Grass and lived in Newby all her life.

Mrs. Hancock was employed at Wasson's General Store, Jewett Super Market and Robin's Red and White Grocery where she worked as a butcher for many years and was a member of the Ephesus Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hancock enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and loved to grow flowers. Mrs. Hancock

enjoyed sitting on her porch watching her community of Newby, but her main goal in life was loving, her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and seeing that they were taken care of.

Survivors include her son Charles Hancock and wife Marie, of Newby; one daughter Patsy Barney and husband Charles, of Crockett; one granddaughter Sheri St. Pe' and Johnny, of Newby; five grandsons Scotty Hancock and wife Sharon, of Newby, Shannon Hancock and special friend Mark Ghent, of Keller, Shawn Hancock and wife Melissa, of Newby, Ricky Johnson and wife Chris, of Palestine, Randy Johnson and special friend Shannon, of Lufkin; one step-granddaughter Peggy Phillips, of Mesquite; one step-grandson Max Barney, of Dallas; four step-great-grandchildren B.J. Barney, Chey Barney, Kristen Williams, Jake Williams; three sisters-in-law Stella Mae Rae, of Centerville, Hazel Hancock, of Teague, Effie Dell Hancock, of Houston; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by her husband Arch Hancock.

Funeral services for Mrs. Irene Belle Hancock were held Monday, February 21, at the Sardis Baptist Church with Bro. Ray Payne and Bro. James Carl Gibson officiating. Interment followed at the Sardis Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ricky Johnson, Sheri St. Pe', Scotty Hancock, Randy Johnson, Shawn Hancock and Shannon Hancock.

Honorary Pallbearers were Rusty Pierce, Joe Dwain Hancock, Kenneth Rae, Ricky Burroughs, and great-grandchildren Beth St. Pe', Tori St. Pe', Lucien St. Pe', Charlie Hancock, Will Hancock, Samantha Johnson Woolverton, Julie Johnson, Jimmy Johnson, Leah Hancock, Kayla Hancock, and step-great-grandchildren B.J. Barney, Chey Barney, Kristen Williams and Jake Williams.

Ricks-Bowers Funeral Home