

Grapeland Messenger

Cedar Branch

Rites Held For Lula Bell Harvey

Funeral services for Lula Bell Harvey of Houston were held Saturday, December 1, in the South Union Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, with Rev. Michael V. Smith officiating. Interment was in Cedar Branch Cemetery, Grapeland, with arrangements by Johnson Funeral Home, Houston.

Pallbearers were Don Harvey, Lester Harvey, Dwayne Willmore, Charvin Burns, Keith Burns and Tom Harvey. Deacons of South Union Missionary Baptist Church and deacons of Cedar Branch Missionary Baptist Church were designated as honorary pallbearers.

Mrs. Lula Bell Leonard Harvey was born in Grapeland on December 19, 1916 to Dave Leonard and Julie Pouncy Leonard. She received her primary education at the Cedar Branch Community School, west of Grapeland, and Crockett High School. She attended Mary Allen College and Huston Tilliston College in Austin where she received her teacher's degree. She earned her Masters of Education at Texas Southern University. Mrs. Harvey taught at Cedar Branch Community School and W. R. Banks School

in the Grapeland Independent School District for many years. She was united in marriage to Mr. McKinley Harvey on March 9, 1946, and commuted between Grapeland and Houston a number of years while teaching here in order to be with her husband on weekends and summer vacation. In the later years, she taught in Houston ISD until her retirement. She was a dedicated teacher who knew all her students and exhibited much patience to insure that they gained the knowledge needed to fulfill their educational goals. She was a member of South Union Baptist Church and served on the Mission Board.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; a son, Ray Jr.; one grandson, McKinley III; four sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Bronya and James Webster of Houston; four grandchildren, Shamiya, Renee, Carl and Patrick; one brother, Larry Leonard of Grapeland; a sister, Alvilda Harvey of Grapeland; four sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law; and many nieces, nephews and loving friends.