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WILLIE HAWKINS

Miss Willie Hawkins, age 97 of Gilmer, passed away Dec. 21, 1999, at the Longview Regional Hospital after a short illness. She was born on Feb. 13, 1902, in Ranger, Tx.

After spending her childhood near Abilene, Miss Hawkins received a bachelors degree from Hardin-Simmons University and a masters degree in education from the University of Texas. She moved to Lovelady in 1933 and was a resident there until 1969. She was a member of the Lovelady Baptist Church.

Miss Hawkins devoted her life to teaching. She was the home economics teacher at Lovelady High School for 36 years and was highly respected by the students and faculty. Children of all ages loved Miss Hawkins and through the years she touched the lives of many people with her love and kindness.

Miss Hawkins spent her retirement years with her sister, Annie Avery in Gilmer, where she was surrounded by the children and the grandchildren of nieces and nephews for many years. She is survived by her sister, Annie and many of those now grown children.

Funeral services for Miss Hawkins were held Dec. 23, 1999, in Gilmer. Interment followed in the Willow Oak Cemetery, a peaceful little country cemetery outside of Gilmer.

Memorial may be made to the educational scholarship funds of your choice or cards to Annie Avery, PO Box 1069, Gilmer, Tx. 75644.