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## Estelle Gassiott Herrington

HOUSTON - Services for Estelle Gassiott Herrington, 100, of Houston and formerly of Trinity were held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, at the Heights Funeral Home in Houston.

Burial followed in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Trinity.

Mrs. Herrington died Friday, Sept. 23.

Born Oct. 27, 1904, in Groveton, she was a 1921 graduate of Groveton High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Sam Houston Teachers' College in Huntsville and a Master of Education degree from the University of Houston.

In 1936 she was teaching school in Trinity when she met and married the late Rev. J.D. Herrington, who was serving as the pastor of Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist

Church in Trinity. While married, they attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

After his early death in 1941, Mrs. Herrington moved to Houston where she taught for six years at J.W. Oates Elementary School. When the Houston Independent School District opened Roland P. Harris Elementary School in 1949, she became its first principal.

In 1956 she opened the Charlotte B. Allen Elementary and in 1962 she opened James Butler Bonham Elementary. She retired from HISD after 45 years of service.

Mrs. Herrington was known as a devoted educator who believed that all children could learn. She was a member of HART, TRTA and Delta Kappa Gamma. She also was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church Heights.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and three brothers, Ernest Gassiott, Elmer Gassiott and Carl Gassiott.

Survivors include her sister, Aileen Gassiott Wilkerson; two nephews and their spouses, E.W. and Rochelle Gassiott of Woodville and Jimmy and Patricia Wilkerson of Baytown; a niece and her spouse, Judy and Tommy Britt of Houston; six great-nephews and great-nieces, Becky Britt, Katy Wilkerson, Travis Britt, Bob Gassiott and Cody Wilkerson; and a long time friend and caregiver, Sarah Springfield.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to First Baptist Church Heights, 901 E. 9<sup>th</sup>, Houston, Texas 77007 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Heights Funeral Home of Houston directed the arrangements.