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**ELOISE JUANITA BURKE
HIGHTOWER**

Eloise Juanita Burke Hightower, passed away June 29, 2000, at the home of her daughter. A true daughter of the South, she was born in Lee County May 2, 1907, the second child of Preston and Cornelia Burke. She married Raleigh James Hightower Dec. 24, 1927, in Midway, and resided in many states during their 59 years and one week of marriage.

Mrs. Hightower was preceded in death by her parents and husband; two beloved son-in-laws, Huffman Walker and Bryan J. Smith; two brothers, Arthur and Ancel Burke; and one sister Maydell Sowell. The youngest sister Lucille, passed away June 30, 2000, the day following Mrs. Hightowers' passing. Both sisters will be buried in the Midway Cemetery at Midway.

Sam Houston College of Huntsville was her alma mater. She was a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy. A dedicated homemaker, companion, mother, grandmother and great-

grandmother, she was a living example of Christian love and goodness, an inspiration and charming role model. She was a devoted Baptist and member of Leawood Baptist Church of Leawood, Kansas.

Survivors include daughter Melba Hightower-Smith of Prairie Village, Ks.; granddaughter Rebecca walker Farrar and husband Jeffrey; great-grandson Landon Burke Farrar of Robinson, Ks. grandson H. Reed Walker of Prairie Village, KS.; one sister-in-law Rhonda Burke of Deer Park; and a host of nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews to whom this beautiful lady was "Aunt E". Janice Jester, nurse and friends, was a special person in "Miss Elosie's" daily life following the passing of her devoted son-in-law, Bryan Smith, as well as Kay Hawks, who became her chosen daughter.

Graveside services and Interment will be 2 p.m. July 8 in the Midway Cemetery at midway. Memorials may be made to the Hightower-Smith Scholarship Fund at William Jewell College at Liberty, Missouri or the organization of choice.

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