

Davis

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Yvonne Marie Lichty Howard

Yvonne Marie Lichty Howard age 70 passed away Thursday, February 10, 2005 at her residence in Grapeland. Mrs. Howard was born April 18, 1934 in Brunswick, Nebraska to Merle and Frances Lingenfelter Lichty.

Mrs. Howard was active in school and community affairs. She served as a school-teacher in her home state of Nebraska before moving to Texas with her family in 1968. While living in Nebraska she rallied over one thousand fellow Nebraskans to the state capital to defeat a bill, which would have eliminated one-room schools in Nebraska. After moving to Texas, she served as president of the local PTA, the Child Welfare Board, the FUM Church Love Circle and the Grapeland Garden Club. She was instrumental in bringing the Senior Citizen's Center to Grapeland and was on the board of the First United Methodist Church of Grapeland where she was a member.

Brunswick High School class of 1951 valedictorian, band member and volleyball team member, she took an interest in youth sports and was a driving force in bring youth baseball back to Grapeland. In 1974 she began a 12-year career in the catering business along with her daughter, Devora.

Both she and her husband, Boyd retired in 1986. Boyd and Yvonne spent nearly 19 years traveling and meeting new friends. She always enjoyed being around people.

Survivors include her devoted husband, of 52 years, Boyd Howard of Grapeland; her three sons: Timothy Howard and wife, Penny of Grapeland; Ferron Howard and wife, Terry

of Jewett; David Howard of DuBois, Wyoming; two daughter: Devora Goodnight of Crockett; Tracy Thompson and husband, Mark of Lufkin; thirteen grandchildren: T.C. Howard and wife, Amy of Crockett; Melissa Cobb and husband, Chuck of Marshall; Angela Stovall and husband, Jason of Elkhart; Tiffany Kesinger of Tyler; Melanie Burns and husband, Kris of Hawaii; Kelly Hogg and husband, Lance of Houston; Hank Scott of Houston; Christy and Heather Howard of Lovelady; Mollie, Beth, Sarah, and Katie Thompson all of Lufkin; and six great-grandchildren: Blake Howard of Crockett; Madison and Loren Cobb of Marshall; Lane and Kellie Stovall of Elkhart; and Katelyn Kesinger of Tyler; sisters: Aubyn Masat and husband, Don of Brunswick, Nebraska; Carol Crabtree and husband, Darrell of Brunswick, Nebraska; brother: Larry Lichty and wife, Marjorie of Brunswick, Nebraska and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mrs. Howard was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services for Mrs. Yvonne Marie Howard were held Sunday, February 13, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Grapeland with Dr. Jack Shoultz and Rev. Dick Dobbins officiating. Interment followed in the Davis Cemetery.

Pallbearers were T.C. Howard, Chuck Cobb, Jason Stovall, Hank Scott, Lance Hogg and Charles Hill Darsey.

Bailey & Foster Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.