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Union Prairie

**ELVIA DOWNEY
JENKINS**

Mrs. Elvia Jenkins, age 76 of Crockett, passed away March 6, 2000 in Crockett. Mrs Jenkins was born Jan. 13, 1924 in Porter Springs to the late John and Mayolia Downey.

She spent most of her childhood in the Simon Springs community. She attended school at William High in Crockett. She met and married Erber Jenkins and moved to Houston. She united with Faith Baptist Church under the ministry of Dr. J.W. Brent where she spent 40 years.

She retired from a career of working with Percy Foreman, an attorney in Houston. Later Erben and Elvia moved back to Simon Springs community and united with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church under the auspices of Rev. L.T. Merchant. She served in many positions in the church where she was a faithful servant of God. She sang in the choir and was the director of food services.

She departed this life on Monday, March 6. Preceding her in death were her husband, Erben; parents John and Mayolia Downey; brothers John and Melvin Downey and uncles Willie and Albert Fobbs.

Survivors include sons James E. Jenkins of Houston and John and Ralph Jenkins of Crockett; grandchildren (most of whom she raised), Kanika, Mark, Danielle, Chrissy, Jasmine, J.T., Dominique, Eldrige and Alicia; eight great-grandchildren; uncle Sharper Fobbs and wife Maggie; aunts Cooper Bowens and Barbara Wallace and

Pearl Fobbs; sisters-in-law V'Etta Jenkins, Eulalia Junior, Bobbie Lions, Annie Bozier and Elmira Jenkins; niece Sherby Jenkins (whom she raised); three Godchildren; special friends Rev. Joe L. Ards and Dorothy Carey; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jenkins were held Saturday, March 11, at 2 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church with L.T. Merchant officiating. Final resting place Union Prairie Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Eric Jenkins, Ronald Henderson, Charles Crenshaw, Elvis Bowens, Clarence Jenkins, Derrick Carcy and W.D. Spearman.

Honorary pallbearers were grandsons and Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Barkley Mortuary