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MARY RUTH ROSSER KENNEDY

Mary Ruth Rosser Kennedy, the daughter of Joe and Minnie Stephenson Rosser, was born June 23, 1929, in Friday, Texas, Trinity County. She passed away on July 6, at the age of 78 years and 13 days in the Groveton Nursing Home, Groveton, Texas. Her funeral services were Monday at 10:00 am in the Groveton Funeral Home Chapel with burial following immediately in the Ellis Prairie Cemetery, in the Friday Community where she was born and raised. Brother Lewis Jones, her pastor, and Brother Robbie Bailey, one of her classmates, will be in charge of the funeral services.

Mary Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Ross James Kennedy, and her parents, and one brother, Felix Hoytt Rosser and one sister, Velma Lucille Rosser. She is survived by a daughter, Nancy Terry Cloward; a grand-daughter, Candace Cloward; a grandson Holt Junior (Sonny) Cloward; two great-granddaughters, Abbey and Annie; and a great-grandson, Finnegan Cloward; a sister, Thelma Rosser Terry; one brother, Joe Max Rosser; and a stepson, Ronnie James Kennedy. She is also survived by her in-laws and several nieces and nephews and many cousins and their families all of whom she loved dearly.

Mary Ruth graduated from Groveton High School in 1947. She lived and was employed in Dickinson, Texas, for many years, until she retired to live in the old family home near Groveton. After returning to Trinity County she accepted employment at the First Bank, Groveton, where she worked for ten more years while she enjoyed old friends and many new friends.

Mary Ruth Kennedy was a member of the First Baptist Church, Groveton, where her life was characterized by her love for her church and her family and friends. She loved to sew and make pretty things, many of which she wore with great style. She loved antiques and spent many hours collecting and restoring them to their former beauty. She will be missed by her family, and other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Ellis Prairie Cemetery Association, 1220 Rosser Lane, Groveton, Texas 75845 or Hospice of the Pines, Lufkin, Texas.

Groveton Funeral Home directed the arrangements.