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Rites Held In Crockett For Mae Shivers Leeves

Services for Mae Shivers Leeves, age 88, of Grapeland were held Wednesday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m. in the Waller-Ramsey Family Chapel, Crockett, with the Rev. Jack Shoultz officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park, Crockett.

Mae Shivers Leeves was born August 3, 1910, in Crockett to Wesley C. Shivers and Annie Mae Leathers Shivers. She graduated from Crockett High School in 1928 as valedictorian of her class. Mrs. Leeves attended the Chicago Musical College (now Roosevelt College) and Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She served as organist for many years in the First Presbyterian Church in Palestine and, while living in Dallas, was the assistant organist for the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas. After returning to East Texas she continued to teach piano and served for a time as organist for the First Christian Church in Grapeland until it closed in 1990. A member of the American College of Musicians, "Mama Mae", as she was lovingly called by her many students, was a National Guild

adjudicator, having judged in 16 different states. She was a member of the Delta Chapter, the Guion Music Club of Palestine, the Wilma Foote Organ Club of Crockett and the First United Methodist Church in Grapeland. A longtime member of the Grapeland Country Club, she maintained a home there until the time of her death.

In 1933, she married Waymon Mitchell. He died in 1947. On May 14, 1949, she was united in marriage to Earnest C. Leeves of Dallas at the home of her father, W. C. Shivers. Mr. Leeves died in May of 1967.

In addition to her parents, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Leeves, she was preceded in death by her brother, James Shivers, and a sister, Janie Shivers Crocker of Grapeland.

Survivors include a special nephew, James R. Crocker, his wife Rosalee and children, Jason and Samantha, of Tyler.