

Cedar Branch

Grapeland
Messenger

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Services Held Saturday For Cleo Leonard

Funeral services for Mrs. Cleo Campbell Leonard of Grapeland were held Saturday, January 29, in the Cedar Branch Baptist Church, west of Grapeland, with Rev. F. M. Dews officiating. Other ministers taking part in the service were Rev. Todd Whelock and Rev. T. W. Berry. Rev. Lee A. Davis and Yolanda Wallace presented special music. Burial followed in the Cedar Branch Cemetery.

Pallbearers were James Hatcher Jr., Rose Eddie Leonard Jr., Norvelle Leonard Jr., Darryl Leonard, Brandon Leonard, Anthony Holman, Marcus Leonard and Dexter Oliver. Honorary pallbearers were Larry D. Leonard, Fred Leonard, Norvelle Leonard, Rose Eddie Leonard, J. D. Evans, Clyde Carr, Lawrence Carr and Hermann Carr.

Mrs. Cleo Leonard was born in Galveston on June 13, 1920, to Colton and Rosetta Warfield Campbell. She passed away Sunday, January 23, 2000, in Houston.

From infancy Cleo was reared by her paternal grandparents, Dock and Isabella Campbell, in the Cedar Branch community, west of Grapeland. She attended public school in the Cedar Branch community.

On August 10, 1937, she was united in marriage to Mr. Larry Leonard. To this union ten children were born. She united with Cedar Branch Baptist Church at an early age and served as an usher until she was no longer able to perform her duties. She was a member of the mission and a deaconess until her death.

Mrs. Leonard was preceded in death by an infant child, her parents, grandparents, and her sister, Beverly Campbell; one godsister/cousin, Mrs. Ola Carr; two godbrothers/cousins, Mr. Collis Woods and Mr. Cleon Gilford.

She is survived by a devoted and loving family. Survivors include her husband, Larry Leonard of Grapeland; her children, Kattie Hatcher and husband James, R. Eddie Leonard and wife Georgia, Norvelle Leonard and wife Lizzie, Fred Leonard and wife Willie, Ida Oliver and husband Charles, Shirley Leonard, Hazel Holman and husband Ponell, Ruby Nickson and husband Eddie, and Larry D. Leonard and wife Johnie, all of Houston; niece/adopted daughter, Denise Campbell of Los Angeles, California; two special cousins, M. J. Warfield of Grapeland and Chester Warfield of Los Angeles, California; twenty-seven grandchildren; thirty-two great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and many other loving relatives and friends. She is also survived by one brother-in-law, Ned Leonard of Houston; sister-in-law, Mrs. Alvilda Harvey of Grapeland; sister-in-law, Mrs. Lula Leonard of Crockett and sister-in-law, Mrs. Lula Harvey of Houston.