

Mt Zion

RHEUTINE MARSHALL LEONARD

Mrs. Rheutine Marshall Leonard was born in Grapeland on October 9, 1909 to Arthur and Effie Marshall. Mrs. Leonard attended Daily Community School and united with Christ at an early age at Daily Baptist Church. Moving to Crockett she joined Union Prairie Missionary Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member, teaching Sunday school, and singing in the choir until her health failed.

Mrs. Rheutine Marshall Leonard united in holy matrimony with James Leonard on December 18, 1926. Six children were born to this union. A devoted mother, Rheutine was affectionately called "Big Mama" by her children. Mrs. Leonard departed this life on January 17, 2003 at East Texas Medical Center Hospital in Crockett, surrounded by family members.

Preceded in death by her parents; five siblings Florine, Loraine, Vernes, Chester and Frank; her husband James in 1991 and one child, James, Jr.

Survivors include her two sons and their families James and Viola Leonard and their children Margaret, James, Wilford, Sara, all of Tyler, Charles A. and Earnestyne Leonard and their children Vanessa, Valerie, Veronica, Debra, all of Houston; three daughters and their families Jessie L. Flanagan, Libble B. Smith and her children Nathaniel, Charles Ray, Linda Faye, all of Crockett, Faye and R.E. Robinson and their child Christopher; one step-son Albert D. and Thelma Leonard and their children Albert, Jr., Jean, Willie, James Earl, all of Tyler; four sisters Azzie L. Thomas, Curley B. Kay, Esther R. Howard,

and Effie Mae Gipson; one brother-in-law Johnny Gipson; 20 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Rheutine Marshall Leonard were held Saturday, January 25, at 11:00 a.m. at Union Prairie Baptist Church in Crockett with Rev. Samuel Dominique officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Grapeland.

Active Pallbearers were Nathaniel Ards, James A. Leonard, Wilford L. Leonard, Christopher Robinson, Charles R. Smith, Vincent C. Leonard, and Johnnie Ray Gipson.

Honorary Pallbearers were James W. Leonard, R.E. Robinson, Roosevelt Leonard, Johnnie Gipson, Charles A. Leonard, Albert Leonard, James H. Leonard, L.D. Marshall.

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