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**ELLEN LOUISE (EASY)
MESSER MANESS**

Mrs. Ellen Louise (Easy) Messer Maness, age 88 of Crockett, passed away Sunday, July 18, 2004 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Maness was born October 12, 1915 in Tyler to the late Louie and Euna Messer and had been living in Crockett since 1980.

Mrs. Maness was a poet having more than 200 poems to her credit was a member of the Poetry Society of Texas, Georgia and Oklahoma. Mrs. Maness sang with "Sweet Adalenes" in Tulsa, Oklahoma, she made word puzzles for forty-two years, publishing them in newspapers where she was residing, and had written 30, 1-2 and 3 act dramas for children.

Mrs. Maness was a member of the women's organization in the Methodist Church for 60 plus years serving in office in local, district, conference and jurisdiction levels, she was the assistant to the Pastor at First Methodist Church in Chamblee, Georgia for five years and Will Rogers Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma for 7 years. Mrs. Maness served as secretary of society of St. Stephens for 22 years and was also the Choir Director for more then two years. Mrs. Maness served as a docent at Downs Aldrich House for 15 years and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Crockett where she served as church membership secretary.

Survivors include her sisters Jean Bolles, of Austin, Joanna Campbell, of San Antonio; sister-in-law LaRee Maness, of Tyler; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by her husband Alvin Rue Maness; parents [redacted] and Euna