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CLEO ELOISE SIMMONS MANSELL

Funeral services for Cleo Eloise Simmons Mansell, 94, were held Sunday February 11, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church with Rev. Jim White and Rev. Everett McCollum officiating. Inter-ment followed in the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Cleo was born on Wednesday December 25, 1912 in Marlin, Texas to John Louis and Irene Griswald Simmons and passed away peacefully in Huntsville, Texas on Thursday February 8, 2007.

She was a graduate of Groveton High School class of 1931. She became a member of Trinity Chapter #186 Order of The Eastern Star on January 26, 1953 and served as Worthy Matron three times over the more than 50 years of membership as well as several other official duties for the Eastern Star. She was the last living member of the Pricilla Club, which originated back during WWII and was a charter member of The Azalea Garden Club.

Cleo and her late husband Oliver Mansell, distributed the Houston Post newspaper for many years. She enjoyed the Westwood Shores Restaurant where she was the hostess for evening dinners and other entertaining functions of the club. Cleo was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church and was a past president of the United Methodist Women Organization for many years. Along with all the numerous challenges of being involved in our community she was a homemaker a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Oliver Mansell; brother Clyde Scarborough; and son Bobby Gene Mansell.

Survivors include her daughter Jorene Hamilton Williams,; granddaughters Amanda Hamilton Scott, and Rebecca Hamilton Girouard and her husband Jeremy; great-granddaughter Kayla Laine Scott; former son-in-law Charles Hamilton; special nephew Douglas Tipton; and numerous other relatives and many friends.

Pallbearers were Charles Hamilton, Jeremy Girouard, Jason (Bubba) Smith, Douglas Tipton, Wesley Lochridge, and Walter Willmann.

Waller-Thornton Funeral Home in charge of arrange-ments.