

Trinity Standard 2/2/2006

**Erma Lee
Thornton
Matthews**

**TRINITY - Services for Erma
Lee Thornton Matthews, 88, of**

Huntsville were held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, in the Trinity Funeral Home Chapel of the Chimes with Dr. Randy Lowe, pastor of the Trinity Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial followed in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Trinity.

Mrs. Matthews died Wednesday, Jan. 18, in Trinity.

She was born Oct. 23, 1917, and had resided in Huntsville for most of her life. She was employed at Rogers Shoes until she was 83 years old. Mrs. Matthews was known as a loving mother and grandmother and enjoyed cooking and sports.

Mrs. Matthews was preceded in death by her husband, Morris Matthews; her parents, Joe and Dicy Thornton; two brothers, Hollis Thornton and Aaron Thornton; and two grandsons, David Van Dyke and Duane Van Dyke.

Survivors include three children and their spouses, Charles and Kathy Van Dyke of Trinity, Nelda Reynolds of Huntsville and Melvin and Jo Ann Van Dyke of Trinity; a sister, Adelle Miller Bradley of Trinity; a sister-in-law, Inez Thornton of Huntsville; a number of grandchildren and their spouses, Danny and Debbie Van Dyke of Trinity, Paula and Andy Gilbert of Trinity, David and Marsha Reynolds of Baton Rouge, La., Kim Marcus of Trinity, Jody and Jeana Van Dyke of Montgomery, Brenda Van Dyke of Trinity and Bryan and Sonia Reynolds of Houston; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Jody Van Dyke, Danny Van Dyke, Bryan Reynolds, John Caldwell, Andy Gilbert and David Reynolds.

Trinity Funeral Home directed the arrangements.