

Mary Ella Mills

Mary Ella Mills, 86, of Lufkin formerly of Woodville passed away peacefully unto her Lord on July 28, 2007.

Born September 27, 1920 in Woodville to Carl and Ella Grimes Griffin, she along with her husband, the late Rev. Edward Mills, pastored churches for fifty-two years. They were married for almost sixty-five years and were in the ministry most of those years. She was very active in Children's Ministry for years. She directed many children's programs and Christmas musicals in the churches they pastored. She was also an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God since 1975. She was the Women's Ministries Director for the Gulf Coast Section of the Assemblies of God for many years. She had the distinct honor of being crowned the first Missionette Adult Honor Star in the South Texas District.

She is survived by her loving family, son and daughter-in-law, Rev. James and Glenda Mills of Lufkin; daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Rev. Ken Williams of Newton; grandchildren, Mike and Amanda Mills of Mt. Belvieu, Lisa and Brian Hiatt of Mesquite, Kevin and Amanda Mills of Louisville, KY and Kristin and Ken Hicks of Richmond; great grandchildren, Clayton and Mandy Mills, Dalton Mills and Matthew Hiatt; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Lester and Lucille Mills of Jasper, Merle and Grace Hedding of Lamar, Co. and Jesse and Dorothy Mills of Marion; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. R. C. Tillery and Brother Johnny Durham officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

Honoring their grandmother, her grandsons served as pallbearers.

A memorial book may be signed at www.rileysfuneralhome.com

Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.