

Mulligan



**JEWEL MERTIE HAM
MIMS**

Mrs. Jewel Mertie Ham Mims, age 101 years and 18 days departed this earth on July 8, 2002. Mrs. Mims was born the 5th child of Joe and Cora Ham on June 20, 1901, in Grapeland. August 23, 1918, she married John Riley Mims. Their marriage was greatly blessed with six children; 22 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; numerous great-great-grandchildren. They raised their family on a farm in Latexo. Later Mrs. Mims moved into town and lived on Bell Avenue many years before moving to Rusk.

Ma, as her family called her, was a homemaker all her life. While living on the farm she tended her chickens and made sure she always had a table full of food. You never left Ma's house hungry. Mrs. Mims had a garden on the farm, and around her little house on Bell she planted flowerbeds. Anything she planted grew well under her tender care.

Six generations of her Mims family slept well under her handmade quilts. Well into her nineties, Ma was still carefully piecing and quilting with love for her family. Mrs. Mims was known for her star quilts and did all the work by hand.

Mrs. Mims was preceded in death by her husband Riley; daughter Stella; and sons Melvin, Henry and Buddy; and grandchildren Judy Mims, Bobby Brimberry, James Brimberry, John Brimberry, and Eloise.

Mrs. Mims was survived by her daughter Wyncie Buford and husband Carl, of Colo; son Boss Mims and wife Gean, of Rusk; daughter-in-law Ann Mims, of Lovelady; sister Bertie Mae Musick Salmon, of Grapeland, and a legacy of five generations of descendants survive her.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jewel Mertie Ham Mims were held Friday, July 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. LeRoy Pearson officiating. Interment followed in the Milligan Cemetery.

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