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Neal

Graveside services for Annie Pearl Neal, 90, were held in Forest Hill Cemetery on December 28, 2007, with the Rev. Ted Savage officiating.

She was born March 31, 1917 in Upshur County, Glenwood, the daughter of Annie Victoria Jones Fleet and David Wilson Fleet.

Better known to family as "Aunt Ann", she lived longer than all of her siblings. She was the 10th child born of 11 and the only one in her family to finish high school. She married Ory E. Neal, better known to family as "Uncle Jell", on December 10, 1938 when she was 21 years old. They were married just five days short of 60 years when he died on December 5, 1998 at the age of 87. She was known as a beautiful, loving and considerate lady of virtue who was devoted to her parents, loved being with her brothers and sisters and dearly loved all of their children.

Family members say that even though she never had a child of her own, she always prayed that God would give her a child. She was diagnosed with Alzheimer's 16 years ago and had spent the last nine years in an assisted living home and nursing homes. Long after she could no longer read the Bible, she carried it around with her all day long.

Mrs. Neal died on Wednesday, December 26, 2007, in Montgomery County, Conroe. Her parents, husband, Ory E. Neal and 10 brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Cochran Funeral Home, Livingston, was in charge of arrangements.