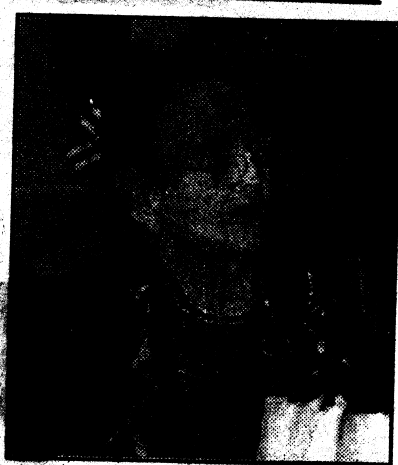


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Ruthie Ann Parker

Services Held Tuesday For "Aunt Ruthie" Ann Parker, 104

Funeral services for Ruthie Ann Parker, age 104, of Gilmer and formerly of Grapeland were held Tuesday, November 21, at the First Baptist Church of Grapeland with Revs. Tommy Helm and Mike Brittain officiating. Burial followed in Denson Cemetery, east of Grapeland, under the direction of Bailey & Foster-Grapeland.

Mrs. Parker died Saturday night, November 18, 2000, at her son's residence in Gilmer. She was born December 15, 1895, in Houston County to Will and Ada (Skidmore) Allen. Mrs. Parker was a homemaker and a Baptist. Known as "Aunt Ruthie" by a host of relatives and friends alike, she was a wonderful storyteller to her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and all who knew her.

Mrs. Parker was preceded in

death by her parents; her husband, J. E. "Bud" Parker in 1974; four brothers, Roy Allen, Edward Allen Huford Allen and Artice Allen; a sister, Gracie Hughes; an infant son and a 15-month-old daughter, Annie Ruth Parker.

Her survivors include a son, J. E. "Son" Parker and wife Evelyn of Gilmer; daughters, Mildred Rose of Dayton, Anna Bell "Mutt" Helm of Conroe, Edith Lucille Tullos of Hallsville, and Berta Dell Robertson of Arlington; three sisters, Eunice Dickey, Kit Helm, both of Grapeland, and Edna Mae Grounds of Crockett; a sister-in-law, Faye Allen of Lantexo; eighteen grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, twenty-six great grandchildren, eight step great grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews.