AGNES BEATRICE PAYNE PATTERSON

Mrs. Agnes Beatrice Payne Patterson, passed away on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, finally bringing to a close her long and rewarding life. Mrs. Patterson was born October 19, 1912 on a farm in Henderson County. By the age of 17, she was raising her two younger sisters, Lorene and Edith Payne, helping her family on the farm and acquiring a love of learning that lasted her entire life.

Mrs. Patterson worked at Rusk State Hospital, where she met her husband, Roy Patterson. They married in 1937, and together they had two children, Robert and Carole. During the war she worked in a medical lab in San Francisco while her husband was stationed in the Pacific Theater. Agnes was an avid reader, den mother, Blue Bird leader, eager traveler, amateur genealogist, talented seamstress, cake-baker extraordinaire, constant volunteer and an active and beloved member of her church, Garden Villas Baptist, where she taught Sunday school to countless children for over 30 years.

Mrs. Patterson was predo-ceased by her husband after a 55 year marriage. She then moved into Holly Hall Retirement Community, where she lived for the remainder of her life. Agnes was devoted to God, her family, her church community, and her friends and was an incredibly intelligent, nurturing, generous, industrious and opinionated person throughout her life.

Survivors include her son Robert James Patterson; daughter Carole Ruth LeGard,; four grandchildren Laura Patterson Haley, Madeline Patterson, Jesse and Colin Clevenger; and great-grandchildren Jack and Aransas Haley.

Preceded in death by her sisters Edna, Ethel, Minnie, Edith and Lorene; and her grandson, Layne Patterson.

Funeral Services and a celebration of Mrs. Agnes Beatrice Payne Patterson life was held Saturday, October 1, at 11:00 a.m. at South Park Funeral Home in Pearland. A reception in her honor will follow at Holly Hall at 1:30 p.m.

If you wish, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to Houston Hospice.