

ARTHIE A. POPE

Mrs. Arthie A. Pope, age 69 of Crockett, passed away June 13 in Crockett. Mrs. Pope was born April 27, 1930 in Crockett.

She had a varied and active lifestyle from editing newspapers to dorm counseling at the Technological Institute of Monterey, Mexico, where she received a master's degree in Spanish. She had returned to school at Shephen F. Austin after the family moved from Quitaque, Tx. to Nacogdoches in 1960. During this time she cared for her family, was involved in direct sales, worked with her husband in their printing business and earned a degree in English and Spanish. She later taught English and Spanish on the high school level in Diboll and Kennard. She also taught conversational Spanish for Angelina College to employees of Lufkin Foundry and Spanish as an extension course in Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope owned and operated job printing shops in Plainview, Quitaque, Nacogdoches and Crockett and published and printed weekly newspapers in Quitaque, Turkey and Silverton, Tx. She loved the printed word and maintained an extensive library at home. She was an invited member of the Platform of International Speakers and an accomplished poet and writer. Her writing varied from short stories and poetry to an Easter Cantata complete with music and drama that was presented by the choir of Fredonia Hill Baptist Church in Nacogdoches.

She loved her church, her Lord and her family. She belonged to First Baptist Church of Crockett. After losing her eyesight due to a stroke in 1991, she continued to sing in the choir and taught a Sunday School class for several years. Mr. Pope would read the lesson on tape and she would listen to it all week. She memorized her music and words by listening to the tapes. The last time she sang with the choir was in December of 1998 when the choir of First Baptist Church, Crockett presented "The Messiah." She had memorized the entire tenor part, words and music. She loved to play the piano and as a child accompanied her father as he played classical music on the violin.

Survivors include husband John Pope of Crockett; son James Leroy Pope and wife Shelley of Slocum; daughters Sherri Johnson of Crockett, Karen Lazarine and husband Jim of Woden, Betti Little and husband Jerry of Appleby, Stella Ripley of Houston and LuLu Belle Orme of Porter Springs; eighteen grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; four nephews, one niece and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Pope were held June 15 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Crockett with the Rev. E.P. Ramsey and the Rev. David Valentine officiating. Interment followed in Parker Cemetery in Grapeland.

Pallbearers were Robert Blackmon, Shawn Pope, John LeEric Pope, Michael Lazarine, Adam Lazarine and Jeff Lazarine.

Waller-Ramsey Funeral Home