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PANSY O. RIHERD READ

Mrs. Pansy O. Riherd Read, age 93 of Rising Star, formerly of Augusta, passed away Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at the Rising Star Nursing Center. Mrs. Read was born March 28, 1911 in Harbin to the late Ezekiel and Odessa Ables Riherd.

Mrs. Read lived most of her life in Fort Worth before retiring to live in Augusta with her husband, the late William T. "Bill" Read. They were married for 61 years.

Mrs. Read began her career with Western Union Telegraph Company as a Route Aide, working eight hours a day on roller skates. Steady advancement through the many departments of the company brought retirement after thirty years of service. For some time prior to her retirement, she served as the Chief Bookkeeper of the Fort Worth Office.

Mrs. Read was a member of the Grapeland-Augusta Chapter and Crockett Chapter Eastern Star. During her years in the Eastern Star she served in numerous offices and as Worthy Matron. Mrs. Read also served on numerous committees for different Worthy Grand Matrons and as Deputy Grand Matron in 1981. In 1996 she was commissioned as the Grand Representative to North Carolina.

Survivors include her two daughters Carol Nelson and husband John, of May and Florenee Cruise and husband Elmer, of Grapeland; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Pansy O. Riherd Read were held Friday, October 15, at 2:30 p.m. in the Augusta Cemetery. Interment followed.

Callaway-Allee Funeral Home