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**BESSIE ELNA ROACH**

Mrs. Bessie Elna Roach, age 87 of Jacksonville, completed her earthly life on Wednesday, February 20, 2008. Mrs. Roach was born May 2, 1920 in Crockett to George Thomas and Etta Irene Patton Walker. Mrs. Roach married Sam Roach in 1943 in Amarillo. During their 46 years of marriage she was a homemaker and help her mate in a life of ranching, furniture sales and mobile home park operation. Mrs. Roach was a faithful member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law Linda and Victor Bunch, of Jacksonville; son and daughter-in-law Roy Darrel and Barbara Roach, of Jacksonville, Fla.; grandchildren Shondra Johnson and husband Keith, of Peoria, Ill. and Rodney Bunch and wife Monica, of Jacksonville; great-grandchildren Jackie Bunch, Rodney Bunch, Jr. and Hannah Johnson; sisters Thelma Kent, of Austin, LaVelle Ingle, of San Antonio; brother and sister-in-law Glenn and Pat Walker, of Crockett.

Preceded in death by her husband Sam Roach.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Bessie Elna Roach were held Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Autry Funeral Home Chapel in Jacksonville with the Rev. Ken McEachern officiating. Interment followed at 4:30 p.m. at New Energy Cemetery near Crockett.

Pallbearers were her Nephews.

Memorials may be made to The National Parkinson Foundation, Inc., 1501 N.W. 9th Ave./Bob Hope Road, Miami, Florida 33136-1494 or the Building Fund of Beall Chapel Church 1861 South Jackson, Jacksonville, TX. 75766.

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