

Ross

Funeral services for Constantine Mainka "Connie" Ross, 98, were held Wednesday, August 22, 2007, in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Lindell Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in Forest Hill Cemetery.

She was born February 17, 1909 in Pocasset, Oklahoma. She was the second surviving child of 11 children born to Marta and Tom Mainka, whose parents had migrated to South Texas from Poland in the 1880s. Her parents had homesteaded in Liberty, Kansas, but were returning to Texas by wagon. When Connie was born in Oklahoma, they decided to stay there and brought a farm in Grady County, Oklahoma, near Lindsay, where she grew up. She worked as a housekeeper, waitress and seamstress. She later built a good reputation in Fort Worth as a specialized dress maker under the label of Connie Bradford.

Several years after the death of her husband, Foy Bradford, she married Harold Ross and moved to Lake Livingston where she continued to live after Mr. Ross's death.

Mrs. Ross was a member of the Church of Christ. She enjoyed fishing, cooking, traveling, gardening and was an avid bowler well into her 90s.

Mrs. Ross died on Friday, August 17, 2007, in Onalaska.

Survivors include her children, Gilbert McCollum of Livingston and Addie Addington of Las Vegas, Nevada; sister, Eva Rogers of Visalia, California; brother, Frank Mainka of Bradley, Oklahoma; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren; and long time friend and companion, Walter Babbs.

Cochran Funeral Home, Livingston, was in charge of arrangements.