

Grapeland Messenger
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Cleola Bridges Searcy

Funeral services for Cleola Bridges Searcy were held Saturday, August 14, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Elkhart with services conducted by Reverend Alan Van Hooser and the Grapeland OES. Internment followed in the Garden of Memories in Elkhart.

Pallbearers were members from the Elkhart Masonic Lodge.

Cleola Bridges Searcy, our beloved "Nana" age 87 passed into the Light of our Savior on Tuesday, August 10, 2004 at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. She was surrounded by her loving daughter, granddaughter, and grandson. Cleola was born to Allie Mae Parker and Grady Patrick Bridges on January 6, 1917 and was a former resident of Elkhart before moving to Converse, Texas. She was married to J. C. Searcy for almost 59 years prior to his passing in February 2000. She was retired from Sears Roebuck and was a lifetime member of the Grapeland Order of the Eastern Star.

She is preceded in death by her husband; her parents; 3 brothers, Ben, Allie and Guy Bridges.

She is survived by her daughter, Jan Searcy Cherry of Converse, Texas; her granddaughter, Sherri Cherry Jackson her husband Ray of Schertz, Texas; her grandson, Kris and his wife, Heather Cherry of LaVernia, Texas; great grandchildren, Neal, Amanda, Mark and Eileen Jackson of Schertz and Kolton Cherry of LaVernia; two sister, Johnnie and husband, Virgil Holton of Lexington, Texas and Bernice Deal of Grapeland; one step-brother, Owen and wife, Nell Brown of Lake Jackson, Texas.

The family wishes to thank all of the many dedicated surgeons, doctors, nurses, and staff of Brooke Army Medical Center for their compassion and their caring during Nana's hospitalization. A special heartfelt thanks to Reava Nurse, Nana's caretaker for the past 16 months.

Nana will live forever in our hearts and our memories.