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BLANCHE MILLER SHAW

Mrs. Blanche Miller Shaw, age 99, passed away Wednesday, January 2, 2008. Mrs. Shaw was born December 26, 1908 in Belott, Houston County, Texas, the third daughter of Estelle Conner Miller and Edwin Lawrence Miller. Mrs. Shaw was a direct descendant of Francis B. Conner and his wife, Sarah, who migrated to Texas in 1831 from Abbeville, South Carolina. In 1909, the Miller family moved to Ratcliff, Texas, and later to Huntsville, Texas, where Blanche and her two sisters received Bachelor of Arts degrees from Sam Houston State University (then Sam Houston State Teachers College). Mrs. Shaw began teaching at age 18 and taught first grade for forty-three years in the Anahuac, Luling, Barbers Hill and Houston schools. Mrs. Shaw obtained a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Houston in 1942, graduating with honors. During this time, she married Vern Shaw, a native of Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Shaw retired from teaching in 1970, and moved from Houston to Beaumont, Texas to be near family. Mrs. Shaw was a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Texas Retired Teachers Association, and Trinity Methodist Church, Beaumont, Texas. Mrs. Shaw loved to read and research her family genealogy. Mrs. Shaw also loved to travel and visited many foreign countries, as well as all fifty states in the United States. Survivors include her niece Beverly Barclay Collie, of Beaumont; three great nieces Susan Collie Holmes and husband Doug, of Englewood, Colo., Catherine Collie Schulte and husband Steve, of Kerrville and Laura Collie Hayes and husband Jim, of Beaumont; and eight great, great nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her husband Vern Shaw; parents Estelle Conner Miller and Edwin Lawrence Miller; two sisters Edice Hines and Myrtle Barclay; and nephew Patrick Hines. Funeral Services for Mrs. Blanche Miller Shaw were held Thursday, January 10, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at Broussard's, 2000 McFaddin, Beaumont. Interment followed at 3:00 p.m. in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 3706, Beaumont, Texas 77704-3706. Broussard's Mortuary