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WILMA JEAN SIMPSON

Mrs. Wilma Jean Simpson, age 51, departed this life on Wednesday, March 17, 2004. Mrs. Simpson affectionately known as "Jean" to her family and friends was born January 20, 1953 in the Augusta Community to the late S.T. Simpson. Mrs. Simpson attended W.R. Banks, Emmett Scott and John Tyler schools.

Mrs. Simpson confessed her faith in Christ and united with St. John Baptist Church at an early age and remained a faithful, dedicated member until her health began to fail. For over thirty years Mrs. Simpson served as the secretary of the church and secretary for the Federation of Choirs for twenty-four years.

Throughout her adult years, Mrs. Simpson worked at the home of Troy and Lawanda Pennington for seventeen years. Mrs. Simpson was also employed by the Grapeland School District for several years. Mrs. Simpson met and married Walter Tillis. Mrs. Simpson was very special to all that knew her and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her husband Walter Tillis; daughters KeKelli Simpson and Latoshia Simpson; sons Jerome (Mia), Aundrea, Walter and Julius (JuJu); eight grandchildren; sisters Gloretha Shepherd (Edward), Lillie Bailey (Paul) and Helen Simpson; brothers Clemmon (Delores), Leroy (Frankie), Rev. Delbert Simpson (Vanessa) and Larry; step-children Aundrea Ash, Caneroka Johnson and Tomecia Johnson; special nieces Lagail shepherd, Tami, Nicole, Laquinda, Whitney and Zelda; sisters-in-law Lillie Mae Thomas, Mae Joyce (Elworth), Flunny Mae (Ray), Gloretha (Jerry), Maxine Tillis; brothers-in-law John L. Walker, Willie D. Tillis (Christine), Eddie B. (Jessie), James (Rose) and L.J. (Barbara); adopted brother Donald Perkins; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents; one sister; two brothers; and grandparents.

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