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**Houston Rites For  
Lennie Smith; Burial  
Here At Mt. Zion**

The homegoing celebration for Mrs. Lennie Beasley Smith of Houston was held Saturday, December 8, in the Frazier Mitchell Funeral Service Chapel, Houston, with Rev. George Walker officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Zion (Merriweather) Cemetery west of Grapeland.

Pallbearers were John Carter, Eric Rosette, John L. Smith III, Robert Slater Jr., Brian Smith and Robert Slater, Sr.

Lennie Smith was born January 9, 1917, the youngest of 14 children born to Spencer Beasley and Willie Moaning. She passed away December 2, 2001. Mrs. Smith grew up in the Grapeland area and attended elementary and high school here. She was joined in holy matrimony to John L. (Jack) Smith Sr., who preceded her in death. To this union, four children were born: Barbara Joyce, John L. Jr., Carolyn (died in infancy) and Iris.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and siblings.

Survivors include her children, twelve grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren, son-in law Bruce Stewart, a host of nieces nephews and her sister-in-law, Addie Mae Wagner of Grapeland.