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Merna Marie Marks Smith

PITTSBURG – A memorial service for Merna Marie Marks Smith, 77, of Pittsburg, will be held July 14, 2007 in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Smith died April 21 in East Texas Medical Center in Tyler.

She was born Nov. 6, 1929 in LaPorte, the daughter of Joseph E. Marks and Marie Taylor Marks, both of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Russell Bethel Smith Jr.; two brothers, Joe E. Marks and Arval Marks and one grandchild, Jason Reber.

She was known as an avid sewer. She made her children their prom and graduation dresses or whatever they needed. She was also known as an excellent cook who made every birthday special for her children. She had seven children – four born in September, two in October and one in June. She was known as a very hard worker and someone who was proud all seven children graduated high school. She resided in Polk County for many years before moving to Pittsburg.

Survivors include two sons, Timothy Smith and wife Lena of Shepherd and Danny Smith and wife Charlotte of Shepherd; five daughters, Penny and husband Ellis Knox of Pittsburg, Peggy and husband Raul Tagle of Las Vegas, Nev., Nancy Lowe and husband Gary of Onalaska, Marie and husband Bob Campbell of Pittsburg and Trina Hartmann of New Caney; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Lewis Marks and wife Melba of Taylor Lakes, Livingston, and Elson Marks and wife Ruth of Houston; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Erman Smith Funeral Home, Pittsburg, was in charge of arrangements.