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## Clara Lena (Shaw) Spence

Clara Lena (Shaw) Spence of Houston were held Friday, November 14, at the Latexo Cemetery with Rev. Kennith Mobley officiating.

Mrs. Spence was born December 26, 1918, the last of 12 children born to Henry Jefferson Shaw and Laura Alice (Holland) Shaw, longtime Grapeland residents. She passed away early Tuesday morning, November 12, 2002, in Katy. Mrs. Spence attended

Grapeland schools and spent her entire adult life in Houston. Prior to her marriage, she worked as an elevator operator in downtown Houston. After the loss of her husband, she served as a school-crossing officer for Houston ISD. She was a member of the Jersey Village Baptist Church and a member of the Spring Shadow's Silvertones chorus.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Spence was pre-

ceded in death by her husband, Jack; son, Jackie; brothers, Charlie, Joe, Harvey, Albert, Ed and Elzy Shaw; sisters, Lara Shaw, Alice Spence, Gert Spence, Rose Herod and Dana Elliott.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Sandy Spence, granddaughter, Candi Spence, grandson, Kenny Spence all of Katy; and numerous nieces and nephews, many in the Grapeland area.

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