



**MARY RUTH ANTHONY
STORY THOMPSON**

Mrs. Mary Ruth Anthony Story Thompson, age 79 of Midland, passed away Monday, September 26, 2005. Mrs. Thompson was born in Lubbock on November 26, 1925 to Josiah Foster Anthony and Mary Cagle Anthony. Mrs. Thompson graduated from Lubbock High School in 1943. While attending Texas Tech, she was a Tech Beauty and a member of the LaChap Social Club.

Mrs. Thompson married James Richard Story on February 2, 1946 and had two daughters. After Mr. Story's death in 1988, she wed Joe L. Thompson on November 24, 1990. Mrs. Thompson was a loyal member of the First United Methodist Church of Midland, where she served on the board of directors, the building committee and the pastoral selection committee. Mrs. Thompson was a tireless volunteer for PTA, Girl Scouts and the Cerebral Palsy Center. Mrs. Thompson was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and the Children's Service League, where she served as president.

Mrs. Thompson was especially proud of her involvement as a founding member of the Midland Crime Prevention Commission and of her efforts in developing the Woman's Association and the Midland Junior Women's Club. In 1985, she was selected as a "Centennial Citizen" by the Midland Centennial Commission during the city's centennial year. Mrs. Thompson was a lifetime member of the Texas Federation of Women's Club where she was named as the Western district's "Outstanding Club

Woman."

Survivors include her husband of 15 years, Joe L. Thompson, of Midland; two daughters Carol Story Dawson and husband Paul, of Crockett and Lyn Story, of Monroe, La.; two step-sons Scott Thompson and wife Stacy, of Katy and Tim Thompson and wife Dana, of Paso Robles, Calif; three grandchildren Brant Dawson, of Dallas, Lauren Dawson and Brittany Burket, of Lubbock; siblings W.R. "Bill" Anthony and wife Betty, of Lubbock, Nell Anthony Huff and husband Joe, of Sun City, Joe Anthony and wife Mary Ann, of Lubbock; and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends; special care giver Shirley Burgess.

Preceded in death by her parents Josiah Foster Anthony and Mary Cagle Anthony; and first husband Richard Story.

Memorial services were held Thursday, September 29, at First United Methodist Church of Midland.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX. 79702; or the Jordan School of Crockett, 1303 E. Houston, TX. 75835.

Ellis Funeral Home