

October 14, 2007

GRACE LaMAE DAVIS THRASH

Grace LaMae Davis Thrash, 102, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at Heartland Health Care Center in Austin, Texas.

Born on July 2, 1905 in Crockett, Texas to Calvin Jordan Null and Mary Emma Brooks Null, Grace grew up in the East Texas town of Groveton. She was a graduate of Groveton High School and attended Durham Business School for two years. In 1926, she married Dudley Edward Davis, and they lived in Houston most of their married life but later returned to Lufkin, Texas. They had two daughters Patricia Ann, and Barbara Jean. After Dudley's death, Grace married Jay Thrash, who also preceded her in death.

Grace was a secretary for over 40 Years and retired from Carpenter Steel Company, Houston, Texas, in 1968. She moved to Austin in 1971 and the next 36 years were filled with wonderful memories of family, friends and fun. Her last home before moving to Heartland, the Village Christian Apartments, was very special to her and provided independence to live alone until she was 96 years old while at the same time filling her days with activities and friends.

Mother had many talents and gifts that she shared with those around her. She showed us how to balance career, home, church, and community. She taught us the value of family and friends and how blessed we were to have each other. She shared her life time love of music and played piano joyfully for all of us to enjoy. And no one could cook like grandma!

She is survived by daughter Barbara and her husband Harry Dailey of Austin, Texas, and daughter Pat and her husband Tom Moore of Waynesboro, Mississippi. Grandma is also survived by her six grand-children: Donna and Michael Nazary, Atlanta, Georgia; Carol and Phillip Evans, Charlotte, North Carolina; Tommy Moore, Daphne, Alabama; Darla and Roy Gay, Buda, Texas; Danny and Shawn Dailey, Fort Worth, Texas; and Todd and Leigh Ann Dailey, Little Elm, Texas. "Granny Grace" was except-ionally proud of her thirteen great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren and to her family she passes on her dynamic passion, spirit, and love of life.

The family wishes to thank Heartland Health Care Center for their loving care of Grace with special appreciation to Dr. Laura Guerrero and Dr. John Marietta. We also thank Crestview Methodist Church for their service to Grace over the years.

Graveside service will be held at 1pm on Sunday, October 14, 2007 at Garden of Memories Memorial Park in Lufkin, Texas.