

Grapeland Messenger
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Golden Gate

Wilma Jean Tillis

Funeral services for Wilma Jean Tillis were held Saturday, March 20, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at Rising Star Baptist Church with Rev. Lawrence Brown and Rev. Jerome Simpson officiating. Internment followed in the Golden Gate Cemetery, Grapeland.

Pallbearers were Hillard McKnight, Bobby Calhoun, Gus L. Walker, Russell Pennington, Suvella Walker, A.J. Shepherd, Edward Shepherd, John Lomax, Elbert Lomax, Donny Ott, Ricky Walker and Eugene Taylor.

Honorary pallbearers were Jerome Simpson, Aundrea Simpson, Walter Lee Tillis, Julius Von Tillis, Delbert Simpson, Russell Simpson, Donald Perkins, John R. Walker, Micheal Walker, Steve Walker, Jason Shepherd, Rodney Simpson, Carey Sadler, Clemmon Sadler and Leroy Thomas.

Mrs. Tillis passed away March 17, 2004. She was born on January 20, 1953 to S. T. Simpson. She was a member of St. John Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, two brothers and her grandparents.

She is survived by her husband, Walter Tillis; daughters, Kelli Simpson and Latoshia Simpson; sons, Jerome (Mia), Aundrea, Walter and Julius (JuJu); eight grandchildren; sisters, Gloretha Shepherd (Edward), Lillie Bailey (Paul), and Helen Simpson; brothers, Clemmon (Delores), Leroy (Frankie), Rev. Delbert Simpson (Vanessa) and Larry; step-children, Aundrea Ash, Canerika Johnson and Tomecia Johnson; special nieces, Lagail Shepherd, Tami, Nicole, Laquinda, Whitney and Zelda; sisters-in-law, Lillie Mae Thomas, Mae Joyce (Elworth), Flunny Mae (Ray), Gloretha (Jerry), Maxine Tillis; brothers-in-law, John L. Walker, Willie D. Tillis (Christine), Eddie B. (Jessie), James (Rose) and L. J. (Barbara); adopted brother, Donald Perkins; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.