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## LEITA STOKES TURNER

Leita Stokes Turner, age 87, loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend to all who were fortunate to have known her, returned to her spirit on July 24, 2001 in San Jacinto Methodist Hospital in Baytown. She was born in Crockett, Texas, September 13, 1913, to Robert Cyrus and Laura Virginia Stokes.

Leita was preceded in death by her husband Charlie, sons Robert Sam and Charlie Glenn and her identical twin Laura Doerrie.

Leita always found room in her heart to bring love, joy, humor, and those delicious homemade cookies into the many lives she touched. She will be remembered for her compassion and helping hand to all, for her ability to find rays of sunshine in the darkest of times. She was a dedicated citizen, volunteering for the election board as a precinct judge for many years. Being a licensed beautician, she was one of the first volunteers who began the beauty shop at St. James House — a place she came to call home. She was a true inspiration to all.

She is survived by great friend and caretaker Fred Ernst, and wife Joann of Baytown, sister Annie Bob White of Longview, numerous nieces and nephews of Clear Lake and Longview and many lifelong friends, to mention a few, Evelyn and Harold Barber, Lorrine Preison, and Elma Shannon and family. A special thanks to Coumeaux, Ann Marsha Lewis and the staff at St. James House for their kindness and friendship. Those of us on this side of heaven will really miss you.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Navarre Funeral Home in Baytown. Visitation was to be held at the funeral home on Thursday, July 26. Graveside services were Friday, July 27, at 1 p.m. at Evergreen Cemetery in Crockett.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Criss Cole Foundation for the Blind, 4800 North Lamar, Austin, TX 78756.

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