

*Evergreen  
Crockett*



**LESAL VIRGINIA  
BRANDES "BOBBIE"  
WALLER**

Mrs. Virginia Brandes "Bobbie" Waller, age 83, widow of the late James Grady Waller, passed away in Crockett Thursday, March 6, 2003. Mrs. Waller was born in Portsmouth, Virginia October 14, 1919.

Mrs. Waller and her husband Jim Grady moved to Crockett in 1945, when they purchased the Waller Funeral Home. Mrs. Waller was active in community affairs, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Crockett, where she faithfully served in many official capacities for 57 years, such as past president of the United Methodist Women Association. A charter member of Builders Sunday School Class.

Mrs. Waller was a moving force in the building of the Family Life Center. Mrs. Waller was the past president of the Magnolia Garden Club, where she co-chaired a fundraising beautification project. Mrs. Waller and Ann Morgan saved camellias and azaleas from the highway department demolition by saving the plants

and raising them locally. Mrs. Waller served on the board of the Downes-Aldrich House until her illness.

After her husband's death in 1987, she continued to manage the Waller Funeral Homes in Crockett, Trinity and Groveton. Mrs. Waller was a 50 year member of Crockett Eastern Star #509.

Survivors include her daughters Nicole Ruskey and husband Jack Ruskey, of Los Angeles, Calif., Lesal James Waller Kilcrease, of Annapolis, Md., Mary Virginia Baker and husband Dr. David Baker, of Denison; grandchildren Melissa Scott Evans and husband Mark Lane Evans, of Sugarland, Appelia Alexandra Pederson and husband Michael Andrew Pederson, of Dallas, Lesal Nicole Ruskey, of San Francisco, Calif., John "Jay" Ruskey III and wife Kristen Ruskey, of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Kathryn Elizabeth Baker, of Denison; two great-grandchildren Lesal Alexandra Evans and James Evans; sister-in-law Genevieve McCafferty, of Huntsville; brothers-in-law Coy Waller and G.C. Waller, of Trinity; first cousins Bobbie Don Maxwell, of Tryon, Okla., and Jackie Tschoener, of Corpus Christi; aunt Henrietta Maxwell, of Corpus Christi.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lesal Virginia Brandes "Bobbie" Waller were held Sunday, March 9, at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Crockett with Dr. Jerry House and Dr. Jerry Neff officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the First United Methodist Church, 701 East Goliad, Crockett, TX. 75835.

**Waller-Thornton Funeral Home**