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Tom Clegg Renfro Wood

Graveside services for Tom Clegg Renfro Wood were held Tuesday, June 6, at the Cedar Grove Cemetery with Rev. Everett McCollum officiating. Waller-Thornton Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Tom Clegg Renfro died peacefully on June 4, 2006, after 90 years of wonderful life. She left a heritage of devotion to her family, friends, and her Church.

Born in Trinity, Texas on May 10, 1916, Tom was the daughter of Hettie Sue Clegg Renfro and Jesse T. Renfro. She was named for her maternal grandfather Judge Tom Clegg, but was "Babe" to her family and friends.

After graduating from Trinity High School, Babe attended Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana, on a basketball scholarship. In 1936, she married Joe Marvin Wood of Trinity. They settled in Grapeland with their sons Joe Tom and Robert. In addition to being a loving and devoted wife and mother, Babe volunteered her time to the Girl Scouts, P.T.A., and the Grapeland United Methodist Church.



Later she and Marvin moved to Houston where she became an integral part of Bellaire General Hospital.

Upon retirement Babe and Marvin returned to Trinity to spend many years fishing from their pier on Lake Livingston, gardening and enjoying their family. Babe was completely dedicated to her Church, the First United Methodist Church of Trinity, volunteering her time to the Church Rummage Sale and cooking for all sorts of Church functions, among many things.

Babe was an excellent cook, a talented quilter and seamstress, and truly possessed a 'green thumb'. She

never met a stranger, greeting everyone with her beautiful smile and warm hug. Babe's family and friends were everything to her, and they were all completely devoted to her.

Babe moved to Woodville in 2000, which gave her the opportunity to make many more friends and be close to her son and daughter-in-law Robert and Sue Wood, granddaughter Emily Bell and husband Brian, grandson Thomas Wood, and great-grandson Wyatt Bell.

She was preceded in death by her brother Massey Renfro; sister, Hettie Sue Waring; and husband, Marvin in 1993.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Joe Tom Wood and wife, Beatrice, son, Robert Wood and wife, Sue; granddaughters, Alta Wood, Cheryl Bennett, Daria Wood, Dominique Wood, Rachael Smith, and Emily Bell; grandson, Thomas Wood; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; sisters, Johnellen Parks and Elizabeth Mainer, and brother, Jack Renfro.