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### HARRIET "HATTIE" STOKES WOOTTERS

Mrs. Harriett Stokes Wootters, age 98 of Crockett, passed away Monday, Sept. 27, 1999, in the Woodlands.

"Miss Hattie" was a lifetime resident of Crockett. She was born June 15, 1901, to E.B. Stokes and Cora Davis Stokes. She was happily married for 67 years for Smith B. Wootters, her childhood sweetheart. She was a member of Crockett's First Methodist Church until she married and then she joined First Baptist Church in Crockett. She graduated from Crockett High School as valedictorian of the 9181 Class. She also graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1922 with a B.A. Degree. She was voted freshman class favorite. Other honors were member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She did post-graduate work at the University of Colorado. The real love of her life was music and she studied in the Hahn Music School in Dallas and later in her teens she studied at Cornell University. She taught for 28 years in the Crockett Elementary School. She taught public school music and English. She served as church pianist for the First Baptist Church in Crockett for 55 years. One of the highlights in her life was when her church surprised her with a "This-Is-Your-Life" program during the Sunday morning worship service. When the church started paying their musicians, "Miss Hattie" would not take the money and her pastor suggested to her that since she had given her life to education, to just put it into a scholarship fund. Thus was born the Hattie S. Wootters Scholarship Fund. This fund helps a good number of young people each year.

"Miss Hattie" deeply loved her students in school and treasured their friendship for a lifetime. She always felt blessed by God for her many friends and considered them a gift from God. "Miss Hattie" gave many piano and organ concerts with her dear friend Marguerite McClain.

She will be remembered for her Civic work in Crockett and for her music that was played to glorify the Lord. her husband and daughter and her family were the light and joy of her life, but the Lord's work in the church always came first. Cora Sue said that she and her dad just got used to being second to the music in the church.

Through the years "Miss Hattie" continued to be interested in life. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, the Glenwood Cemetery Association, the Downes Aldrich House and the Monroe Crook House. She was a member of the Friends of the John H. Wootters Library. "Miss Hattie" was a member of the S.M.U. Alumni-Golden Mustang and the Pi Beta Sorority.

Survivors include daughter Cora Sue Wootters Warren and husband Joseph F. Warren of Tomball; grand-children Suzanne Warren, James Fielding Warren, Joseph Wootters Warren and wife Sue, John Smith Warren and wife Sally; great-grandchildren Stephanie Jill Warren and Dianne Christine Warren; nieces Kathryn Stokes Dawson and husband Dr. Jamie Dawson, Carol Ellison Stollenwerck and husband Sam and Jane Ellis Cornelius; nephew John Henry Wootters, Jr. and wife Jeanne; sister-in-law Mrs. John H. Wootters; cousins Dorothy Duepree Parker, Leita Stokes Turner, Laura Stokes Doere, Anne bob Stokes White and Ruth Davis Kutschbach; several great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wootters were held Thursday, Sept. 30, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church with the Rev. E.P. Ramsey and the Rev. David Valentine officiating. Interment followed in the Glenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dr. Jamie Dawson, Sam Stollenwerck, John Stollenwerck, Jamie Cornelius, Ragin Cornelius, John Henry Wootters, Jr., Charles Kent and Marshall Owen.

Memorial may be made to the Hattie S. Wootters Scholarship Fund in the First Baptist Church of Crockett, PO Box 708, Crockett, 75835.

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