



**LOUELLA HOLCOMB  
ZABRISKIE**

Louella Holcomb Zabriskie, age 95, of Port Arthur, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 6 in Crockett.

Mrs. Zabriskie was born in Houston County near Augusta on August 26, 1903 to William Henderson Holcomb and Lula Alma Mooney Holcomb. She graduated from Sam Houston State Teachers College with a Bachelor of Science Degree and did graduate work at Columbia University in New York. On June 1, 1935, she married Walter W. Zabriskie and moved to Port Arthur, where she lived for the next 63 years before moving to Crockett to be with her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Holcomb III.

Mrs. Zabriskie was a member of The United Methodist Temple serving in the Women's Division, as chair of the Christian Social Relations committee and as a Study Leader. She was also an active force in civic and cultural life of Port Arthur. Mrs. Zabriskie was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the General Federated Women's Club, and PEO-the Philanthropic and Education Organization. During World War II, Mrs. Zabriskie was the manager of the Port Arthur Area Chapter of the American Red Cross until 1950 when she went back to volunteer work serving on the boards of directors and as chair of Volunteer Services.

Mrs. Zabriskie served as president of the Reading Club and the Greater Port Arthur Community Council. As a member of the Department Club which entertained foreign students in homes of Port Arthur residents for bettering international good will, Mrs. Zabriskie took an active interest in the development of Rose Hill as a community center. She served as a member of the Rose Hill committee for several years. She was the Chair of the Christmas Bureau to help mothers without funds obtain toys for their children's Christmas. Mrs. Zabriskie aided in the formation of the Port Arthur Family Counseling Service, and was instrumental in helping with the elimination of duplication of welfare services and in strengthening those already set up to properly carry work.

Mrs. Zabriskie was the first secretary of the Youth Council Board, then known as the Emergency Council for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency, and later served as president of that Board. She was a member of the original executive committee of CavOILcade, a member of the Board of Directors of the Port Arthur Community Concert Association, the Knife and Fork Club, the Lioness Club, and was chair of the Improvement Committee of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce.

In recognition of outstanding service to the community, she was chosen by the Quota Club as Woman of the Year.

Mrs. Zabriskie was preceded in death by her husband, Walter W. Zabriskie.

Two nephews survive her: William Henderson Holcomb II and wife Joe Anne of Crockett, and Monte James and wife Pat of Vidor; two nieces: Harriet Holcomb Skipper and husband R.J. of Trinity, and Fan Leigh Bowdin of Houston and many great nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held in Port Arthur at Greenlawn Mausoleum, with the Rev. Roger Shuemat officiating.

**Waller-Ramsey Funeral Home**