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Bessie Geraldine Lewellen "Jerry" Graves

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April 10, 1933 - Jan. 24, 2017

Mrs. Graves is survived by her daughter, Jana Kay Hunt and husband Jim of Ft. Worth; son, Johnny Lee Graves of Dallas; step-daughter, Sandra McAllister of Carthage; daughter-in-law, Paula Beth Pinkerton Kimmey of Tyler; grandchildren Chris Hunt of College Station, Samantha Graves of Plano, Christina Kimmey Britt and husband Eric of Tyler, Will Kimmey of Tyler, and Bethany Kimmey of Fayetteville, Ark.; numerous nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren and many other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bessie Geraldine Jerry Graves, 83, of Azle, Texas formerly of Gary, Texas will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Linebarger officiating. Burial will follow in the Gary Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 6-8:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Mrs. Graves passed away January 24, 2017 in Azle.

Mrs. Bessie Geraldine Lewellen Graves was born April 10, 1933 in Shields, Texas to Barney Leroy and Bessie Myrtle Alford Lewellen. She married Lee Owens Graves on May 25, 1968 in Daingerfield, Texas and together they celebrated 44 years until he preceded her in death on November 20, 2012. Mrs. Graves worked for the Panola County Clerk's office for 12 years and served as the Chief Deputy County Clerk. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Past Matrons and Patrons Association District 1, Panola County Historical and Genealogical Association, Timpson Area Genealogical Society, East Texas Genealogical Society and the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Mrs. Graves is also preceded in death by her parents; sons, Jeffrey Kimmey and Richard Jay Kimmey; grandson, Eric Jay Kimmey; brother, Oran Leroy Lewellen; and sisters, Billy Faye McDonnell and Shirley Joyce Merryman.

Serving as pallbearers will be Bobby Strong, Eric Britt, Jackie McDonnell, Karl Oney, Christopher Hunt and Will Kimmey.

Honorary pallbearers will be Robert Fugler, Greg Windham, Scotty Bates and Don Bates.

Hawthorn Funeral Home, Carthage, TX.

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