



Cecil Esther Clark

August 21, 1904 - January 19, 2005

CECIL ESTHER TARBUTTON CLARK Cecil Esther Tarbutton Clark, loving mother and grandmother, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 16, 2005 in Conroe, Texas. One of five children, Cecil was born on August 21, 1904 in Troup, Texas to Carrie Elizabeth (Arnold) and James Henry Tarbutton. After graduating from Troup High School on June 1, 1923, Cecil came to Huntsville, Texas to attend Sam Houston Normal Institute. While attending college, she met Lindsey Smith Clark, and they married on March 14, 1924. Although she did not graduate from college, she and her husband helped her two younger sisters through college at Sam Houston. In 1942, Cecil's husband was killed in a cycle/car accident. Following her husband's death, Cecil took over his partnership in the South End Laundry and Dry Cleaning business. In 1956, she sold her share of the business and became a dormitory director at Sam Houston State College. After twelve years Cecil decided that it was time to retire, as she wanted to do some traveling. However, Mrs. Grace Longino Cox convinced her to come to work at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum. So Cecil worked at the museum as a docent from 1969 until her retirement in 1978. Cecil loved history and was always collecting articles and books about General Sam Houston, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Walker County, Texas and other historical places. She even researched and compiled information about Minnie Fisher Cunningham (a native of Walker County and a leader of woman's suffrage organizations) for the Huntsville Women's Forum. A copy of this booklet is in the Huntsville Public Library. Cecil has

been a member of the First Baptist Church in Huntsville since 1923 and was a current member of the Sam Houston State University Alumni Association membership. She held in the Walker County Historical Commission, Huntsville Women's Forum, Huntsville Book Review Club, Friends of Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Huntsville Area Newcomers Club. She had also enjoyed traveling with the Huntsville National Bank Gold Citizens and playing bingo and dominoes. Cecil Esther Tarbutton Clark is survived by her three children: Lindsey Smith Clark, Jr. and his wife, Verna; Mary Eleanor Stiles; Dora Beth Johnson and her husband, Charles. In addition to her three children, Cecil has eight grandchildren: James Michael Clark and wife, Pam; William Lynn Clark and wife, Sue; Rene Stiles Young and husband, John; Lynn Stiles Majors; Clark Johnson and wife, Rosalind; Joe Johnson and wife, Koren; Jan Johnson Rand and husband, Dale; and Carl Johnson and wife, Connie; fifteen great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Clark was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and four siblings: Thelma Rodgers, James A. Tarbutton, Mary Moody Ross, and Christelle Brewington, and her son-in-law, Frank Stiles. The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral services in celebration of her life will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at First Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas with Reverends Carrol Williams and David Valentine officiating. Burial will follow at Adickes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery, Huntsville, Texas. Pallbearers will be grandsons: James Michael Clark, William Lynn Clark, Clark Johnson, Joe Johnson, Carl Johnson; grandsons-in-law: John Young and Dale Rand and great nephew, James Lee Rodgers. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Library, 1229 Avenue J, Huntsville, Texas 77340 or Walker County Historical Commission, P. O. Box 210, Huntsville, Texas 77342-0210.

Tribute Wall



“ Cecil Esther Clark

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ To Mary Eleanor and Dora Beth: You were blessed to have your mother for these many years. She was indeed a lovely lady. I remember her as one who touched my life while I was growing up in Huntsville, both in the church and in the community. May God add His blessings to this time of remembering and celebrating her life. Sincerely, Virginia (Humberson) Owen

Virginia Humberson Owen - January 18, 2005 at 07:50 PM



“ To Dora Beth:
I wish to express my condolence in the loss of your mother. I will always remember her allowing me to be a small part of you and her life. She has contributed much during one hundred years on this earth. My thought and prayers will be with you at this time and may you and Mary find comfort in the many memories of her life.

Dan and Gloria Doerr, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Dan Doerr - January 18, 2005 at 01:44 PM



“ Mary and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. You have been so blessed to have enjoyed your mother these many years. She was such a sweet lady and I know you will miss her. My love, Geneva Walling

Geneva Walling - January 18, 2005 at 12:24 PM

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“ Dear Mary Eleanor:

It was with great sadness that I heard of your mother's passing so soon after she had reached the wonderful milestone of one hundred years. Indeed she had a full, rich life and I know that all of you in her family can take pleasure in this, despite the inevitable grief caused by her passing. Do know that my thoughts are with you in this difficult time.

*Very sincerely yours,
Wilson D. Snodgrass
Dallas*

Wilson Snodgrass - January 17, 2005 at 09:25 PM

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“ *"Miss Cecil", what wonderful, loving thoughts I have of you. Thank you for being such a good friend to me while I was a Sam Houston. You will be missed greatly! Norma Dell Jones, Lovelady, TX*

Norma Dell Jones - January 16, 2005 at 04:14 PM