



Faye Rittenberry

September 19, 1923 - December 9, 2011

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Faye Smith Rittenberry, 88, of Carthage, Texas formerly of Gary, Texas will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 12, 2011 at the Gary Cemetery with Rev. Keefe Cropper officiating under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m., Sunday, December 11, 2011 at the funeral home. Mrs. Rittenberry died, Friday, December 9, 2011 in Carthage, Texas.

Gary native, Mrs. Mona LaFaye Smith Rittenberry was born September 19, 1923 on the family farm in Gary, Texas. She was one of two girls born to the marriage of Martin Luther and Dovie Stone Smith. Faye was a graduate of Gary High School and attended business college in Beaumont. She worked for United Gas where she met Morris "Rit" Rittenberry, Jr. They married July 17, 1957 and celebrated 43 years together before he preceded her in death in 2000. She also worked for many years at the First National Bank and was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Carthage. Mrs. Rittenberry never met a stranger, loved her garden, flowers, bird watching and researching her family history. She encouraged her family and all those around her to "Bloom where you're planted." She is also preceded in death by her parents, sister, Margie Evelyn Jones and a son, Robert Morris Rittenberry. She is survived by her loving son, John Rittenberry and wife Gay of Carthage, grandchildren, Cathryn, Angela and William Rittenberry, nieces, Teena Vardeman of Nacogdoches, Melinda Lowry of Ft. Smith, AR, Jennifer Anderson of Nacogdoches and Tommie Lynn Carlie of Clayton, MO,

numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

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Sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I saw it mentioned in the Shreveport newspaper. My mother passed away in August so I have recently felt the feelings you are feeling regarding her death. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.
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