



Mrs. Irene Campbell

September 2, 1916 - March 24, 2014

Funeral services for Mrs. Irene Campbell, 97, of Gary, Texas will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 27, 2014 at the Eastside Baptist Church in Gary, Texas with Rev. Dale Walker and Dr. P.A. DuBose officiating. Burial will follow in the Gary Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Wednesday night at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mrs. Campbell died March 24, 2014 in Carthage, Texas.

Mrs. Irene Smith Campbell was born September 2, 1916 in Gary, Texas. She was one of five children born to the marriage of Henry and Jewell Ritter Smith. She was a devoted wife, mother and daughter. Mrs. Campbell lived her life to serve others. Throughout her life she was a caregiver and provided loving support for her family. She loved the Lord and her church. Her family as well as her church family, were the center of her life. She dearly loved her daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. All that knew her were blessed because of her love to cook. There was always something delicious on the stove or dining table. In later years she loved to crochet, and many babies in the community have a special blanket that was crocheted by 'Aunt Irene'. She loved to read and study her bible and she taught Sunday school for many years at Eastside Baptist Church. She retired from Gary ISD where she prepared meals for many years for the children and staff. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Elmo Campbell, daughter, Barbara Strain; brothers, Buron, Paul, Leonard and Alvert Smith, and a sister, Madeline

Nichols.

She is survived by her daughter, Sue and her husband James Koonce of Tenaha; grandchildren, Steve Strain of Longview, Stanley Strain of Garland, Madeline Styron of Farmington, New Mexico, Melanie Gordon of Longview, Crystal Childress of Logansport, Louisiana, Wendy Hudman of Tenaha and James R. Koonce of Austin; great grandchildren, Brooke Samford, Kasi Harris, Holly Chapman, Miranda Hammons, Erin Hammons, Megan Kimbro, Dusty Seay, Cameron Barton, Taylor Barton, Luke Childress, Tyler Strain, Madison Hudman, Shelby Hudman, Todd Hudman, Jordon Hudman and Shane Hudman; great, great grandchildren, Aleandria Samford, Evan Samford and Thomas Chapman; and a host of nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Gary Cemetery

176 Bobcat Trail
Gary, TX 75643

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
307 West Wellington Street, P.O. Box 188
Carthage, TX

Service

MAR 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Mrs. Irene Campbell. I am certain because of her faith she is at peace after a long, fruitful life on this Earth.*
Fr. John J. Abts, ofm (friend of grandson - Rusty)

Fr. John J. Abts, ofm - March 27, 2014 at 01:39 PM

DA

“ *Wendy,*

I am so sorry for your loss.

Daphne

Daphne - March 26, 2014 at 10:51 AM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Mrs. Irene Campbell.*



March 25, 2014 at 03:31 PM

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“ *Kenneth & Sandra Stiles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irene Campbell*



Kenneth & Sandra Stiles - March 25, 2014 at 11:31 AM



“ *Elaine Ross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irene Campbell*



Elaine Ross - March 24, 2014 at 08:40 PM