

OBITUARIES

Mrs. May Belle Wagoner Franklin

Services for Mrs. May Belle Franklin were held Monday May 19, 2008 at the Shady Grove CME Church in the Shady Grove Community, Rusk. May Belle Wagoner Franklin was born May 3, 1920. She was the first of seven Children born to the union of Ora willis and Charlie Wagoner. On Thursday May 15, 2008, she entered "Eternal Rest". She was reared in the small rural community of Shady Grove, located a few miles of Rusk TX. It was there that she attended grade school. After which she attended Fred Douglass High School in Jacksonville, Texas. May Belle was a life long member of Shady Grove C.M.E. Church. One of the happiest events of her existence was to go "down home(Shady Grove)" to church. She loved worshiping and visiting with her many realtives and friends. On September 6, 1939 she was united in Holy Matrimony with



Grady Lewis Franklin. To this union four sons, Melvin L. Franklin, Floyd E. Franklin, Larry D. Franklin and Elvin D. Franklin were born. She was a devoted wife and loving mother. Her life

evolved around her family. She was always concered about the well being of her sons and grandchildren. May Belle was preceded in death by her husband Grady I. Franklin, son Larry D. Franklin, mother, father, sister, and two brothers. To cherish her memory she leaves sons, Melvin (Elizebeth) Franklin of Kansas City, Floyd

Franklin of Jacksonville TX. and Elvin (Phyllis) Franklin of Grand Prairie, Texas; six grandchildren: Liz A. Bryant, Mark A. Franklin, Floyd A. (Terri) Franklin, Marlayna E. Franklin, Sterling Franklin and Miles Franklin; eight great grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren, brothers: Charlie B. Wagoner, California, O.T. Wagoner and J.C. (Shirley) Wagoner of Jacksonville TX; several nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. Interment was at Jacksonville City Cemetary under the directions of Williams Funeral Home.

Mr. Jimmy Barret Drone

Palestine, TX. - Services for Mr. Jimmy Barret Drone were held May 17, 2008 at the South Union MIssionary Baptist Church Palestine, Texas. He was born in Larnesa Tx. March 15, 1951 to Catherine(Henry) Drone and Edward A. Barret. Jimmy accepted Jesus Christ at an early age while residing in Larnesa, Texas. He attended St. John Baptsit Church under the pastorate of Rev. J.H. Nelson. He was a faithful member. He graduated from Larnesa High School after which he served two years in the US Army and was honorably discharged. Jimmy gave of himself he met no strangers and he was kindhearted. All those he touched will miss him greatly. He is preceded in death by his father Edward A. Barret and four brothers, Bill Joe Lester, Arthur and Frank Barret. He leaves to cherish his memory four sons, Jermaine (Ashley) Benton of Newport VA, Alexander Starr of Hawaii, Jimmy

Drone Jr. of NA, Rashard Brookings of Palestine, TX; two daughters, Marion (Corey) Wright of Dallas, TX, Veronica Starr of Huntsville, TX; eight grandchildren, Corey, Jr. Kiona, Joi, Ashanti, Israel, Brayland, Jacoby, Cha-Haliley; mother, Catherine Renfroe of Lamesa, TX; two brothers, W.G. Drone, Jr., Charles Barret, sisters, Beverly Cooper, Janelle Drone, Chyrek Angton, Betty Blake, Edna R. Gibbs, Esther Riddle; one special niece, Ramonika robinson, two special friends, Linda Thomas, Anneta Mitchell, hosts of nieces, nephews, other realatives and friends.

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