



Hassell Cook

March 3, 1928 - December 17, 2008

Graveside services for Hassell Kathryn Branch Cook will be held on Monday, December 22, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Pleasant Retreat Cemetery with Rev. James McMillen officiating. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler.

Hassell Cook, wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away at her home in Tyler on Wednesday, December 17, 2008. She was born in Winona, Texas on March 3, 1928 to John and Kittie Branch. She graduated from John Tyler High School where she was a member of the Blue Brigade. She attended the Stamps Quartet singing schools in Dallas as a teenager. Hassell and her two sisters sang in a trio and were known as the Branch Sisters. She was a dental assistant to Dr. DeAngelo until her marriage in 1947 to Sam Bundy Cook. Hassell was a homemaker and later a cafeteria manager for the Tyler Independent School District, from which she was retired. She was a member of Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church, where she previously sang in the choir.

Hassell was preceded in death by her parents, husband and grandson, Danny Haen. She is survived by her three children, Nancy Green of Bedford, Patti Meyer of Nebraska, and Adam Cook of New Hampshire; sister, Hazel Weeks of Tyler; four grandchildren, Ericka Robinson of Bedford, Bundy Haen of Nebraska, Dusty Meyer of Nebraska, and Amanda Clark of New Hampshire; and four great-grandchildren, Sarah Robinson, Danielle Robinson, Patrick Haen and Piper Haen.

No visitation or viewing is

scheduled. Memorials in honor of Hassell Cook may be made to the St. Louis School, 2800 Walton Drive, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Hassel raised a wonderful family who loved her a lot, and remain close-knit as families should. Although we did not "know" her, we "knew" her to be GOOD! and now she is finally "home". The family must be comforted that she is resting in peace and cradled in the palm of His hand.*

Chum and Jean Cleverly - December 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Adam and Mandie, i am so sorry for your loss. The loss of my grandmother devastated me for years to come. She was my confidon! My dearest of friend. I trusted her with my inner soul. For your loss, of Mom and grandmother, just know my heart breaks for you both. I know what your grandmother meant to you Mandie, and i know how much Christopher would wish to be by your side, in spirit, he always will be. Fortunately, they travel together now, in heaven, where they both deserve a better life! All my love, Debs*

Debra Phaneuf - December 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I always wanted to visit at Nancy's house, beacause I wished her mother was my mother. She was always so welcoming and warm. And now I found out she could sing, too. I know all of us will have fond thoughts of her. Love, Susan*

Susan Barbee Nelles - December 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM