



Wanda Cook

April 28, 1928 - July 4, 2011

Wanda Lee Cook was born April 28, 1928 and died on July 4, 2011, at the age of 83. She is preceded in death by her devoted husband of over 60 years, Calvin C. Cook, her sister and life-long best friend, Ruth Anderson, and her first born child, Thomas L. Cook. She lived most of her life in Longview/Tatum, having moved there in 1948. She and Calvin raised their family there, and considered themselves true East Texans. She was happiest when working in her garden, or canning what she had grown. After Calvin retired, they did this work of love together, and many, many people enjoyed the results. As she aged, she spent more time crocheting, and donated countless afghans to the Tatum Public Library for auction to buy more books. She loved living in the country, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Tatum, where she made many friends. Wanda is survived by one brother, Bob McCollum and wife, Linda of Shreveport, Louisiana; one son, James C. Cook of Chandler; one daughter, Ellen C. Ballenger and husband, Robert of Harlingen; daughter-in-law, Linda Sue Cook of Covington, Georgia; four grandsons, Keith Cook, Daniel, Troy, and Calvin Ballenger; two granddaughters, Christi and Jana Cook. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 8, 2011 at Tatum Cemetery in Tatum under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at 9:00 AM, one hour prior to the service, in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Tatum. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be given to a charity of your choice.