Mrs. Marie Ainsworth Westerman, age 96 of Lufkin, went to be with her Lord Tuesday, March 23, 2010 after a brief illness. Mrs. Westerman was born September 20, 1913 in Kennard, Texas to Tom and Minnie Ainsworth.

Mrs. Westerman spent most of her childhood in Kennard and Nacogdoches. She was one of seven sisters and four brothers. In high school she participated on the debate team, and she was part of a singing quartet that performed in various local churches. She graduated from Nacogdoches High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Mrs. Westerman married Grover Westerman of Kennard and they had a family of four children. She taught school in Kennard and Austonia. She and her husband were owners of Westerman General Merchandise in Kennard and she worked alongside her husband for many years in the store. Mr. and Mrs. Westerman were members of Calvary Baptist Church in Lufkin. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. After her husband’s death in 1991, she was able to live in her home and take care of all her affairs up until the time of her death.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Tucker and Elizabeth Westerman, of Lufkin; daughters and son-in-law Wanda and John Rolf, of Cypress, Judy Jordan Barbour, of Kingwood; grandchildren and spouses Ann Westerman, of Texarkana, Charles and Jan Westerman, of Lufkin, Lisa Rolf Barfield, of Cypress, Lori Rolf Moore and husband Bret, of Williston, N.D., Kevin Jordan, of Magnolia and Rhonda Jordan Kersting and husband Toner, of Kingwood; great-grandchildren Clark and Hanna Westerman, John and Wesley Barfield, Tyler and Kody Jordan and Kaleb and Kendall Kersting; sister Erma Guidry, of Deer Park; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her parents Tom and Minnie Ainsworth; husband Grover Westerman; daughter Charlotte; four brothers Harvey, Herman, Cloyce and Lloyd Ainsworth; and sisters Lillian Dominey, Mamie Dee Parker, Vivian Curry, Thelma Hasha and Louise Hanna.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Marie Ainsworth Westerman were held Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Carroway Funeral Home Chapel, 2704 South John Redditt Drive, Lufkin, with the Reverend Jimmy Hedges and the Reverend Jim Tom Ainsworth officiating. Interment followed in the Ivie Cemetery in Houston County.

Pallbearers were Tom Kelly Byrne, Bill Ainsworth, Joe Ainsworth, Jerry Ainsworth, Jimmy Guidry, Freddy Guidry, Thomas Guidry and Dennis Worsham.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice in the Pines, 116 South Ragued Street, Lufkin, Texas 75904.

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