

LAVADA LEE GAGE GRIGGS

1917-2011

DECATUR: Lavada Lee Gage Griggs, 93, a retired teacher, died on Monday, June 6, 2011, in Decatur.

Lavada was born June 18, 1917, in the Sycamore Community to Merlin Monroe and Buna Lee (Griffeth). She was a graduate of Slidell High School. After high school she attended and graduated from North Texas Teacher's College in Denton.

Lavada began her teaching career in a two-room school house in the Allison Community. Two years later she began teaching in Decatur where she taught before and during WWII. She met William Lunsford Griggs and they married March 1, 1946, after he returned home from the War.

They were a loving aunt and uncle to their many nieces and nephews. They were blessed with a daughter, Melinda Kay Griggs after many years of marriage.

Lavada loved teaching. Her teaching career took her to Oklahoma, Granbury and Irving, Texas. She taught in Irving ISD for over 30 years where she taught third grade at Lee Britain Elementary before retiring in 1984. After retirement they moved

back to Decatur and she was a life member of the PTA, and an active member of the Decatur Women's Club, Decatur Hospital Auxiliary and the Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include her daughter, Melinda Reeves and husband, Jack of Decatur; two grandsons, Josh William Reeves of Dallas and Jase Rayn Reeves of Huntsville, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Lavada is preceded in death by her husband of 63 years Bill Griggs, two brothers, Ralph and J.G. Gage, and two sisters, Merlyne Hunt and Roberta Buchanan.

Family requests memorials be made to the Decatur Education Foundation, 503 E. Collins, Decatur, Texas 76234.

Funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel with Monte Tuttle officiating. Interment: Oaklawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers included Brent Gage, Brian Gage, David Gage, Andrew Gage, Zach Gage and Eric Gage. Honorary pallbearers include Monte Shaw and Mac McCrary.

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