

LEOLA BENCH HINES

1923-2011

BOWIE: Leola Bench Hines, 87, died November 2, 2011, in Bowie.

Born on December 10, 1923, to Lee and Annie Bench in Bowie, Texas, she graduated from Bowie High School and went to work for Swift Packing. She later worked for the Bridgeport Index, where she served as Editor for several years in the 1960s.

Leola is survived by her son, John Medford; four grandchildren, April Angell and husband, Eddie of Bellevue, Clay Medford and wife, Shandi of Bowie, Chrissy Medford of Buffalo Springs, and Shea Medford of Quinton, GA; daughter-in-law, Pamela Sorensen of Buffalo Springs; seven great grandchildren, Cody Bodkin, Casside York, and Chrissy West, all of Bellevue, Laythen and Sadie Medford of Bowie, Araya Nezat and Shae Lesando of Buffalo Springs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Annie Bench, and brother, Nathan Wiley “Buddy” Bench.

Memorial services for Leola were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8, at the Saint Patrick’s Episcopal Church of Bowie. Father Kennedy officiated. Burial will be held in Bellevue Cemetery at a later date.

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