

## ROSEMARY TERRELL BRIDWELL

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Rosemary Terrell Bridwell, wife of longtime *Bridgeport Index* publisher Harlan Bridwell, died November 7, 2006 at Trinity Care Center in Bridgeport at the age of 82.

Her death followed a five-year bout with Alzheimer's disease.

Services were Saturday, November 11, at the First United Methodist Church of Bridgeport, with Reverends Mike Miller, Johnny Irish and Kevin Casey officiating.

Rosemary was a talented writer whose feature stories appeared regularly in *The Index*, but she is best remembered as a devoted wife and mother. Her contributions to the newspaper industry were recognized by the North and East Texas Press Association with their presentation of the coveted Sam C. Holloway Award in 1994. Harlan had received the award 10 years earlier.

Born to Methodist minister, Rev. Benjamin Terrell and Dora Malone Terrell in Post, Texas, on April 23, 1924, much of Rosemary's youth was spent moving with the family to church appointments throughout the Northwest Texas and North Texas conferences. She attended 10 different schools in 12 years. She was the youngest daughter of eight Terrell children.

Rosemary graduated from Gainesville (TX) High School in 1942. She and Harlan married in Rolla, Missouri, on September 10, 1943. The Bridwell family moved to Bridgeport in 1966. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bridgeport.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Harlan; sons Keith Bridwell and wife Karen, and Doug Bridwell and wife Lynda; one daughter, Melanie Fair and husband Larry; sister, Dene Terrell Boggs of Plainview; and two brothers, Malone "Moe" Terrell and wife Wanda of Georgetown, and Jack Terrell and wife Earlene of Grapeland.

Additional survivors include grandchildren Jay and wife Tricia, Randall, Reid, Whitney, Morgan and Mason Bridwell; Laura Moore and husband Scott; and Stacy Bost. Rosemary is also survived by great-grandchildren Joshua and Lauren Bridwell, and Bella Moore; and by a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; by one son, Stanley Malone Bridwell; by one sister, Martha "Marty" Frampton; and by three brothers: Edward "Preacher" Terrell, Paul Terrell and Harold Dean "Bobba" Terrell.

Burial was in East Side Cemetery in Bridgeport. Pallbearers were Dana Cobb, Kay Simmons and grandsons Jay, Randall, Reid and Mason Bridwell.

Funeral arrangements were by Doug Jones of Bridgeport through White Family Funeral Home of Bowie.