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HAWLEY: Opal Pelton Ryan, formerly of Hawley, TX died on April 8, 2009 in Bridgeport.

Opal was born August 13, 1913 near Anson, TX in Jones County, to D.S. and Cordie Pelton. She was a 1932 graduate of Anson High School. On December 23, 1935, she married R. Q. Ryan in Anson.

During the summer of 1943, Opl and R.Q. moved to Hawley where she lived until November, 2003 when she moved to Bridgeport to be near son, Robert and other family members. She was a charter member of Clear Fork Baptist Curch.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband R.Q. in 1984, brother Lowell in 1964, brother Oland in 1996, son Charles of Albuquerque in 2003, and two grandchildren.

Survivors include: sons, Robert and wife J'Lyn of Runaway Bay; Harold and wife, Cheri of Bastrop; daughter-in-law, Susan Ryan of Albuquerque; grandson, Robin Ryan and wife Cindy;

great-granddaughter, Daryl Leigh; great-grandsons, Reed and Graham of Grapevine; granddaughter, Stephanie Waldo and husband; Joey; great-grandsons, Spencer and Rylan of Alvord; grandson, Derek Ryan of Austin; sister, Ruth Caffey of Abilene; brother, Wilmer and wife, Gerealdine of Colorado Springs, CO; sister-in-law, Blue Pelton of Abilene; several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

An informal celebration of life service was conducted at 11:00 a.m. on April 11, 2009 in the Jones Family Funeral Home Chapel, 1401 Halsell, Bridgeport. Mrs. Ryan had previously arranged to have her body donated to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas TX in support of medical education and research.

Reverend Dr. Cindy Ryan, associated pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Grapevine, and Rev. Larry Tarver, pastor of Clear Fork Baptist Church of Hawley conducted the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial donations to Clear Fork Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 98, Hawley, TX 79525 or a favorite charity.

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