

**Roper, Esther L. | 1917-2011**

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Funeral for Esther L. Roper, 93, of Rhome was to be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at First Baptist Church in Newark with the Rev. Alan L. Six officiating. Burial was to follow at Aurora Cemetery.

Roper died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, in Fort Worth.

Born April 5, 1917, in Rhome to Ezra and Addie Marshall (Griffin) Simmons, she married William Everett Roper in May 1935 and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband; son Marshall Roper; daughters Kay Roper and Ann Sakellaridis; grandson Clifford Wayland; three brothers and four sisters.

Roper is survived by daughter Adeline Wayland and husband, Bill, of Greeley, Colo.; granddaughters Deborah Jones of Blairsville, Ga., and Mindy Roper of Austin; grandsons Kenneth Wayland and wife, Kathi, of Fort Collins, Colo., and Travis Sakellaridis of Brazoria; son-in-law Alex Sakellaridis of Newark; granddaughter-in-law, Nancy Sakellaridis of Brazoria; great-granddaughters Toni Sharp and Melody Sakellaridis; great-grandsons Ryan Price, Dustin Williams and Weston Williams; great-great-grandson Peyton Sharp; sister Bonnie Keene of Arlington; and nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were to be Kenny Wayland, Travis Sakellaridis, Alex Sakellaridis, Tony Dickey, Blake Sandford, Shannon Jones and Dylan Sandford. Honorary pallbearers were to be Leon Moss, Ronnie Harvey, Harold Harvey, Allen Dickey, Mike Sewell and Bob Sewell.