

## **Katie Perrin Shanks | 1929-2015**

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Katie "Belle" Perrin Shanks

Katie "Belle" Perrin Shanks, 85, of Chico, died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015, in Decatur.

Funeral was Oct. 20 at the First United Methodist Church in Bridgeport with the Rev. Sam Caldwell officiating. Burial was at East Bridgeport Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Cody Lowrance, Clint Lowrance, Katie Cook, Taylor Everett, Jordan Everett and Trey Cook.

Belle was born Nov. 14, 1929, in Decatur to Earl and Exa Mae (Womack) Perrin. She married Gene Shanks Feb. 14, 1949, in Bridgeport. She was a secretary for Gifford Hill for 25 years until her retirement, and she and her husband owned Shanks Grocery in Bridgeport. Belle was a loyal fan of the Dallas Mavericks.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 50 years, "Big Gene" Shanks; and her brother, Charles Perrin.

Belle is survived by her daughters, Jerry Lowrance and husband, Johnny, of Chico, Terry Everett and husband, Gary, of Bridgeport and Patty Cook and husband, Sam Jr., of Bridgeport; grandchildren Cody and Terra, Clint and Becky, Taylor and Amber, Jordan and Christina, Katie and Trey; and great-grandchildren Kylee, Nash, Kinsler, Addison and Connor.

She is also survived by sisters Earlene Buchholz and husband, Herb, of Sugarland and Jo Ann Johnston of Forrester; brother Frank Perrin and wife, Billie, of Decatur; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.