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Sarah Earlene Branson

Sarah Earlene (Broom) Branson, 85, of Springtown died Friday, Nov. 9, 2018, in Springtown.

Memorial service is 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16 at Alexander's Midway Funeral Home in Springtown.

She was born May 27, 1933, during the Great Depression, near the small farming community of Mt. Joy in Delta County. Her mom and dad and their eight children relocated to Artesia, N.M. when Earlene was in the third grade. She graduated with honors from Artesia High School in 1951. She married airman Hugh L. Branson of Kingston, Tenn., June 21, 1952, and raised four children. Earlene retired as a civil servant and legal secretary who in her lifetime worked for the Department of Energy in Oak Ridge, Tenn., where she had Q clearance, for the Department of Justice with the Drug Enforcement Administration in Dallas and with the United States Attorney's office in Ft. Worth, and with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. She also worked as a civilian employee at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls where she was president of her union. Earlene also had an associates degree in criminal justice. She was a resident of the Springtown area near Poolville since 1971.

Earlene is survived by her sister, Ruby Broom; sons Rene Branson and Leslie Branson; daughters Jeana Williamson and Ami Brown; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.