

# ROBERTA ANN BUCHANAN

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**1923-2010**

DECATUR: Roberta Ann Buchanan, 87, of Decatur died on June 19, 2010.

Roberta was born Feb. 23, 1923, in the Sycamore Community in eastern Wise County to Merlin Monroe and Buna Lee Griffeth Gage. The Gages were among the earliest settlers of the county that arrived here to purposely begin taming the west.

Roberta Gage married John Robert Buchanan Jr. on October 21, 1945, in Fort Worth. She attended Slidell High School and graduated from Decatur. She attended North Texas University. During World War II she worked at General Dynamics. After the war she and her husband, Bob, started dairy farming south of Decatur and continued to live and work on that farm until 2007.

Roberta was preceded in death by parents; husband of 54 years; brothers, J.G. and Ralph Gage; and sister, Merlyne Hunt.

Roberta is survived by her children, Clifford Buchanan and wife, Cheryl, Calvin and wife, Virginia, and Marsha Purdie and husband, David, all of Decatur; grandchildren, Amy Buchanan, Clif Buchanan and his wife, Jana, all of Navasota, Lisa Laughlin and husband, Steve, Cheri Boyd and husband, Derrick, and Justin Buchanan, Rachel Adams and husband, Jody, all of Decatur, Rebecca Jones and husband, Jesse Lee, of Nashville, Tennessee, and Braden Buchanan, Tyler and Mariah Rowe of Decatur; one great-grandson; six great-granddaughters and another one due any day now. Roberta is also survived by a sister, Lavada Griggs; five nephews; and three nieces.

Funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Coker-Hawkins Funeral Chapel in Decatur with Rick Ross, Robert Isham and Mike McDowell officiating.

Pallbearers included grandsons, Clif, Justin and Braden Buchanan, Tyler Rowe, and nephews, Jerry Gage and Floyd Miller. Honorary pallbearers included Carl Low, B.D. Lowe, Doyle Lowe, Ron Choate, Jimmy Cunniss and Tommy Cunniss.

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