

Mary Beth Connors | 1921-2016

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Mary Beth Connors, 94, of Hurst, died Thursday, April 7, 2016, in North Richland Hills.

Funeral is 10 a.m. Monday, April 11, at Legacy Church of Christ, 8801 Mid-Cities Blvd., in North Richland Hills. Burial is at West Bridgeport Cemetery.

Visitation is 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Lucas Funeral Home, 1321 Precinct Line Rd., in Hurst.

Mary Margaret Elizabeth (James) Connors was born April 29, 1921, in Waurika, Okla., the third child of William Montgomery and Helen Lucille (Davis) James. She attended Melrose School until it was incorporated into the Waurika school system. She then attended Waurika schools, graduating salutatorian of the class of 1941.

Mary married Gene Carter Connors June 21, 1941, in Waurika. They moved to Bridgeport in February 1948 and lived there until 1960 when they moved to Fort Worth. They moved to Hurst in 1962 and lived there until 1987. Mary lived the remainder of her life in North Richland Hills and Hurst.

She was a longtime member of the Church of Christ, having been baptized in Bridgeport around 1950.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; son Jimmie Gene Conners; sisters Willie Lucille James, Alma Lavera Johnston and Helen Wilson Odell Fortner; brother David Lawrence James; half-brothers Andrew Clayton James, James (Jimmie) James, Amos Emmitt Roland James, Noble Raymond James and Frank Montgomery James; half-sisters Matthey E. James, Marthia Egalie James and Eva (James) Hurst; and former husband, Gene C. Conners.

Mary is survived by her daughter, LuRee Proctor and husband, Bill; grandchildren Gina Marie (Proctor) Jeffries and husband, John, Troy Gene Conners, Jeffrey Leon Conners and wife, Becky, and Richard Andrew Proctor and wife, Madelon.

Other survivors include great-grandchildren Joshua Michael Steinhauer, Justin DeForrest Jeffries, Jacob Anthony Conners, Lindsay Renee Conners, Emily Madelon Proctor, Abigail Rebekah Proctor, Samantha Jayne Proctor and Caroline Billye Proctor; sister Lois Pricilla Thurman; brothers Henry Clay (Jack) James and Benjamin Browning James; and many nieces and nephews.