

The Alma Times

Essie Mae Varnedore

Essie Mae Varnedore, age 94, of Alma died early Sunday morning July 6, 2008 in Jeff Davis County after an extended illness.

She was a native of Bacon County and daughter of the late Alex Meeks and Mady Rigdon Meeks. Essie Mae was preceded in death by two sons, Ronnie and Bobby Varnedore, two brothers, Liton and Cecil Meeks, three sisters, Esther Tanner, Easter Tanner and Dorothy Mae Johnson. She was a member of Wesley Chapel Congregational Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband of seventy-five years, Shafter Varnedore of Nicholls, two sons, Danny Varnedore and wife Barbara of Hazlehurst, Billy Varnedore and wife Willene of Nicholls and one daughter, Linda Varnedore of Nicholls. Also fourteen grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren survive.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 9 at 11 a.m. at Wesley Chapel Congregational Methodist Church with Rev. T. F. Yawn and Rev. Andy Williams officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will be receiving friends at the funeral home Tuesday evening between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m. The body will be carried to the church at 10:00 a.m. to lie in state.

Grandsons will serve as active pallbearers, Mike Varnedore, Terry Varnedore, Bryan & Ryan Harrelson, Mike Deen and Darrell Cothren. All others in attendance will be considered honorary escorts. Crosby Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.