



# *The Douglas News*

Douglas  
Ora Kelly Harper

Ora Kelly Harper, age 88 of Douglas, passed away Monday, May 28 at Shady Acres Convalescent Center in Douglas.

Mrs. Harper, a native of Coffee County, was born April 9, 1919, the daughter of the late David and Danary Spivey Kelly. She was a homemaker and the widow of the late Jake Harper.

Survivors include five daughters, Mary Lou Gillespie and Josephine Harper of Douglas, Lenora Barley of West Green, Yvonne Spivey of Axson, and Darlene Harper of Brunswick; one son, Donald Spell of Nicholls; three step-sons, Othel Harper of Alma, Robert Harper of Douglas, and Vinnin Harper of Nicholls; one step-daughter, Audrey Burke of Douglas; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A son, David Hugh Spell and a grandson, Clay Spivey, preceded Mrs. Harper in death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 30 at Sims Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Hershel Smith and Rev. Ben Culpepper officiating. Soloist Johnny Selph sang, "When I Cross That River," and instrumental "In The Sweet Bye and Bye" by Heather Selph on the mandolin, Ashley Spell on the guitar, and Jennifer Culpepper accompanying on the piano. Interment followed in the Chatterton Church Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Bruce Spell, Dewayne Harper, Byron Gillespie, Bradley Gillespie, Jerome Steptoe, Rodney Steptoe, and Brent Burnam. Sims Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.