



## Katie Busby Hammett

July 10, 1918 - August 16, 2012

Katie Lee Busby was born the second of six children to Thomas Lee and Minnie Brown Busby on July 10, 1918 in Mount Enterprise, TX. Katie fought a valiant fight before surrendering into the arms of her heavenly Father at Homeplace Hospice in Tyler on August 16, 2012 after a long full life. She married Alphis Belton (A.B.) Hammett on October 12, 1940 before he left to serve his country in World War II. Growing up during the Great Depression and marrying during the war made her a very frugal wife and mother. She sewed clothes for her children from feed sacks and cooked and served feast from what she raised on the land. A house full of family and friends were her greatest joy. She lived her entire life in Rusk County except for a brief time in Houston. This is where they met the James Stricklin family that became their life long friends. The celebration of the life of Katie Hammett will be held at 10:00 Monday, August 20, 2012 in the chapel of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Bro. Darrel Owens and Bro. Bruce Bailey officiating. Interment will follow at Rusk County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, August 19 at the funeral home. Katie was a stay at home Mother until a few years after her youngest started to school. Her love of cooking made her employment choice an easy one. She worked for more than 20 years for Henderson ISD, first as a cafeteria employee at Montgomery, then as the cafeteria manager at Chamberlain. In 1981 Katie retired to take care of her husband. After he died in 1984 she spent hours volunteering with the local VFW and making lap quilts

for our veterans at the VA Hospital in Shreveport. She also helped her daughter and the Rotary Club during numerous fundraising events. Katie was a member of the Kilgore Missionary Baptist Church where she attended faithfully until the drive and her health didn't allow it any longer. However, she still supported their youth whenever she could. Cooking, sewing and quilting were her life's passion. As she aged and her body slowed down she also realized she enjoyed reading. Something she never took the time to do in her early years because she was always too busy. She was a strong woman that endured what life had to deal, faithful to God, loving her family and friends, always offering a helping hand. We thank God for blessing us with a healthy Mother and Granny for the greatest part of her 94 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her first born son Alphis Eugene (Gene) Hammett, two grandsons; Chris Hammett and Rickey Welch and all of her siblings. Katie is survived by a son, Joel (Jimmie) Hammett of Mount Enterprise, a daughter Dianne (Joe) Wylie, of Henderson and daughter-in-law Carolyn Ruth Hammett of Good Springs. Grandchildren: Carole (Rod) Instine of Henderson, Jay (Michael) Hammett of San Diego, CA, Anissa (David) Villa of Hurst, Richard Brian (Dana) Hammett of Royce City, Rhonda (Aaron) Blanton of Henderson, Leah Hammett of Henderson, Kasey Bryant of Mt. Enterprise, Deidra Sutton of Nacogdoches and Amy (Colby) Rockey of Henderson: twenty great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren; Her brother in law Lonnie (Bud) Hammett, Sr. of Henderson & long time family friend of 60 years Buddy (Mary Lynn) Strickland of Apple Springs. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Pallbearers will be Bradley Hammett, Rod Instine, Blake Instine, Colby Rockey, Corporal Mark Barnes, Buddy Strickland, Randy Busby and Richard Brian Hammett. Honorary pallbearers will be Clint Sutton, Jeff Welch, Cameron Welch, Dustin Anderson, Tristen Anderson, Blair Lane, Chris Instine, and Christian Hammett. In lieu of flowers the family request that memorials be made in her name to the Henderson ISD Foundation Mahlon Acres Memorial Scholarship, 200 North High, Henderson, TX 75652 or The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd ,

Tyler, TX 75701 or on their website at [www.hospiceofeasttexas.org](http://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org). Many thanks to Dr. U. S. Walgama, the fourth floor nursing staff at ETMC Henderson and Home Place Hospice of Tyler for their compassion and care of our Mother and Granny. May God's blessings be your's for your chosen vocation. You are indeed God's angels on earth. Condolences may be made at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## visitation

AUG **19**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs. Katie was such a wonderful lady, she always had a smile on her face and filled the room with joy when she entered. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Charlie & LaDonna Lear** - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear about your mother. My prayers are with you and your family but we know she is in a better place cooking for everyone and taking care of them Beth, Tonja & family, Sonja & family and Amanda and family*

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**Beth Hale Pope** - August 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We fondly remember Mrs. Hammett as she worked in the cafeteria at Chamberlain. We will remember all of you in our prayers during this time of loss.*

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**Milton and Sharla McGee** - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM