



## Ruby Reeves Craig Cockroft

February 16, 1925 - September 21, 2009

Graveside services for Ruby Reeves Craig-Cockroft, 84, of Henderson, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, at Mount Gilead Cemetery with Rev. Bill Kuykendall officiating. Interment will be in Mount Gilead Cemetery in Vivian, La. under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson. Mrs. Cockroft died Monday, Sept. 21, 2009, at ETMC Henderson. She was born Feb. 16, 1925, in Vivian, La. to James C. and Maggie Reeves. After graduating from Vivian High School in 1942, she was given the address of a lonely soldier, Paul Craig. After corresponding for a short while, the soldier came home on leave. After a brief courtship, they knew they wanted to spend the rest of their lives together. They made their home in Vivian, La. and raised three children. Ruby was an accomplished seamstress and used her skills to help support the family. In 1990, six years after Paul's death, she moved to East Texas and was married to Aaron Cockroft, who passed away in 1991. She worked for many years for Meals-on-Wheels, first in Louisiana and then in East Texas. She lived for several years at the Chalice Apartments in Henderson, where she quickly made lots of friends. The last few years of her life were spent at Southwood Nursing Home in Henderson. Family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Preceding her in death was her brother, Melvin Reeves. Survivors include: her three children, Stephen Craig of Mexico, John "Joe" Craig and wife Ruby Nell of Joshua, Texas and Mary Harrington of Minden. Also, five grandchildren, Lisa Harrington, Craig Harrington, Kevin Craig, Paul Craig and

Sarah Magby and five great-grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## visitation

SEP **24.** 6:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall

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“ The year was 1954 When I spent a week with Aunt Ruby and Uncle Paul, Cousins Joe and Steve at their home in Vivian LA. Daddy ( W.T. Craig) had took us Mamma, Patsy, me Bellva and Charles to Vivian one Sunday , to visit that day, and left me for a week. The next weekend they came back and retrieved me. I remember Eating Aunt Ruby's Home baked rolls and the fishing trip to a near by Bayou Uncle Paul Took me on. We did not catch any fish but Had a good time. Uncle Paul would tell a joke now and then. I looked up pictures in "my pictures" and found pictures of the two Craig Families from 1954 at that visit. I very well remembered that visit and never forgot. I will always remember Aunt Ruby and Uncle Paul God bless them and this family . Billy Craig

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**Billy Craig** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ruby was a cherished friend and we will miss her in the Nursing Home services which she attended faithfully. She was truly a sweet lady.

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**Frank & Bonnie Vaughn** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss Mary and the rest of the family. You are in my prayers. If there is anything I can do, let me know. That is a really cool story about how your mom and dad met.

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**Mindy Bevis** - September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM