

STELL, Gola Mae (Laurent)

Funeral services for Gola Mae Laurent Stell of Paris, Texas, formerly of Hugo, were held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 30, in the Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home. Mrs. Stell died on December 29 at the age of 97.

Mrs. Stell was born September 16, 1897 in Bailey, Texas, the daughter of Charles Watts and Hallie Mae (Youree) Laurent. She married John David Stell on September 11, 1922 in Paris. He preceded her in death on Jan, 30, 1963. Mrs. Stell was a graduate of Ft. Towson High School and Southeastern State College in Durant, Oklahoma. She taught school at the Wheelock Academy. In 1922 she became an active member of the First Baptist Church in Hugo. She served as junior superintendent in 1948 for six years, adult superintendent for seven years and then extension superintendent for six years. She started a Sunday School in every nursing home in Hugo. She served as president of the Hugo Red Bud Garden Club and was also active in other civic organizations.

Surviving relatives include a daughter and son-in-law: Joyce Ann and Jack Earl Henderson of Paris; a son and daughter-in-law: Johnny and Nancy Stell; four grandchildren: Gwendolyn and Kevin Stell, Jacquiejoy J. Littlefield of Roundrock, Texas, and Chance T. Henderson of Colorado Springs, CO; a sister: Ruth Ford of Hurst; and a cousin: Edna Ellison of Ft. Towson.

She was preceded in death by three brothers: Frank, Herchel and Beatread Laurent of the Dallas-Ft. Worth area; two sisters: Helen Noland of Texoma, Oklahoma and Jimmie Hoover of California; and a cousin: Hiley Fry of Hugo.

Rev. Doug McClure and Rev. Dick McClure officiated the services with burial following in Mt. Olive Cemetery under the direction of Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home.

