

# HELEN L. (POWELL) JAMES

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1924 - 2009

BRIDGEPORT: Helen L. (Powell) James, 84, of Bridgeport, died on April 2, 2009 in Bridgeport.

Mrs. James was born August 6, 1924, to Lee and Katie Powell in Red Springs, Texas. She married Royal G. James on February 12, 1945.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers and one half-sister.

Survivors include her husband, Royal; daughter, Linda Riley and husband, Allen; sons, Stan James and wife, Jenny; Van James and wife, Heather; grandchildren, Van-essa James; Stefani Elliott and husband, Ben; Nathan Riley; Fritzi James; Step-grandchildren, Karley Bunker and Kaci Bunker; great-grandchildren, Rebecca James, Hannah James, Jackson Elliott, and Grant Elliott; sisters, Margie McCandless, Jeffie Smith, Ciella Powell, and Irene Hogan.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 4, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at Jones Family Funeral Home Chapel.

## *My Mother*

*A mother is God's greatest gift  
There is no other like her.  
Each has her special acts of love  
That only she can make occur.*

*Her busy hands are strong but soft  
Her body, cuddly and warm  
And when I am in her presence  
I feel safe and free from harm.*

*Her life is full of beauty  
Both physically and in her heart  
Her smile, soft face and tender touch  
Her daily morals she'd impart.*

*In her presence life was joyful  
Though monetary things were rare.  
Who feels poor and underprivileged  
When there's abounding love to share?*

*Her children are her pride and joy  
Their care heads the top of the list  
She lovingly cared for their welfare  
And dozens of hugs she has kissed*

*I shall never forget my mother  
And the example she set for me.  
My dearest hope for my children  
Is that a clone of my mother I'll be.*

*by Margie McCandless, Helen's sister  
in loving memory of Helen and their mother,  
Katie B. Powell (1896-1971)*

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