

# Wood, Jewel Evelyn Holley Johnson | 1912-2013

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Jewel Evelyn Holley Johnson Wood

Jewel Evelyn Holley Johnson Wood, 101, died Friday, Oct. 4, 2013, in Weatherford.

Funeral was Oct. 7 at Galbreath Pickard Funeral Home in Weatherford with Kenton Harvey officiating. Burial was at Boonsville Cemetery.

Jewel was born March 18, 1912, in Balsora and was one of nine children. She had four brothers and four sisters, and her dad got her a mule so she wouldn't have to walk to their one-room schoolhouse in Boonsville.

Jewel spent a few years in a sanitorium in San Angelo in the 1930s, recovering from tuberculosis. In the 1940s and 1950s, she worked for Swift and Co. in downtown Fort Worth, riding a bus along with many others from Bridgeport to Fort Worth every day. Later, Jewel worked for Green Oaks Inn for more than 10 years as a maid and later as a supervisor.

Jewel was very active in the Order of the Eastern Star and was a member of the VFW No. 2137. In the 1960s, she broke her neck but emerged from the accident with only a stiff neck. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, quilting, playing cards and attending musical gatherings at the laundry mat in Azle and across Texas.

She loved life and being with her family.

A resident of Weatherford, she was a beloved mother and grandmother with five generations under her. Jewel was preceded in death by her first husband, Hugh Johnson, and her second husband, Johnny Wood; daughter Claudia Thompson; grandson Michael Shannon; granddaughter Marsha Bell; great-grandsons Chris Shannon and Darryl Gene Thompson Jr.; and great-great-grandson Dean Caden Wolfe.

Survivors include daughter Frances Shannon of Azle; brother Junior Holley; granddaughters Deborah Shannon of Oklahoma City and Trudy Thompson of Azle; grandsons Tommy Thompson and Darryl Thompson, both of Azle; 14 great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren; 23 great-great-grandchildren; three step-great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-great-grandchild.