



Bessie Story Beseda

April 3, 1925 - January 6, 2012

She went to be with our LORD on January 6, 2012. Services were held Sunday, January 8, 2012 at Phillips & Luckey Chapel with Lon Elkins officiating. Burial was in the Caldwell Masonic Cemetery. Bessie was born in Tryon, Oklahoma to James K. and Jewel Ivy (Rush) Story . On the 17th of May, 1941 Bessie married Frank August Beseda at age 16. She and her husband Frank were blessed with 6 children always doing their best to keep them well taken care of. Barbara Ann married J. W. Zalmanek of Milano Alice Mae married J. W. Vychopen, and then married Jose Tafur of Spring, Marvin Frank married Judy (Taylor) of Caldwell, Shirley Jean married Frank L. Kristof of Caldwell, Caron Rene married Gary Emola of Bryan, Sharon Beseda, of Caldwell Bessie has 13 grandchildren: Janna (Zalmanek) Fischer, Christie (Zalmanek) Robinson, Joey Vychopen, Susan (Vychopen) Dorman, Marla (Beseda) DeMottier, Nicki (Beseda) Rodriquez, Chance Beseda, Kelly (Kristof) Hughes, Nicholas, Ashley, and Kristopher Emola, Erin (Spruill) Hairston, and Victoria Huskey. Bessie and Frank also have 16 great grandchildren. She is also survived by two sister-in-laws, Lilly Mae Story, and Doris Story, who she referred to as, "her sister". Bessie was well known to her family, neighbors, and friends as a hard worker and ready to help at a moments notice. She loved flowers and working in her flower beds and yard. She took a lot of pride in keeping her home and grounds clean and groomed. She was an excellent seamstress whereby leaving many treasures to her children and their families. She was also an excellent cook and was well

known to her neighbors for her friendliness and generosity. She often baked cakes and pies for them for no reason at all. Up until her accident and complications, she had continued making her children birthday cakes faithfully. After living in the New Tabor Community for about 6 years, Bessie and her husband Frank moved to Caldwell where they owned and operated an antique and refinishing shop. She later worked outside the home at several jobs to help support the family. She was most remembered by the local folks as their favorite sales person at Vychopen's Dry Goods Store in downtown Caldwell. She was always ready to help her children and grandchildren. She loved family events and traveling with her children and their families on vacations. She always recalled many fond memories and funny stories about their travels. Bessie was not shy about voicing her opinions especially when she thought you might be going down the wrong avenue. She exemplified her life with honesty, fairness and integrity. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Caldwell where she was baptized. She had a deep faith in and commitment to our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. As long as she was able, she read her bible and took it with her whenever she spent the night away from home. To the end, she prayed beautiful prayers and never failed to pray for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Because of complications from a fall on July 23, 2008, the last 3 1/2 years of life were difficult for her. During this period of time her life was spent in the hospital, at her daughter Shirley's house and the nursing home. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Frank of fifty-one years, a sister who died in infancy, 2 brothers, James E. Story and Billy Joe Story, and a sister Dorothy Siebell. She was also preceded in death by two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Serving as Pallbearers were; Joey Vychopen, Chance Beseda, Rush Robinson, Trey Vychopen, Robert Wychopen, Westyn Hughes, Nicholas Emola, and Kristopher Emola. Honorary pallbearers were; J.W. Zalmanek, Jose Tafur, Frank L. Kristof, Gary Emola and Marvin Beseda.