



## Kennie Alice Abshier Merendino

May 20, 1916 - December 27, 2009

Funeral services for Mrs. Kennie Alice Abshier Merendino are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. Burial will follow in the Abshier Family Plot at the City of Liberty Cemetery in Liberty, Texas. Mrs Merendino, age 93 of Paige, passed away peacefully on Sunday December 27, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband Steve Merendino and sister, Sophia Louise Abshier Mills. Kennie Alice Abshier was born on May 20, 1916, in Hardin, Liberty County, Texas. She was the eldest of two daughters born to Ernest Abshier and Viola (Stone) Abshier. Her grandfather, Frank Abshier, Sr. came from England and her grandmother from France, met and married in Liberty. Her grandfather developed the giant Abshier ranch, a cattle kingdom in southeast Texas near Hardin and Liberty. She is survived by two daughters, Sherry Hood and Rhonda Seifert of Paige, grandson, Larry G. Hood of Beaumont, granddaughter, Stefanie Seifert Macafee of Paige, and great-grandson Danny Hood of Nederland. A niece, Peggy Loughlin and great-nieces, Jessica and Rose Loughlin of Austin and nephew James A. Mills of Las Vegas. She celebrated her 93rd birthday this year and nobody would believe that was her age. She was a remarkable, elegant and classy lady who was always aware of her appearance and displayed amazing strength. She loved life and she lived it well. Her daughters, grandchildren and family celebrate her life with unforgettable memories. As a grandmother, she loved teaching her grandchildren how to be ladies and gentlemen and responsible citizens. She

had strong family values and loved her family very much, along with the family pets. Her faith was very important to her and she prayed daily for her family. If she could leave a message for her family, it would be ~ love and family is all that really matters. She retired from a large corporation in Houston at the age of 70. She spent her retirement years enjoying her family, her home and planting flowers. Several of her hobbies were cooking, sewing and hummingbirds were special to her. She was proud to be a Texan and she loved the Texas Bluebonnets and Indian Paint Brush wildflowers each spring. She was a wonderful person and she gave so much to her family. She will always be in their hearts and we will never forget her. Along with her family, she had many friends and caregivers that will miss her very much. We would like to give our heartfelt thank you to everyone who knew and loved her and those who made her days so very special.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kennie Alice Abshier Merendino*

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**Floyd Rivers** - January 02, 2010 at 09:03 AM

AB

“ *Kennie Alice Abshier Merendino*

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**Ann Abshier & Jerry Blackstone** - January 01, 2010 at 09:00 PM

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“ *Kennie Alice Abshier Merendino*

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**Wesley David Hall** - January 01, 2010 at 01:22 PM

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**Stefanie Macafee (grand-daughter)** - January 01, 2010 at 01:11 PM

JS

“ *Kennie Alice Abshier Merendino*

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**Jean Sterling** - December 31, 2009 at 11:57 AM

LH

“ *Kennie Alice Abshier Merendino*

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**Larry G. Hood** - December 29, 2009 at 04:49 PM

BB

“ *Kennie Alice Abshier Merendino*

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**Barbara Branch** - December 29, 2009 at 03:35 PM

TW

“ *Kennie Alice Abshier Merendino*

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**Tami Wyatt** - December 29, 2009 at 02:44 PM

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“ *Kennie Alice Abshier Merendino*

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**Peggy Loughlin** - December 28, 2009 at 11:37 PM