



## Leona Bland

June 24, 1919 - October 20, 2009

Leona Bland was born June 24, 1919 in the Bushdale Community of Milam County one of eight children born to Fritz W. and Leona Selma Flisch Gest. She was a life long resident of Rockdale, was a homemaker who loved flowers and gardening and was a longtime member of First Christian Church in Rockdale. On March 7, 1942, she and Nolan J. Bland were married in Rockdale. To this union two sons were born. Leona passed away Tuesday evening, October 20, 2009 in the Renaissance Villa in Rockdale, reaching the age of 90. She was preceded in death by her husband on October 12, 2008. Her parents. A sister, Ruby Eiland and two brothers, Alfred and Antone Gest. Surviving are; Sons, Nolan J. Bland, Jr. and wife Carrie of Brazoria, James S. Bland and wife Katrina of Knoxville, Tennessee. Brother, Walter Gest and wife Delores of Rockdale. Sisters, Hilda McVoy of Rockdale, Katie Jackson and husband Robert of Rockdale, Thelma Scruggs and husband Bobby of Hare. Sister-in-law, Beth Gest of Rockdale. 8 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Visitation, 5PM to 7PM Thursday, October 22, 2009 at the funeral home. Funeral services, 2:00 PM Friday, October 23, 2009 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home, burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale with Rev. Margaret Clemmings officiating. Serving as pallbearers, Terry Jackson, Bill Bland, Shannon Strickland, Randy Thomas, Cory Thomas, Mike Jackson.