

Bess Ellen Blanchard

Funeral services for Bess Ellen Blanchard, 77, of Oil City were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at McGuire Funeral Home Chapel in Vivian, with Rev. Frank Carroll, pastor of First Baptist Church of Oil City, officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Memorial Garden Cemetery in Oil City.

Mrs. Blanchard was a housewife and was born Dec. 29, 1916 in Broken Bow, Okla., and had been a resident of Oil City most of her life. She was a member of Ferry Lake Baptist Church. She died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1994 at Garden Park Nursing Home in Shreveport after a brief illness.

She was preceded in death by her son, Tommy Darnell; her sister, Sue Taylor; and her brother, Devron Watkins.

She is survived by two sons, Jimmy Darnell of Fort Worth, Texas, and Kenneth Darnell of Oil City; four sisters, Catherine Collins of Winnfield, Juanita Fuller of Baytown, Texas, Imogene Donahue of Ore City, Texas and Neva Anderson of Livingston, Texas; one brother, Billy Ray Watkins of Kilgore, Texas; and 10 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were George Beck, Bobby Emmons, Johnnie Law, Millard Law, Ronnie Heflin and William Moore.