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# In Memory of Edith Pauline Griffin Parks

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Edith Pauline Griffin Parks went to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 23, 2017. She was living in Dallas with her daughter and son-in-law, Hermena and Harold Holigan.

Edith was born on June 17, 1917, in the country outside of Clarksville, Arkansas to Ruby Harvey Griffin and Tom Griffin. She was the fourth of eleven children. She was able to complete 8th grade before having to help support her family full time. Edith married J.D. Parks on October 21, 1939, in Benton County, Missouri. Edith was always a hard worker, whether it was gardening, canning, quilting, cooking, working as a nurse's aid, as a member of Providence Baptist Church, or caring for her extensive family. Her education was limited by circumstances, but her wisdom was not. Edith was strong, funny, honest, and faithful. She met her death with confidence in her God and savior. While we will mourn her absence, her family is grateful that Edith is at home and at peace, with those who went before her.

Edith is survived by her daughter, Hermena Parks (Harold) Holigan of Dallas Texas; six grandchildren, Michael Holigan and Sarah Holigan of Dallas, Texas; Rebecca (Chris) Smeltzer of Brentwood, Tennessee; Lisa Strehlow of Euless, Texas; Julie (Brian) Wiblin of Plano, Texas; and Paul (Jolie) Grant of Yakima, Washington; and fifteen great-grandchildren; one brother, Glen Griffin of Lee's Summit, Missouri; two sisters, Jean Roberts and Dorothy Arnold of Bedford, Indiana. Edith was preceded in death by her husband, J.D. Parks, her son, Jerry Parks, two sisters, Hazel Griffin and Louise Henson, and five brothers, James, Archie, Marvin, Tommy, and Carl Lee Griffin.

Friends may call after 6 pm on Tuesday, December 26th at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 27th at 11:00 am at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Puxico, Missouri, with Donald Adams of Matthews, Missouri and Larry Tucker of Sikeston, Missouri officiating.

Interment will follow in the Rock Hill Cemetery, behind Providence Baptist Church near Puxico.

Memorials made be made to the Stoddard County Children's Home, Inc. PO Box 164, Dexter, MO 63841; [stoddardcountychildrenshome.com](http://stoddardcountychildrenshome.com)

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