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## Agnes Grimes

The Angels arrived at the Raritan Health & Extended Care Center, Raritan, N.J., on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, at 2:38 p.m. to take Agnes Grimes to her heavenly home.



Venita Agnes Dunlap was born Sept. 28, 1908, in the family home on the farm near Noodle in Taylor County. She was the second daughter of David Jackson Dunlap and Josephine Reynolds. She graduated from Amherst High School and holds a Business Degree from the Draughns Business School, Amarillo.

Agnes married the love of her life, Joe W. Grimes, on Dec. 24, 1931. She and Joe were pioneers of Seagraves, and owned and operated the Grimes Food Store for many years. They also owned motels in Seagraves and Brownfield. The Grimes family was instrumental and influential in the oil development in west Texas.

Agnes was an avid quilter, reader, and was involved in all aspects of church work. She was an expert business lady. She helped organize the Fullback Club for mothers of Seagraves football players as a counter-organization to the Quarterback Club, and was a charter member of the Band Boosters Club. Agnes and Joe were class parents for the classes of 1955 and 1959 at Seagraves High School. They were active members of the 12th Street Church of Christ, Seagraves, and involved in civic affairs in the community.

Agnes was preceded in death by her parents, DJ and Josephine Dunlap; her husband of 59 years, Joe Grimes; two sisters, Opal Leggett Barry and Hazel Dooley; and one brother, Andrew Dunlap.

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She is survived by two sons, Donald Joe and wife Annie Lou of Bound Brook, N.J. and Dennis of Ruidoso, N.M.; two sisters, Hattie Hood of Levelland and Isabell Faust of Lubbock; eight grandchildren, Christy Milton and Dr. Scott Milton of Amarillo, Julie Grimes Bottcher of Birmingham Ala., Catharine Polsky and Dr. Bruce Polsky of New York, N.Y., D'Aun and Eric Moore of Los Flores, Calif., Jennifer Etheridge and Troy Etheridge of Allen, Gregory Joe Grimes and Alison Grimes of Irving, and Joe Dennis Grimes of Ft. Worth; her great-grandchildren, Amelia, Audrey, and Ashlyn Milton of Amarillo, Matthew Bottcher of Birmingham, Ala., Sylvie Polsky of New York City, Autumn and Carter Moore of Los Flores, Calif., Isabella and Gabriella Etheridge of Allen, and Andrew Joe and Lauren Grimes of Irving; and several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Funeral services and celebration of her life will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the 12th Street Church of Christ, Seagraves, with the Reverend James Kinnaird, Pastor, officiating. Interment will be at Gaines County Cemetery, Seagraves. Pallbearers will be her grandsons and grandsons-in-law; nephews, Jimmy Harden and Leamon Hood; and longtime friend of the family, Eddie Pillow. Honorary pallbearers will be Glenn Garth, Harry Grimes, Adam Hudson, Clark Lance, Gary Kreuzwieser, Charles Shaffer, Dale Winget, David Bandy, Danny Calfee, Steven McCormick, and Bobby Vuicich.

Memorial contributions in Agnes' name may be made to the Seagraves Loop Museum and Art Center, Box 1387, Seagraves, TX 79359, or the Seagraves Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 584, Seagraves, TX 79359.

Local arrangements are by Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors, Seagraves.

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