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Marcia Jean Parrish Shedden:

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MCALLEN, TEXAS - A former Algona woman, Marcia Jean Parrish Shedden, died Friday morning, May 27 (2005), in the McAllen Medical Center. A Service in Celebration of her life was held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 28, in the Trinity Episcopal Church at Pharr, Texas with Father Scott Penrod officiating.

Her body was cremated and inurnment will be held at a later date. Her family requests that friends make donations in Marcia's memory to a charity of their choice.

For 65 years, Marcia was known for her exceptional keyboard entertainment. She was born with a musical gift and at the age of 10, she started performing professionally on the piano, a passion she continued through her lifetime. Her musical career has taken her throughout the country where she performed with other fellow entertainers such as Gregory Hines, Phil Harris, Mamie Van Doren, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Dick Dale, Guy, Rona and Myron Floran of the Lawrence Welk Show. In South Texas her music was heard at the McAllen Country Club, Palm Valley Country Club and for 22 years working with the Dean Canty Band.

Marcia is survived by six children, Timothy and Mary Parrish, New York City, N.Y.; Tamara and Paul Cowen, Harlingen, Tex.; Trina and Michael Boothe, Arlington, Texas; Trudy and Reynaldo Garza, Brownsville, Texas; Trecia and Jamie Munal, San Juan; Julie and Mike McKissick, San Juan and her sister, Dottie Smith of Bellingham, Wash.

She has 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Marcia's husbands, Kenneth Ralph Parrish and Tweed Shedden, and her parents, Elmer and Evelyn Gates, preceded her in death.