

**MARY JO (PARKER) MATHENEY OBT.**

**MONTEREY** -- Private graveside services for **Mary Jo Matheney**, 82, of Monterey, were held at Welch Memorial Cemetery. **She died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, at her residence.**

**Mrs. Matheney was born Jan. 14, 1927, in Monterey to the late Charles Fate and Lucille Buckner Parker.** She worked with LBJ&C Corporation for 25 years. She was an active member of Monterey First Baptist Church, where she served many positions. She was a member of the Monterey Eastern Star Chapter 502, where she was active with The Rainbow Girls. Mrs. Matheney was a member of the Monterey VFW Ladies Auxiliary. **She was mayor of Monterey and was the first female mayor in the state of Tennessee.** She was a lifelong reader and she was instrumental in the establishment of the Monterey Branch Library, where she volunteered countless hours.



Her family includes two sons, Charles E. (Sonny) Matheney II of Willis, Va., and Mitchell Matheney of Monterey; a sister, Ardith Sutton of Cookeville; a half-sister, Linda Sproles of Monterey; three half-brothers, Gail Parker of Lebanon and Michael and Stephen Parker, both of Monterey; a grandson, Andrew Mitchell Matheney of Martinsville, Va., and a special friend, Synthia Allen of Monterey.

Mrs. Matheney was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Matheney; a sister, Martha Bowden; and two brothers, Jimmy and Charlie Fate Parker. Memorial donations may be made to The Monterey VFW Auxiliary Post 6277, c/o Nancy Johnson, 6783 Hwy. 70 E., Cookeville, TN 38506. Rev. Dewitt Sampley officiated the services. A guest register may be signed at [www.gofffuneralhome.com](http://www.gofffuneralhome.com).

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