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ROSEMARY TAYLOR BOLLINGER

Mrs. Rosemary Taylor Bollinger, age 81, lost her battle with vascular disease and emphysema Saturday evening August 18th.

Mrs. Bollinger was born September 24, 1925 in Porter Springs. Mrs. Bollinger was the youngest daughter of Robert Lee and Willie Eugenia (nee Pate) Taylor. Mrs. Bollinger was called "Rosemarie" or her nickname "Mo" through most of her childhood. Mrs. Bollinger, her sister Norma Lee, and older brother William Frank grew up in Crockett, Texas where their father owned and ran a cotton gin and, later, a well-drilling business. Following her graduation from Crockett High School in 1942 she became a telegrapher for Western Union, a critical job in the communication of war news at that time. Mrs. Bollinger met a young soldier and became a war bride at 18. Mrs. Bollinger has two daughters, Janice Lynn and Amy Jane, from that marriage.

After 16 years as an Army wife, Mrs. Bollinger managed to support and raise her two daughters alone during a time when single mothers were a rarity. Mrs. Bollinger worked for the Poultry Science department at Texas A&M University for six years. In 1963 she married Dr. James Norman Bollinger; they were happily married for 33 years. Dr. Bollinger earned acclaim as a research scientist with the Southwest Research Institute (San Antonio) and, later, in private industry with Galderma (Ft. Worth). Jim succumbed to heart disease in 1996. Rosemary relocated to San Antonio to be nearer her girls a year later.

Survivors include her two daughters and their husbands, Janice and Ronald Goodenough, of Manor and Amy and Curtis Coffee, of Lytle; and will be greatly missed by her four grandchildren Guy Adam and Honey Gayle Goodenough and Leeann and Taylor Coffee; one great-grandchild Shelbie Marie Sittre; daughter of Leeann and Patrick Sittre. An intimate memorial service will be held at Providence Cemetery near Caldwell. Mrs. Bollinger will rest beside her beloved husband, Jim.