

The Grapeland Messenger

Bois D'Arc and Austin Services For Virginia Bomer

Services for Virginia "Ginny" (Mrs. Elton) Bomer of Montalba were held Tuesday afternoon, December 4, at the Bois D'Arc Baptist Church near Montalba with the Reverend Dr. Dan Allen of South Jacksonville (Florida) Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed on Wednesday in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin with a graveside memorial at 1:30 p.m.

Active pallbearers were Bascom W. Bentley, Joe Crutcher, Larry Mayo, Gene Reynolds, Billie Schick, Bob Howell, Don Bullock and Charles Elliott. Honorary pallbearers will be Olin B. Lane Jr., Bettye Young, Nancy Mayo, Sherryll Crutcher and Shirley Bullock.

Mrs. Bomer died Saturday, December 1, 2001, at Palestine Regional Medical Center. She was born in Houston to Rudolph and Ethel Roco, who preceded her in death. "Ginny" had a happy childhood growing up in Houston where she displayed a talent for music at an early age. As a teenager, her parents drove her to various entertainment venues around Houston and Galveston where she was invited to be a soloist for the Jimmy Dorsey Band.

In high school, she served as

drum major for the Reagan High School Redcoat Band. For several years following graduation from high school, she modeled for Nieman Marcus in the Houston market.

Following her modeling days, "Ginny" pursued a career with a large Houston-based insurance company. It was while she was serving as executive secretary to the president and chairman of the board for the company that she met her future husband, Elton Bomer from Montalba.

The Bomers moved back to Elton's home county in 1971 where Mr. Bomer pursued a real estate business and public service career which included service as a state representative and State Insurance Commissioner. During that time, she happily tended her family, her garden and her many pets and farm animals. Mrs. Bomer attended Bois D'Arc Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Elton; her son and daughter-in-law Cliff and Michele Bomer of Athens; her daughter and son-in-law Elayne and Glenn Rust of Houston; and three grandchildren, Caitlin Bomer of Athens and Adam and Chase Rust of Houston.

If desired, memorials may be

made to Cartmell Home for the Aged, 2212 W. Reagan St., Palestine, Texas 75801.

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