

Grapeland
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Services Held At Sunset For Mrs. Olene Dorn

Funeral services for Olene Dorn, age 88, of Grapeland were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 9, at Sunset Christian Church with Dr. Vance Drum officiating. Burial followed in the Dunbar Cemetery near Emory under the direction of Bailey & Foster, Grapeland.

Pallbearers were Lee Minter, Todd Minter, Stephen Smith, M. Z. Shaver, Julian Minter and John Minter.

Mrs. Dorn died Sunday, August 6, at Cartmell Home, Palestine. She was born January 27, 1912, the third of five daughters to W. D. and Grace Harner Briggs, in Wolfe City. Mrs. Dorn was a homemaker and a member of the Sunset Christian Church.

Mrs. Dorn married J. Warren Dorn a World War I veteran on August 15, 1930. They moved to Grapeland where he was a rural mail carrier, a surveyor and later a farmer. They raised three daughters who graduated from Grapeland High School. The Dorns were married 57 years until his death in 1987.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Dorn was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Wanda Lynch, Billie Louise Briggs and Blanche Briggs.

She is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Lee Dorn of Houston, Glenda and Charles Spence and Jimmie Sue Minter, all of Grapeland; one sister, Teddie Hefner of Commerce; a niece, Nell Roper and husband A. G.; five grandchildren, Terry Minter of Florida, Rhonda Vasseur of California, Todd Minter and Lee Minter, both of Grapeland, and Beckie Smith of Wylie; eight great grandchildren and a family friend, Nell Cox.

Mrs. Dorn was the symbol of ultimate love to her family. She worked diligently side by side with her husband and designed and sewed clothes for her children. She raised prolific gardens and lovely flowers and was often into remodeling projects for her home. Her memory will be cherished by her family and all who loved her.