

## Palestine Rites For Mrs. Elrod

Funeral services for Oleta Christene Elrod, age 72, of Palestine were held Monday, June 24, at Calvary Baptist Church, Palestine, with Rev. Lyle Huntress officiating. Burial followed in the Land of Memory Cemetery under the direction of Herrington/Land of Memory.

Pallbearers were Gary Don Elrod, Sam Elrod Jr., Steve Kirby, David Kirby, Kenny Redd, and Kevin Smalley.

Mrs. Elrod died Friday, June 21, 2002, in a Tyler hospital. She was born December 25, 1929, in Grapeland to Christopher Columbus and Kate Ellisor

Wright. A resident of Palestine most of her life, she was a member of Calvary Baptist Church for 25 years where she was fondly known as the "God Bless You" woman. Mrs. Elrod was a housewife.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy F. Elrod of Palestine; one son, John Calame of Kingwood; five daughters, Lynn Rodriguez, Cecille Fondren, Dianne Stromberg, all of Dallas, Billie Norman of Palestine and Tiny Windsor of The Woodlands; two sisters, Avalon Ingram of Grapeland and Mary Tucker of Palestine; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.