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Virginia Garner Graham

GLADEWATER - Graveside services for Virginia Garner Graham, 82, formerly of Trinity, were held Wednesday, April 12, 2006, in the Friendship Cemetery in Gladewater with the Rev. Ted Wlazlowski officiating.

Mrs. Graham died Saturday, April 8, at her home in Lewisville.

She was born Sept. 23, 1923, in Hot Springs, Ark., the daughter of David and Emma Van Lanningham Dunn. She was reared in Hot Springs where she graduated from high school in 1942.

Mrs. Graham worked as a telephone operator during World War II and married her first husband, Marcus D. Garner, in Gladewater in 1944. Her husband was a career

military servant and as a result they traveled extensively, residing in places such as South Dakota, Oklahoma, California, Texas and Hawaii. During this time, she was a homemaker and mother of two sons.

Upon her husband's retirement from his second career with NASA in Houston, they moved to Trinity in 1980 where she was an active member of the Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church.

While here, they met and became great friend with Pete and Dorothy Graham. Following the death of both of their spouses, Virginia and Pete Graham were married in July 1995.

They moved to Lewisville in 2002 where they were members of Lakeland Baptist Church.

Mr. Graham preceded her in death in 2005. She also was preceded in death by a son, David Garner, in 2000.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Laura Garner of Lewisville; four grandchildren and their spouses, Ryan and Caroline Garner, Grant and Christina Garner of Houston, Erin and Ted Wlazlowski and Carrie Garner of Lewisville; and a number of great-grandchildren.

Croley Funeral home of Gladewater directed the arrangements.