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### ELSIE BETH MAINER HELM

Mrs. Elsie Beth Mainer Helm, the seventh child of Thomas Nelms and Mattie (Williams) Mainer, was born on November 18, 1919 in Lovelady. Mrs. Nelms attended school in Lovelady until her senior year. Mrs. Nelms then took up residence with her oldest sister and brother-in-law in Yoakum and graduated from Yoakum High School. Mrs. Helm received her Bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University, and taught in Yoakum and Lovelady schools. Mrs. Helm entered the service of her country as a SPAR, auxiliary to the Coast Guard, in WWII. After training in Florida, she was stationed at the Navy District Pay Office in St. Louis, Missouri, until her discharge in 1945. While in the service, Elsie Beth met Roger Helm, son of Herman and Agnes Belle (Rogers) Helm of Phillips, Wisconsin. Mr. Helm was in the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army and served in the CBI Theater, and the Army of Occupation in Tokyo, Japan. They were married on March 17, 1946 in Lovelady. They lived in Chicago, Illinois for a time, then moved Houston.

Mrs. Helm taught in the Houston Independent School District. Mrs. Helm taught Kindergarten at Burbank Elementary. Mrs. Helm quit teaching to start her family, becoming a loving, devoted mother to her three children. Mrs. Helm resumed her teaching career in HISD at Emerson Elementary where she taught 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades until her retirement in 1981. Mrs. Helm was a member of Richmond Plaza Baptist Church. Mrs. Helm took an active part in the development of the church school, helping with the curriculum and serving on the school's board. In spite of three cancer surgeries, she kept involved in church activities. Mrs. Helm was a charter member of the Major Jarrell Beasley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Crockett. Mrs. Helm was a genealogical researcher par excellence and furnished much research for the books published on the Mainer and Nelms families.

Mrs. Helm moved with her husband to New Braunfels in 1999 to be closer to their daughter. Mrs. Helm passed away at home on November 28, 2003.

Survivors include her devoted husband Roger Helm; three children Roger M. Helm and wife Ginger, Danny I. Helm and Margaret H. Busch and husband Randy; three grandchildren Marc Helm and wife Michele, Annaleise Helm, and James Busch; great-granddaughter Hazel Anne Helm; sisters Ella Francis Dodd, Lucille Boyd and Pollyanna McEldowney; and many loving friends and relatives. Mrs. Helm will be dearly missed.

Preceded in death by her parents; two brothers Dan and Tom Mainer; sister Margaret Muenker.

Funeral services for Mrs. Elsie Beth Mainer Helm were held Saturday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lovelady First Baptist Church with the Rev. Scott Matthews and the Rev. Leroy Pearson officiating. Interment followed in the Lovelady Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be to the Hope Hospice of New Braunfels, TX.

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