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### **Grapeland Rites For Vernelle Marcus**

Funeral services for Vernelle Marcus were held Friday, April 20, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston with Dr. James W. Moore officiating. Graveside services and interment was held Sunday, April 22, at Guiceland Cemetery near Grapeland with Perry Jones officiating.

Pallbearers were Holly Cole, Gary Binder, Jonathan Binder, Timmy Smith, Tari Watkins and Steve Turtur.

Vernelle Marcus passed away April 19, 2001, at the age of 77. She was born on the family farm in Grapeland, November 30, 1923. She attended Magnolia High School where she was voted "Most Beautiful". Vernelle was as beautiful a person on the inside as she was outside. A devoted daughter, mother and grandmother, she focused her life around her family and her religious beliefs, preferring to give rather than to take. She was a philanthropist and president of The Women's League in Lubbock, the Marbridge Home for the Retarded in Austin, one of the founders of the St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary in Houston and much more.

She will always be loved in the hearts of those she touched.

Survivors include her mother, Lottie Cole; brother, Holly Houston Cole Jr.; daughter, Sharon Binder; son-in-law, Dr. Gary Binder; grandchildren, Jennifer and Jonathan Binder; niece, Dana Roth and nephew Cy Cole; numerous other relatives and friends.

For those desiring memorial contributions may be directed to St. Luke's United Methodist Church.