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**ELIZABETH WALDEN
NILSON**

Mrs. Elizabeth Walden Nilson, age 81 of El Campo, formerly of Crockett, passed away March 24. Mrs. Nilson was born Aug. 21, 1917 in Camp Willborn. Mrs. Nilson was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Mulletts Bridge Club.

She was a former member of: the Sunshine Ladies at the Hospital ; the El Campo Museum Society where she served as docent; the El Campo Art League; the United Methodist Women; the El Campo Garden Club; TSTA; Eastern Star; Elks Ladies; Strugglers Dance Club and Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

Mrs. Nilson received her education at Southwestern University in Georgetown, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and Texas A & M. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Sam Houston State University with degree work towards a Master Degree.

Mrs. Nilson taught in El Campo Schools from 1940 to 1941. She managed the Nils Nilson Estate Farm and Ranch from 1955 to 1964. She taught all levels of English at El Campo High School from 1962 - 1981. During her tenure she was the Chairman of the English Department.

Mrs. Nilson was preceded in death by her husband, Nils Elmer Nilson in 1955 and parents Thomas Eugene Walden and Nashie Belle Wills Walden.

Survivors include daughters Rebecca N. Swanson and husband Merrill C. of El Campo, Patricia N. Westbrook and husband Jim of Henrietta, Linda N. Lively and husband Lane of Irving; sons John H. Nilson, Sr. and wife Pat of El Campo and Thomas E Nilson and wife Joyce of Victoria; sister Catherine LaVerne Melbert and husband Jim of Houston; sisters-in-law Evelyn N. Behrent and Mildred N. Hawkins; grandchildren Merrill E. Swanson and wife Elizabeth, William D. Swanson, Kriss Griffin and husband Clint, John Nilson, Jr., Ruth W. Barry and husband J.J., Max, Rachel, Elizabeth, Jane and Kathryn Westbrook, Thomas E Nilson II, Nils, Andrew and Adriann Nilson and Landon and Layton Lively; great-grandchildren Kirsten Stubbs, Kalyn Nilson, Cecelia, Caroline and Merrill T. Swanson.

Funeral services were held on March 27 in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev Don Delaplain officiating. Interment followed at the Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Pallbearers were ~~grandsons~~ Merrill E. Swanson, William D. Swanson, John H. Nilson, Jr., Max Westbrook, Thomas E Nilson II, Nils Nilson, Andrew Nilson, Landon Lively and Layton Lively.

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