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Bay**town** Rites Held **For** Velma Ragan

Graveside services for Velma Mae Ragan, age 94, of Grapeland were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, at Earthman Memory Garden in Baytown. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey & Foster,

Grapeland.

Mrs. Ragan died Monday, June 19, 2000, at East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. She was born October 31, 1905, in Simpsonville and was a daughter of the late Steve and Mollie Pace Nelson. Mrs. Ragan retired in 1955 from General Telephone of Baytown as a commercial service representative. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Grapeland.

Mrs. Ragan was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph

Ragan, in 1980.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy McFarland of Grapeland; and a half-brother, Billy Steve Nelson of Birmingham, Alabama.