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Marietta Dressel Sellens Robertson

NEW BRAUNFELS -- A memorial service for Marietta Dressel Sellens Robertson, R.N., 82, of New Braunfels and formerly of Trinity was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at her daughter's residence in New Braunfels.

Mrs. Robertson died Wednesday, Feb. 18, after a long battle with COPD and breast cancer.

She was born June 20, 1921, in Woodworth, Ohio, the daughter of

Evan and Anna Geiger Dressel. After completing nursing school at Youngstown College, she joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and served in the Philippines during World War II, relieving the surviving nurses from Battan at the Santo Tomas Prison Camp. She later served in a mobile field hospital.

Upon leaving the Army, she moved to Texas where she was employed at Parkland Hospital in Dallas as a pediatric specialist.

Mrs. Robertson was always an advocate for women receiving equal membership benefits in veteran's organizations and she full benefits were granted to all veterans regardless of gender, she was among the first women to gain both the American Legion and the VFW. She was active in both organizations.

In 1997, after residing in Trinity for 10 years, she moved to Bellville to be closer to her only child. Three years later, the family moved to New Braunfels.

Mrs. Robertson was preceded in death by her first husband, Henry Raymond Sellens, who died in 1959; her second husband, Paul A. Robertson, who died in 1981; three brothers, Charles Otto Dressel, Lester Harold Dressel and Francis Woodrow Dressel; and by her close friend and "traveling buddy" of more than 40 years, Ruth Ann Miller, who died in 2001.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Anna S. and George F. Horton of new Braunfels; a brother and sister-in-law, William "Bill" and Mae Dressel of Ft. Myers, Fla.; and a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Hope Hospice of New Braunfels, 613 Walnut, New Braunfels, Texas 78130.

Puente and Sons Funeral Chapels of New Braunfels directed the arrangements.