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Judy Pennington Rowan

Funeral services for Judy Pennington Rowan, 67, were held on Saturday, March 3, 2007 in Greenwood Chapel, Fort Worth. Interment followed in the Greenwood Memorial Park with arrangements under the direction of Greenwood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rowan passed away Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007. She was born July 17, 1939, in Waco. As a young child she lived in dozens of Texas towns before her family settled permanently in Grapeland. In Grapeland, she was a member of the Methodist church and attended Grapeland High School, where she graduated as class valedictorian. Mrs. Rowan attended college at the University of Texas at Austin, Texas Christian University and the University of



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Colorado in Boulder, where she completed her degree in Mathematics. She was a member of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority. After graduation, she moved to Fort Worth to become one of the first women trained as an IBM systems engineer, and

worked several years as a systems analyst for General Dynamics. She married Rich Rowan Feb. 14, 1966, and left her career at General Dynamics in 1968 to raise her son, Rip. Judy went back to work in the 1980's, when she opened a boutique with her business partner, Joan Anderson. She enjoyed fishing, loved to play bridge and backgammon, and was a member of the Fort Worth Junior Women's Club. Above all she will be remembered as a devoted and loving wife and mother.

She is survived by her husband, Richard "Rich" Rowan; and son, Richard "Rip" Rowan. Memorials may be made to James L. West Presbyterian Special Care Center, 1111 Summit Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76102.