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Services Held For Former Resident Grace Tompkins

Services for Grace Saxon Tompkins, 74, of Athens were held Tuesday afternoon, June 26, in the First United Methodist Church of Murchison with Dr. Pat Day, Rev. Carl Dyer and Rev. Jeffrey Olive officiating. Burial followed in Oaklawn Memorial Park, Athens, under the direction of Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were David Parker, Paul Parker, Michael Magec, Tom Taylor Jr., Ruben Saxon, Jackie Hardin, Mark Saxon and Jerry Taylor. Honorary pallbearers included Jim Tompkins, Jack Tompkins, Clyde Bedford, Marvin Musick, Dr. John Kennedy, and Wendell Warner.

Mrs. Tompkins died Saturday, June 23, 2001, at her residence. She was born February 21, 1927, in Murchison to the R. E. and Bertha Virginia McClain Saxon. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Murchison and Grapeland-Augusta Chapter 120, Order of the Eastern Star.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Tompkins was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, H. W. "Blue" Tompkins, Jr. in 1999. The Tompkins were former residents of Grapeland, residing here for 25 years prior to moving to Athens twenty-seven years ago.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 8, Murchison, Texas 75778.