



EDMOND, Okla. Velma Sparks England, 91, of Edmond, Okla., formerly of Odessa, Texas, went to be with her Lord and Savior Feb. 7, 2011. She was born Oct. 23, 1919, in Eden, Texas, to Tom and Lora Sparks. Velma graduated from Eden High School and also North Texas State Teachers College with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She taught school for 26 years. Her career began in Phillips, Texas, where she met and married Sam England on July 19, 1942. After moving to Odessa in 1948 they had one son, Byron. Velma was a long time and dedicated member of First Baptist Church of Odessa where she enjoyed teaching Sunday school and had many friends and cherished

memories. After her husband's passing in 1993, Velma stayed in Odessa, Texas until June of 2004 when she moved to Edmond, Okla. She was preceded in death by her husband; two sisters; and three brothers. She is survived by her son, Byron England and his wife Kathy of Edmond; grandsons Casey England of Austin, Matt England of Dallas and Ryan England of Edmond; and numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family. Services is at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, at Baggerley Funeral Home chapel. Graveside service is 3 p.m., Friday, February 11, 2011, in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa. The family requests in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Neuropathy Association. www.neuropathy.org or to the charity of your choice. The family gratefully acknowledges the care and friendships provided by the staff of Bradford Village and their residents.

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