

**Velda Ann Swaim**

1943-2020

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Velda Ann Wells Swaim went home to be with her Lord Jesus Christ Friday, Oct. 30, 2020, at her daughter and son's home in Chico. She was the loving wife of Nelson Slim Pappy Swaim. They were two months short of their 60th wedding anniversary, Dec. 30, 2020.

Born in Stoneburg April 25, 1943, she was the daughter of Ed and Jewel Wells. She attended school in Bowie. She was employed at the K&N Root Beer Stand in Bowie when she met Nelson Slim Swaim.

She was a longtime member of Victory Baptist Church of Park Springs, where she accepted the Lord at age 25. She also had a passion for gardening, canning and loved all flowers.

She is survived by her loving husband Nelson Slim Pappy Swaim; daughter Debbie Cleveland and bonus son Stephen Cleveland of Chico; bonus daughter Jacquelyn Cast of Bridgeport; brother Paul Wells of Montague; sisters Ruby Byrne of Wichita Falls and Jo Grace Barker of Olney; in-laws Roger and Glenda Swaim and Carroll and Janice Swaim of Bowie; numerous nieces and nephews; and grandpuppies Sassy and Buddy.

She was preceded in death by parents Ed and Jewel Wells; sister Patsy June Wells; brothers Archie Wells and Gene Wells; and wonderful in-laws Jim and Eunice Swaim.

Family visitation is 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, with memorial service starting at 11 a.m. All will be held at Victory Baptist Church, 4346 N. Texas 101 in Sunset. Eulogy will be by Stephen Cleveland and service will be officiated by nephew Tinker Barker.