



## Valma Bartrella Dorrell Fischer

January 5, 1919 - August 4, 2016

Valma Bartrella Dorrell Fischer, 97, of Bryan, Texas, passed into eternal life with her Lord on August 4, 2016 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, August 11, 2016 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral home in Rockdale with Rev. Bob Richers officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00 am until service time. Interment will be at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale.

Valma was born January 5, 1919 in Reeves, Louisiana to Virgil B. and Claudia (Perkins) Dorrell. She lived her youth in Louisiana and in Orange, Texas where she graduated from Orange High School as valedictorian. At the age of 19, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas State College for Women (now Texas Women's University) in Denton, Texas. Later she completed her Master's Degree from the University of Texas in Austin, Texas. She devoted her life to teaching school and taught in Herne, Orange, Marlin and Rockdale.

On June 2, 1940, she married Walter Ernest Fischer in Hearne, Texas. While he served in the Army during World War II, Valma lived and taught school in Marlin, Texas where they also resided for several years after the war and where both of their sons were born. From 1952 until 1987 she lived in Rockdale, after which she moved to Bryan.

She was a life-long member of the Methodist Church and was a member of the St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale for many years. Since 1987 she has been a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bryan. Valma was active in church projects and organizations, civic organizations, and social activities. She and Walter enjoyed traveling and a special hobby was genealogy wherein she wrote history books on nine branches of the family. She adored her family and was at her happiest whenever she was at a family event.

Valma was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband Walter Fischer in 1979 after 39 years of marriage; parents, Virgil B. and Claudia (Perkins) Dorrell; sister, Virgil Franks; brother, Thomas Dorrell; grandson, Patrick Fischer; and great grandson, Zachary Fischer.

She is survived by two sons, Dan Fischer and wife Reba of Gause, Texas and Bob Fischer and wife Lynette of Bryan, Texas; grandchildren, Caren Bowling and husband Bryan, Jimmy Fischer, Preston Fischer and wife Erica, Jason Hobbs and wife Kristi, and Jeff Hobbs and wife Jill; ten wonderful great grandchildren; sister, Claudia Olson and husband John of Corpus Christi, Texas; sister-in-law, Jean Riley of Orange, Texas; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests you make a donation in Valma's name to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Chapel Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Valma Bartrella Dorrell Fischer*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - August 09, 2016 at 01:30 PM

JB

“ *One of the first teachers I met when I moved from Junior High to Rockdale High was Valma Fischer. She immediately made me feel at home.. It was not long until I knew that she was the best teacher ever with two super sons. What a wonderful person!*

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**Joyce Bayless** - August 11, 2016 at 07:57 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Valma Bartrella Dorrell Fischer.*

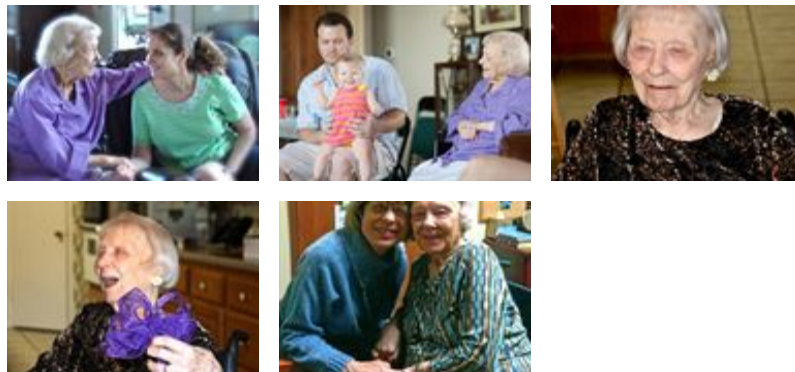


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August 09, 2016 at 09:37 PM



“ 59 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - August 09, 2016 at 01:06 PM

CJ

“ *Claudia and John purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Valma Bartrella Dorrell Fischer.*



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**Claudia and John** - August 08, 2016 at 05:02 PM

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“ *At this sad time, we are praying for peace, strength, and comfort for you and your families.*  
*Ken & Rose Urbanovsky*

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**Rose Urbanovsky** - August 06, 2016 at 01:40 PM

MS

“ Until she was no longer able to come to church, Valma and I sat close together in church and I always missed her after that. She and my mother had been acquainted in earlier years. She was a special friend. Love to her family. It is always wonderful to have only pleasant memories of someone.

*Myrl Baker Sims*

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**Myrl Baker Sims** - August 05, 2016 at 05:49 PM

DM

“ Bob and Dan,  
Your mother was a wonderful person and teacher. She was always so kind. I have fond memories of her. My thoughts and prayers are with you both and your families.

*Darla Henry McMillan*

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**Darla S McMillan** - August 05, 2016 at 10:00 AM