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Cynthia M. Keeler Bonham died October 14, 2015. She is now in the loving hands of her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Peace is a wonderful thing! To celebrate her life, Cynthia was born at home on a working ranch in Comanche County, TX, owned by her father and mother, on July 12, 1935. At the age of three she was singing with her parents at neighboring church social events. By the time she was six years old she was riding her own horse and shooting a 22 rifle. As an only child, she loved ranch life and the value of life that it taught. Cynthia graduated from Comanche High School where she excelled academically. She was awarded a voice/music scholarship to Howard Payne University in Brownwood, TX where she double majored in Music and Business. During this time she was a member of the HPU Voice Trio, making many appearances across Texas to California at churches, radio stations, TV, recordings and other live venues. Then she met the man of her life, T.M. Bonham. It was love at first sight for both. They married on December 3, 1955, almost sixty years ago. During the first 20 years of being a homemaker, mother and raising four children, she was very active in school activities, cub scouts, and church. She encouraged her children to be interested in school and also the arts, music, theater, dance and sports. She never missed a performance, recital or a game. She loved her role as wife and mother but

then decided it was time to enter the workforce. She began a career as a travel agency manager and continued in that field for twenty years before retiring. Having the opportunity to travel the world was a wonderful and educating experience. Asia, Europe, Mexico, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii were her favorite destinations. After retiring, she once again became a housewife and a first class cook. She was a very talented person and had multiple hobbies including sewing, embroidery, jewelry making, gardening and crafts. Cynthia became a victim of Alzheimer's about a year ago. It is a very debilitating condition. She fought the good fight but could not win the battle. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alton A. and Dorothy N. Keeler and a son, Michael M. Bonham. Survivors include her husband, T.M. Tom Bonham; children, Deborah M. Bonham, Heather D. Bonham-Curtis, and James R. Bonham; grandchildren, Lauren A. Winchell, T. Wade Winchell, Jessica D. Britton, Joshua A. Bonham, Jennifer D. Curtis, James R. Bonham II. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice, or the Alzheimer's Research Foundation, Alzheimer's Assoc., American Cancer Society.