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In January, 2019, she moved to the Brookridge Retirement Community in Lawton after memory issues emerged. After the Covid 19 pandemic, she relocated to the Brentwood Senior Living Center in Lawton. As her memory continued to deteriorate, life became more challenging. On January 3, 2025, surrounded by her loving family, Velma Lorene (Saville) Boman-Gosa quietly slipped away into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She had been anxiously anticipating her heavenly reward for some time, and we are confident she was welcomed at the Gates of Heaven by prior deceased family and friends. What an amazing game of canasta they must have had.

She is survived by her son Randy and his wife Dayna of Mountain Park and their children Derek (and wife Megan and their six children), Blake (and wife Diana and their two children), and Mary Elizabeth (Ellie) all of Lubbock. She is also survived by Larry Don's children Justin Boman (and wife Cindy), of Moore, OK, and Chris DeCamp (and husband Michael) of Tuttle, OK. A total of 12 great-grandchildren are also survivors. Velma also had numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews who survive. She will always be remembered as an excellent mother, grandmother, aunt, great aunt, cousin, and friend.

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During the WWII years, many young American men were being drafted into the Army, and Junior was no different. By early 1945 it was evident the war in Europe would soon be won, and many men in training were shifted for the imminent invasion of the Japanese home islands. As with many young men of the war years, Junior proposed to Velma before he departed for his basic training and they were married on July 22, 1945 in Frederick, OK. Velma and other young army-wife friends followed their husbands as they moved from post to post for training, worked as waitresses in restaurants, and rode trains and buses to the next site. Soon the Japanese surrendered and the Pacific War was over. This resulted in Junior being diverted to the Allied Army of Occupation in Germany. Velma was able to complete her high school requirements and graduated from Snyder High School in the Class of 1946. After his return from Germany and his mustering out of the Army, Velma and Junior made a home in Kiowa County where they farmed and he was involved in construction management.

On January 4, 1948, a son, Larry Don Boman was born. On October 5, 1957, a second son was born, Randal Keith Boman. After purchasing the Joseph H. Saville original homestead from her grandmother Mary B. Saville in 1957, they made a home there. Her brother Aubrey passed away in 1964, which was a devastating blow to her and her family. Life was busy with work, play, and Mountain Park/Snyder Methodist Church activities. Velma and Junior loved to play games such as Canasta, Hand and Foot, Rook, and dominoes with their relatives in the area, and they also enjoyed camping out in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. Velma began working outside the home at the Betsy Bra factory in Frederick in the mid-1960s. Unfortunately, Junior died suddenly of a heart attack on November 10, 1967.

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