

**Obituaries from Splendor Cemetery**  
**Montgomery County Texas**  
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**Duke, Lela Belle**

Lela Bella Duke, 61, passed away on Monday, December 18, 2006. She was born Saturday, February 24, 1945 in Texas City, Texas, to the late Clearance Ira Parker and the late Helen Olive Batson. Lela was an active member of the Plum Grove Assembly of God Church. She also worked for the Splendor ISD for 28 years. Lela was preceded in death by her son Kerry Don Duke. She is survived by 2 daughters, DeDee Davis, and husband, Jerry of Splendor, TX; D'Anne Smith and husband, Kelby of Splendor, TX; and their father, Don Duke of Houston, TX; brother, Monroe Parker and wife, Mary Ann of Houston, TX; 2 sisters, Ida Beth Coburn of Huntsville, TX; Marie Swindle of Huntsville, TX; 3 grandchildren, KaDee and Lauren Smith, Jake Mills; and numerous other relatives and friends. Services for Ms. Duke were held at the Neal Funeral Home Chapel, on Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Ernie Parker officiating. Interment followed in the Splendor City Cemetery. Visitation was Tuesday, December 19, 2006 from 5-9 p.m. at the Neal Funeral Home, Cleveland, TX.

**Calandra**

**By Pace Stancil Funeral Home**

**Updated: 30 June 2008**

Mathilda Marie Calandra, 94, of Splendor, Texas, passed away, Saturday, June 21, 2008. She was born in Germany on December 4, 1913 to August and Maria Schrell. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 24, 2008, 2:00 p.m. at Pace-Stancil Funeral Home Chapel, Cleveland, Texas with interment at Splendor Cemetery, Splendor, Texas.

## **Billy Dean Carr**

### **Metcalf Funeral Home**

**Updated: 01.27.03**

Funeral services for Billy Dean Carr, age 75 of Conroe will be held on Tuesday Jan. 28, 2003 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Metcalf Funeral Directors with Dr. Cliff Herrington officiating. Interment will follow in the Splendora Cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Billy was born Nov. 26, 1927 and passed away Jan. 26, 2003 in Conroe. He was preceded in death by his father and mother; Barney Douglas and Mattie Mae Carr. He is survived by his sister, Maxine Traverso and brother-in-law, Harry Traverso; nieces; Connie Scantlen and husband Karl and Cheryl Traverso; nephews, Jimbo Wells and Kathy and Tony Wells; aunts; Ethel Molett, Eva Lee Butler and Erma Leigh Hill; numerous cousins and many, many friends. Billy graduated from Conroe High School in 1948 and worked for Conroe Independent School District for 35 years. During this time, Billy worked part-time and some Saturdays at Metcalf Funeral Home. He received an Apprentice Funeral Certificate in 1964 and was given the "2nd Mile Award" for 35 years service to the youth of CISD in 1987. After retirement from CISD, Billy worked for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Dept. for several years. He served as an honorary Juvenile Officer, ODR Monitor and as a Honorary Deputy in the Probation Dept. Strake House Assisted Living has been home to Billy for almost seven years. He loved those who cared for him and will be mourned by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Crown of Texas Hospice. Pallbearers include Steve Degner, Robert Green, Lonnie Ward, Tommy Matchett, Sam Lynch and David Park.

## **Davis**

Services for Gerri Davis, 79, were held at 1 p.m. March 31, 2001 at the Probst Chapel with the Rev. Sam Craig and the Rev. Robert Davis officiating. Burial followed at the Splendora City Cemetery under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home of Cleveland. Davis was born October 18, 1921 in Springfield, MO and died March 28, 2001 in Baytown. Survivors include sons, Lowen Davis and wife Arlene of Baytown, Richard Davis and wife Linda of LaPorte and Jerry Davis and wife Angie of Cleveland; daughter, Lana Marie Davis of Austin; sister, Hester Smith of Humble; brother, Owen Glidewell and wife Minnie of Port Neches; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and other family members.

## **Donald Wayne DeForest**

### **Cashner Funeral Home**

**Updated: 15 Aug 2002**

Graveside services for Donald Wayne DeForest, 49, of Moody, Texas will be held on Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at 2:30 pm in Splendora Cemetery, Splendora, Texas with Junior Kirkland officiating. Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002 from 5 p.m. to 9 pm at Cashner Funeral Home. Mr. DeForest was born on Dec. 12, 1952, in Houston, Texas and passed away on Aug. 12, 2002, in Temple, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Tina of Moody; daughter, Paris DeForest of Tarkington; sons, Shannon DeForest of Magnolia, Donald DeForest Jr. of Conroe, Robert DeForest of Cleveland, Virgil DeForest of Cleveland, Donald DeForest of Moody, and Payne DeForest of Moody; step-mother, Ann DeForest of Houston; sisters, Donna Darnell of Conroe, Glenda Mize of Shepard, Judy Petty of Houston, and Peggy Richardson of Houston; grandchildren, Shawn DeForest and Kalee Crowel.

## **Fowler**

Graveside services for Sophia Fowler, 69 of Splendora, were held at Splendora City Cemetery under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland. Fowler died January 4, 2001. Survivors include children, Sandra Kay Fowler, Steve Fowler and wife Ginger, Katina Lawson and husband Jim, Hellene Self and husband Thomas and Charles Fowler; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Olga Brault and husband Lou, Anna Hall and husband John, and Hellene Drakopoulos and husband Dino; numerous nieces and nephews.

## **Edward W. Giles**

Services for Edward W. Giles, 74, were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, November 23, 2002, at United Baptist Church, Splendora, Texas. Interment followed at Splendora City Cemetery, in Splendora, Texas. Giles was born June 29, 1928, and died on November 19, 2002. Survivors include wife, Martha L. Giles; Daughters, Barbara Pickering; Lou Ann Barrow and husband Skip; son, Jesse O. Giles, Sr.; brother, Pat Giles and wife, Marie; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. Under the Direction of Pace Stancil

## **Gill**

**Updated: 11 Sep 2002**

Robert Dalton Gill, 41, passed away Wednesday, September 4, 2002. He was born November 15, in Pasadena, TX. Robert is survived by his wife, Monica and his three children, Daniel Haynes, Robb Gill and Margaret Mench; father, Carlton Gill; mother, Martha Barham; brother, Carson Gill; sisters, Linda Fisher and husband Ed, Brenda Lohse and husband Tom, Janet Minor and husband Jim, Phyllis Griffin, Robbie Minton and husband Terry, and Sonora Storm and husband John; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Lyndon Gill in 1992. Visitation will be Sunday, September 8, 2002 from 12 pm to 8 pm at Pasadena Funeral Chapel. Funeral services will be Monday, September 9, 2002 at 10 am at Pasadena Funeral Chapel. A graveside service will be at 2 pm at Splendora Cemetery in Splendora, TX. Rev. Jay Burnett will be officiating.

## **Guinn, Lillie Mae**

Lillie Mae Guinn, 95, born in Polk County, Texas on October 2, 1911, resident of Splendora, Texas, passed away March 2, 2007. Funeral services were held Monday, March 5, 2007, 11:00 a.m. at Pace Stancil Chapel, Cleveland, Texas with interment at Splendora City Cemetery, Splendora, Texas. She is preceded in death by her husband, James Thomas Guinn; son, Lloyd Gene Guinn; eight brothers and three sisters. She is survived by her daughter, Doris Butler and husband Ken; sons, James Guinn and wife Beverly, Roy Guinn and wife Mildred, Louis Guinn and wife Opal; sisters, Maxine Noel and Francis Rocha; fourteen grandchildren; twenty seven great-grandchildren.

## **Hargraves**

**Updated: 7 Jan 2005**

Mike Hargraves, Sr., 53, was born in Silsbee. He is preceded in death by his father, Delbert W. Hargraves and daughter, Barbara Ann Santos. Hargraves is survived by his wife of 15 years, Chiffon Hargraves of Splendora; mother, Geraldine Hargraves of Willis; his daughters, Gina Baker (Jamie) of Splendora, Tammy Hammons of Splendora, Megan Hargraves of Splendora, Samantha Brown of North Carolina, and Felicia Spore of Splendora; son, Michael A. Hargraves, Jr. (Tina) of Yuma, AZ; grandchildren, Chelsie, Carrie, Jessica, Payton, and Brandon Hargraves, Corey and Tayler Hammons, Blake Baker, and baby Alyssa Dailey; brothers, Delbert R. Hargraves of Willis and Jimmie Hargraves of Willis. Mike will also be missed by numerous loving friends and relatives. The funeral service was Dec. 26, 2004 with the interment that followed to the Splendora City Cemetery.

## **Henderson, Beverly Boggs**

**Updated: 16 Sep 2005**

"Granny", 60 of Spring, passed away Saturday, August 27, 2005. She is survived by her daughter, Carol Archie, son, John W. Boggs, Jr. & wife Janie, ex son-in-law, Dewayne Archie, 5 grandchildren, Crystal, Jessica, Alisha and Jacob Archie, Kristina Boggs, 4 step-grandchildren and 10 step great grandchildren, brothers, Ron Henderson and Laurie, Jack Henderson, John Henderson & wife Pat, Kenny Henderson & wife Dottie, sister, Margaret Brewster & husband Jim, chosen daughter, Terri Walker & husband Kenneth, and many trusted friends. Funeral services were held September 1, 2005 in the Rosewood Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Harry Simon officiating. Interment was in the Splendora Cemetery. Pallbearers were John W. Boggs, Sr., Walter Hall, Jesse Rawls, Michael Parker, Dewayne Archie, Johnny Hicks. Honorary pallbearer was Nathan Bush.

## Holloway

### Pace Stancil Funeral Home

**Updated: 9 Jan 2007**

Junita Mae Holloway, 45, of Splendora, Texas, passed away Monday, January 1, 2007. She was born in Conroe, Texas on February 8, 1961 to Everett and Hazel Needham. She is survived by her friend and companion, Jessie Allen Dulaney, Jr.; parents; grandmother, Willie Mae Sallas; son, Chester Holloway and wife, Crystal; brother Everett "Bubba" Needham and wife, Arlene; grandchildren Chandler Holloway and Carson Holloway; 1 niece, 1 nephew, 1 great-niece, 1 great-nephew and many caring and thoughtful friends. Funeral services were held January 5, 2007, 1:00 p.m. at Pace-Stancil Funeral Home Chapel Cleveland, Texas. Rev. Roy Youngblood conducted the service with interment at Splendora Cemetery, Splendora, Texas.

## Hunt

Services for Sonny James Hunt, 18, were held at Pace-Stancil/Probst Chapel on April 3, 2002. The interment was held at Splendora City Cemetery with the Rev. Scott Townley officiating. Hunt was born on May 8, 2002 and died on March 29, 2002. Survivors include Father Thomas "Sonny" James Hunt ; Mother, Sandra L. Calk; Grandmothers include Joyce Ann Caldwell and Bobbie McCann; Great Grandmother, Melba Wheat; Sister, Amber Dawn Calk and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

## Wilma Jean Karnes

**Updated: 28 Jul 2008**

Wilma Jean Karnes, 79, of Splendora, Texas, passed away Friday, July 11, 2008. She was born in Fostoria, Texas on July 21, 1928 to Charlie E. and Mattie Daw. Graveside services were held Monday, July 14, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at Splendora City Cemetery, Splendora, Texas.

## Mueller-Lightfoot

Services for Louise Mueller Lightfoot, 74 of Groveton, were held at 2:00 p.m. May 16, 2001 at Rosewood North Chapel in Porter. Burial services followed at the Splendora Cemetery. Mueller-Lightfoot died May 14, 2001. Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Toni Mueller; daughters, Shirley Crow, Debbie Everitt, Carla Owen and Dave Wilson; son, David Mueller; , eight grandchildren; , eight great-grandchildren; brother, Wilmer Hickman; sisters, Frances Mims and Lucille Cassel.

## Moellendorf

Services for Bertha L. Moellendorf, 83 of New Caney, were held at 10:00 a.m. July 17, 2000 at Pace-Stancil/Probst Chapel. Burial followed at Splendora City Cemetery under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland. Moellendorf was born January 17, 1917 in Fredericksburg, Texas. She died July 14, 2000. Survivors include son, Clarence E. Moellendorf; daughter, Barbara Young; grandchildren, Raymond Radford, William Moellendorf, Michael Moellendorf, James Moellendorf and Tammy Griggs; nine great- grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Prestridge

Services for William Marvin Prestridge Sr., 80 of Splendora, Texas were held at 3 p.m. April 26, 2000 at Pace-Stancil/Probst Chapel. Burial followed at Splendora City Cemetery under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland. Prestridge was born November 19, 1919 in Pineville, Louisiana. He died April 24, 2000.

Survivors include wife, Eddie Prestridge; daughters, Sandra Lee Hood and husband Harvey, Gloria Dianne Egger and husband Donovan; son, William Marvin "Sonny" Prestridge, Jr. and wife Robin; grandchildren, Tracy Green, Paige Smith, Leah Dawn Heern, Dana Ware, Leigh Hood, William M. Prestridge III and Tobi Gober; sister, Ida Mae Davis; brother-in-law, Raymond Wells; sister-in-law, Dot, Anna, Joyce and Fran; 10 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

## Ross

Graveside services for Anna Leola Ross, 78 of Splendora were held at 4:00 p.m. August 30, 2000 at Splendora Cemetery under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home of Cleveland. Ross was born January 25, 1922. She died August 29, 2000.

Survivors include husband, Robert L. Ross; daughter, Debbie Dickerson and husband Michael; son-in-law, Daniel Gannon; brothers, Joe Cooper, Jim Cooper and Wesley Cooper; sisters, Willie Fay Arel, Roxanne Landery and Nancy Johnson; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

## **Robert L. Ross**

Robert L. Ross, 69, of Splendora, Tex., passed away September 9, 2003. He is a native of San Juan, Tex., born June 2, 1934. He is survived by his wife, Vivian Ross; mother, Avery Lorene Ross; daughter, Debora Dickerson and husband, Michael, sisters, Blanche Ross, brothers, Carroll Ross, Leonard Ross; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, two nieces and one nephew; step-children, Benjamin, Morgan, Calvin, Tommy, John S., Dennis Aills and Cindy Ellinburg. He is preceded in death by his wife, Anna Leola Ross; daughter, Linda Ross Gannon; sister, Christine White. Funeral Services were held September 11, 2003 at Southline Baptist Church, Bro. Jim Lea officiated with interment following at Splendora City Cemetery, Splendora, Tex.

## **Russell**

Services for Gary Russell, 56 of Splendora, were held at 2:00 p.m. March 2, 2001 at Pace-Stancil/Probst Chapel. Burial followed at Splendora City Cemetery under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home. Russell died February 26, 2001. He was born August 8, 1944 in Wardell, Missouri. Survivors include son, Gary Russell; daughters, Laura Russell, Margie Russell, Stephanie Russell and Michelle Russell; step-children; 19 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; mother, Marjorie Russell; brothers, Wilfred "Billy" Russell and Randall "Randy" Russell.

## **Rutherford**

Services for Rillie Charlotte Rutherford, 91 of Cleveland, were held at 2 p.m. April 28, 2000 at the Crossroads Assembly of God Church. Burial followed at the Splendora City Cemetery under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home of Cleveland. Rutherford was born April 10, 1909 in San Jacinto County, TX and died April 26, 2000.

Survivors include daughter, Robbie Rutherford; grandchildren, Rena Davis and husband Jim, Ann Parrish and husband Wayne, Frank Coffield and wife Datha, Debbie Reeves and husband Corkey; great-children, Terry Parrish and wife Theresa, Dustin Parrish, Chrystal Coffield, Karen Cantu and husband Phillip, Becky Coffield and Heather Davis; great-great-grandchildren, Nathan Parrish, Coty Parrish, Tiffany Parrish, Shelby Ann Cantu and Anthony Joseph Parrish; sister, Lillie Ohl; and other family members.

## **Roland L. Sallee**

Roland L. Sallee, age 71, of Splendora, Texas passed away Saturday, September 13, 2003. He is a native of Splendora, Texas, born June 21, 1932. He is survived by his wife, Jetta Dorene Sallee; sons, Joe Russell Sallee, Richard Wayne Sallee, Curtis Duane Sallee; daughters, Eunice K. Self, Christina Wilkinson, Cindy Miller; brother, Louis Sallee; sisters, Elizabeth Griffen, Louise Karbowski; twenty-three grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, eighteen nieces and ten nephews with a host of other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Etta Sallee, grandparents, Virgle and Mary Sallee and Joshua and Ellen Wilson; his sister, Bernadine; brothers, Hardy, Sonny, George and John E. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the Splendora Assembly of God, Splendora, Texas. Bro. Glen Mead conducted the service with interment immediately following at Splendora City Cemetery.

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## **Wallace**

Services for Marie Wallace, 66, of Splendora were held at 2:00 p.m. January 29, 2001 at Pace-Stancil/Probst Chapel. Burial followed at Splendora Cemetery under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland. Wallace died January 27, 2001. She was born July 12, 1934 in Livingston, Texas.

Survivors include husband Joe Wallace, Sr; son, Joe Wallace Jr and wife Sandra; granddaughter, Shymese Wallace; several nieces and nephews.

## **Ward**

Services for Fannie Lou Ward, 79 of Huntsville, were held at 3 p.m. May 1, 2000 at the Probst Chapel. Burial followed at the Splendora City Cemetery under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home of Cleveland. Ward was born September 29, 1920 in Splendora and died April 28, 2000. She worked at Boyett's Cafe for 20 years. Survivors include her children, Alice Smith and Debbie Bonham; grandchildren, Joe Smith and wife Charlotte, Jordi Bonham, Heddi Bonham, Shante Bonham and Lacey Bonham; great-grandchild, Aaron David Smith; brother, William Ethridge Hayden; and other family. Pallbearers were Joe David Smith, Stan Stuckey, Richard Boyett, Raymond Wells Bill Hayden and Charles Sheffield.

## Weaver

Services for Dorothy Lorraine Weaver, 64 of Liberty, Texas were held at 10:00 a.m. August 12, 2000 at Lord's Chapel in Splendora, Texas under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home of Cleveland. Weaver died July 29, 2000.

Survivors include husband, James D. Weaver; children, James L. Weaver, Otis C. Weaver, Russel L. Weaver, Angelia C. White and Marina T. Biddle; siblings, Joe Roberts, Monroe Wells, Alma Willis and Lee Wells; grandchildren, James M. Weaver, Jason B. Swearingen, Sabrina L. Smith, Anthony W. White, Gendowlyn N. Weaver, Stephanie R. Weaver, James A. Weaver, Rebecca L. Weaver, Gary K. Biddle Jr., Jacob W. White, Dorothy J. Weaver and Christopher L. Weaver; two great grandchildren.