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Contained in this book are the obituaries published in *The Tyler County Booster* from September 1997 through December 2003.

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Earl Dean Elliott

Earl Dean Elliott, 56, of Village Mills, died Friday, August 29, 1997 at his residence in Village Mills, Texas.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 31, 1997 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Fellowship Cemetery in Warren. Officiating at the services was Brother John Spanhanks.


Visitation was held at the funeral home on Saturday, August 30th from 4 until 9 p.m.

He was a native of Beaumont, Texas and a long time resident of Hillister, Texas. He had lived the last twelve years in Village Mills. He was a 1959 graduate of Warren High School, and played football at Lamar Tech from 1960-1964 and had worked in construction.

He is survived by his wife Ennis Elliott of Village Mills; son, Jim Bud Elliott of Hillister; daughters, Deana Bean of Silsbee, Kimberly Elliott of Jasper; brothers, Charles Elliott of Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas, James Reagan Elliott, Darrell John Elliott, Glen Elliott of Segno, and Billy Elliott of Warren; sister, Doris Clow of Houston; and four grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Willory Mae Wagnon

Funeral services for Willory Mae Wagnon, 81, of Warren will be held September 3, 1997 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home with Rev. Bobby Hoffpaur, Brother Jack Gross, and Brother Ken Cauthen officiating. Burial will follow at Fellowship Cemetery in Warren, Texas.

Visitation was held September 2, 1997 from 3 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Wagnon died September 1, 1997 at her residence in Warren. She was a native and lifelong resident of Warren. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Warren, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her son, Larry Wagnon and sister, Trudie Johnson.

Survivors include her husband Aubrey Wagnon of Warren; daughters, Carol Kirven of Wildwood and Marie Turner of Lumberton; son, Clarence Wagnon of Allen, Texas; brother, Albert Reese of Warren; 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren

Pallbearers are Keith Buckner, Wesley Earl Smith, Ronnie Reese, Charles David Wagnon, Kurt Waters, and Jerry Hatton.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Walter Jackson Alston

Funeral services for Walter Jackson Alston, 68, of Hillister, Texas were held August 30, 1997 at 1 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. T.A. Bledsoe and Bro. Bill Gardner officiating. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Beaumont. Visitation was held August 29, 1997 from 5 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Alston died August 27, 1997 in Jasper, Texas.

A native of Orange, he lived in Beaumont most of his life before moving to Hillister 29 years ago. He was retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad. He was a retired Baptist minister for several churches throughout Southeast Texas and he was an Army veteran. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Woodville.

He was preceded in death by a daughter Deborah Horton. Survivors include his wife, Lois Martin Alston of Hillister; sons, John L. Alston of Houston, W.R. “Bob” Alston of Honey Island and Mark Alston of Lumberton; daughters, Barbara McDaniel of Dallas and Patricia Morgan of Kirbyville; brother, V.L. Alston, Jr. of Beaumont; sisters, Ella Ricks of Vidor and Gertrude Steinburg of Morrison, Tennessee; 14 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mitchell Morgan, Rod Alston, Mike Borowski, Richard Alston, Bob Alston, Craig Alston, T.J. Morgan, Bill Horton, Chris Alston, and Wayne McDaniel, Jr.
Honorary pallbearers were the Men’s Senior Adult Sunday School Class of Calvary Baptist Church.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jack West Pullen

Funeral services for Jack West Pullen, 55, of Chester, Texas were held September 1, 1997 at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Chester with Rev. Buford Finley officiating. Visitation was held August 31, 1997 from 4 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Pullen died August 29, 1997 at his residence in Chester.

A native of Port Arthur, he lived in Austin and Chester. He was an Executive Assistant for Ray Bass, attorney, and a private detective. He received his B.A. degree from Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas. He was a member of Kappa Sigma and the Sons of the American Revolution. He received an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps.

He is survived by his mother, Clara J. West Hughes of Houston; sisters, Dana Pullen of Houston, Mary Parker Bass of Austin, and Jan Kuykendall of Bridge City; nieces Tracy Hall of Houston and Brittany Bass of Austin; dear family friend, Jill Kent; aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Delores Keiffer Dryden

Delores Keiffer Dryden, 62, of Fred, Texas died Tuesday, August 19, 1997 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 21st at 10 a.m. in Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Hickory Grove Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services were Port Callaway and Brother Henry Davis. Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Prentice Oliver Crawford, Daniel Nelson, Steven Fechner, Robert Joseph Trahan, Larry Fechner, Jr. and Phillip Smith, Jr. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Homer Tyler, William Hoffman, and David Dryden.

Visitation was held at the funeral home on Wednesday, August 20th from 3 until 9 p.m.

She was a native of Woodville and former resident of Doucette. She had lived in Fred for the past eight years. She was a former cook at the Woodville Inn, former active member of the Lake Charles Order of Eastern Star, and a member of Mann’s Chapel Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband Ben Dryden of Fred; son Leroy Daniel Bennett of Warren; daughters & sons-in-law, Wanda and Robert Trahan of Orange, Ella Jane and Prentice Crawford of Fred, Margie Louise and Phillip Smith of Warren, Roma Dianne and Larry Fechner of Baytown, and Leona Raye and Jimbo Callaway of Spurger; brother, Jim Mann Keiffer of Doucette; sisters, Youna Louise Coplen of Doucette, and Inez Howell of Corrigan; thirty grandchildren and twenty-five
Ruby Lawson

Ruby Lawson, 90, of Port Arthur, died Friday, August 22, 1997 at Park Central Nursing Home in Port Arthur, Texas.

Funeral services were Sunday, August 24, 1997 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services were Governor Leon Crawford and Elder Charles Miller.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Raymond Bailey, James Daniel Lawson, Lloyd Lawson, Kindle Lawson, Gary Dale Lawson, and Brad Fancher.

Visitation was held at the funeral home on Saturday, August 23, 1997 from 12 noon till 9 p.m.

She was a native and long time resident of Woodville and had lived in Port Arthur for the last seven years. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Lawson and four of her children. She is survived by her sons & daughter-in-law, Elton Lawson of Buna, John Thomas and Iva Mae Lawson of Trinity, and Herbert Lawson of Bridge City; daughters and son-in-law, Ruth and Roland Bailey of Port Neches, and Tinnie McPeck; brothers Charlie Reynolds of Nederland, and C.D. Reynolds of Port Neches; fifteen grandchildren, thirty two great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ella M. Woods

A graveside service for Ella M. Woods, 97, of Woodville was held August 21, 1997 at Greenwood Cemetery in Ruston, Louisiana at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Woods died August 18, 1997 at Woodville Convalescent Center.

A native of Grayson, Louisiana, she lived in Jonesboro, La. before moving to Woodville 17 years ago.

Survivors include her son, Joe Woods of Castleberry, Al.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Nugent, Caleb Nugent and Zack Nugent all of Lake Taheo, CA.; and step-daughter, Kristin Ford of Saratoga.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Kurkey McLean Cruse

Kurkey McLean Cruse, 31, of Doucette, Texas departed this life Sunday, September 28, 1997 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas. Funeral services were held Wednesday October 1 at the True Vine Baptist Church in Doucette with burial at the Doucette Community Cemetery, under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

A lifelong resident of Doucette, and a graduate of Woodville High School, he was employed by Kelstar Extrusion of Texas. He leaves to cherish his loving memories; a grandmother, Ruby Lee Marshall of Kountze; God-parents, Jimmy and Ruby Brooks of Doucette; three sisters, Tammy Shereal Cruse of Doucette, Gwenda Barrett of Arlington, Texas and Lottie Grant of Dallas, Texas.

L.M. Phillips, Jr.

L.M. Phillips, Jr., 75, of Hillister, Texas died Tuesday, September 30, 1997 at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were Friday, Oct. 3, 1997 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services were Bro. Jerry Kelley and Bro. Delbert Lamb. Serving as pall bearers were Louis Seward, Robert Sullivan, Cale Pope, Lee Seabrooke, Billy Stovall, and Mark Stovall.

Visitation was held at the funeral home on Thursday, Oct. 2, 1997 from 5 to 9 p.m.

He was a native of Hillister and former resident of Camden and Silsbee. He had lived in Hillister for the past five years. He was retired from Kirby Forest Industries and was an Army Air Corps veteran of WW II.

He is survived by his wife, Janie Wilkins Phillips of Hillister; sons and daughter-in-law, Leon M. Phillips III of Kerrville, and William R. and Kirsten Phillips of Silsbee; daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Thomas Parker of Baytown; three granddaughters, and three step-granddaughters.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Van Baker

Van Baker, 90, of Woodville, died Sunday, Oct. 5, 1997 at Jasper Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Texas.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Oct. 8, 1997 at 10 a.m. in the Lakeside Apostolic church in Town Bluff with burial in Baker-Bell Cemetery near Fred under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Bro. Randy McCall and Bro. H.C. Crane.

Visitation was held at Lakeside Apostolic Church, October 7, 1997 beginning at 11 a.m.

He was a life long resident and native of Tyler County and was a self-employed mowing contractor. He was a member of the Lakeside Apostolic Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice Baker on May 28, 1996. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Billy and Peggy Baker of Woodville, Walter and Delilah Baker of Fred, and John and Frances Baker of Warren; daughters and sons-in-law, Ruby and Charles Wallet and Betty and Patrick Freeman all of Fred; ten grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Frank Earl Foster, Jr.

Funeral services for Frank Earl Foster, Jr., 20, of Hillister were held Monday, September 22, 1997 at 1 p.m. at Little Baptist Church in Hillister with burial following at Hillister Community Cemetery under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

He was a native of and life long resident of Hillister and died Thursday September 18 in Lufkin.

Survivors include his mother and father Connie
Sue and Frank Earl Foster, Sr. of Hillister; two sisters Constance Moye of Lufkin and Melody Harris of Hillister; one brother Terry Foster of Hillister; two grandmothers, Eula Mae Hadnot of Woodville and Jerlean Foster of Hillister; a grandfather, Frank Lee of Woodville and a host of aunts, uncles and other relatives and friends.

Kevin Dewayne Arline

Funeral services for Kevin Dewayne Arline, 22, of Hillister, Texas were held on Tuesday, September 23, 1997 at 1 p.m. at Camp Zion Baptist Church in Doucette, Texas with burial at Doucette Community Cemetery in Doucette under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

A native of Doucette, he resided in Hillister and died Thursday, September 18 in Lufkin, Texas. Survivors include one sister, Connie T. Jones of Beaumont; four brothers, Bobby R. Arline of Woodville, Robert E. Arline of Dallas, Tommy L. Arline, and Troy Arline, Jr., both of Doucette; a grandmother, Poly Barlow of Doucette and a host of aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

Juanita Edwards Best

Funeral services for Juanita Edwards Best, 81, of Beaumont, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery.

Officiating at the services will be Brother Hails Taylor. Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers will be Best's grandsons, Scott Fountain, Larry Fountain, Lance Fountain, Randall Best, Darrell Best and Vic Potter.

A native of Colmesneil and a former long time resident of Woodville, Best lived in Beaumont for the past four years and had formerly worked in sales for the Fair Department Store and J.B. Best. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

Best is survived by her sons, Joe Best of Milam, Rev. James Best of Frisco, Alabama, and Benford Best of Kountze; a daughter, Ann Fountain of Beaumont; brothers, L.C. Edwards of Lumberton, and Quinton Edwards of Lufkin; a sister Beryl McCorvy of Port Arthur; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Cicero Kirkendall

Funeral services for Cicero Kirkendall, 92, of Silsbee, Texas were held Sunday, Sept. 28 at the Wiley Mae Pentecostal Church in Silsbee with burial at Cunningham Cemetery north of Silsbee.

A native of Silsbee, Kirkendall was a retired school bus driver.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie Kirkendall, of Silsbee; two sons, Harold Dee Kirkendall and B.L. Kirkendall, both of Silsbee; four daughters, Louise Watts, of Silsbee, Maxine Dubose, of Dam B, Eloise Ard, of Dam B. and Patsy Ard of Silsbee; a brother I.D. Kirkendall, of Silsbee; a sister, Kate Hamilton, of Silsbee; 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were under the direction of R.S. Farmer Funeral Home, of Silsbee, Texas.

Flarrie Mixon Brack

Funeral services for Flarrie Mixon Brack, 78, of Jasper, were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 6, 1997, in the Jasper Church of Christ, Hwy 96, with burial to follow in Little Hope Cemetery near Jasper.

Mrs. Brack died Tuesday, Sept. 2 in Jasper Memorial Hospital. A native and life long resident of Jasper, she owned and operated Brack’s Service Station and Grocery until her retirement.

She is survived by her son; Milton Brack of Jasper; a daughter, Virginia Brack of Jasper; brothers, Martell Mixon of Jasper, Kelly Mixon of Houston; sisters, Ouida M. Hicks of Jasper, Juanita M. Baggett of Kinder, LA, Eric M. Miller of Canton, OH; grandchildren, David Brack, Tanya Youngblood, Tamara Copeland; great-grandchildren, Ryan Brack and Tabitha Copeland.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.
Stella Faye Greer Best

Funeral services for Stella Faye Greer Best, 90, of Woodville were held September 9, 1997 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Rev. William Stockstill officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Visitation was held September 7 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and September 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Best died September 5, 1997 at her home in Woodville.

A native of Woodville, she lived in Port Arthur 38 years before moving back to Woodville 40 years ago. She was a member of the Trinity Assembly of God Church in Woodville.

Survivors include her sons, Jack G. Best of Woodville, and R. Gene Best of Liberty; sisters, Virgie Peacock of Nederland and Elsie Backin of Mississippi; brothers, Roy Greer of Port Neches, and Bruce Greer of Nederland, six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Randy Best, Kevin Best, John Best, Dave Wilcox, Tony Silkwood and Jared Best. Honorary pallbearer was Robert Blanco.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Verna Irene Raimer Umfrid

Funeral services for Verna Irene Raimer Umfrid, 88, of Warren, Texas were held September 9, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Dr. Steve Hays and Rev. Bruce Stinson officiating. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery near Warren. Visitation was held September 8 from 4 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Umfrid died September 6, 1997 at the Mid-Jeffeson Hospital in Nederland, Texas.

A native of Oakdale, Louisiana, she lived in Warren most of her life. She was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Warren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Oren Umfrid and two children.

Survivors include her daughters, Shirley Rice of Nederland and Gay Burrell of Winnie; sons Billy Umfrid and Charles Umfrid both of Houston, Raymond “Buck” Umfrid of West Lake, and Jimmy Umfrid of Orange; sisters, Jimmie Nal of Warren, Jewel Humble of Woodville, Dannie Lee Toney of Lumberton and Ruth Owens of Pasadena; 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Billy Umfrid, Scott Umfrid, Steven Umfrid, Wayne Rice, Jeff Rice, Bruce Rice, James Hampton, and Jimmy Hampton.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Charles Frank Hembree

A graveside service for Charles Frank “Charlie” Hembree, 90, was held September 7, 1997 at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff with Bro. Dan Magee officiating. Visitation was held September 6 at the funeral home.

Mr. Hembree died September 4, 1997 at the Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

A native of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, he lived in Houston most of his life before moving to Tyler County 30 years ago. He was a self employed carpenter. He was a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

Survivors include his nephews, James H. Wyatt of Grant, OK, Herbert N. Wyatt of Lake Park, GA, and Roy Pebsworth of Hugo, OK; a niece, Florence Richardson of Littlefield, TX.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jesse Harold Crews

Funeral services for Jesse Harold “Bo” Crews, 73, of Colmesneil were held September 4 at the Riley Funeral Home with Bro. James Stevenson officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery. Visitation was held September 3 from 4 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Crews died September 2, 1997 at the Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

A native of Handley, Texas, he lived in Beaumont most of his life before moving to Colmesneil 17 years ago. He was a gauger for Gulf Oil and a World War II Marine veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Sheffield Crews of Colmesneil; sons Andy H. Crews and Jay
H. Crews both of Beaumont; daughter, Tennie Jo Jacobs of Garland; seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Neal W. Sheffield, Thomas J. Svatek, M.L. Hopson, Jack Blakney, Albert Crews, and Wade Conatser.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

J.W. Breaux, Sr.


Funeral services will be Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Father Roger Thibodeaux, pastor of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church. Serving as pallbearers will be Jeff Sheffield, Clay Williams, A.E. “Bubba” White, Earl Andrews, Dickie Wayne Dunman, Al Murphy Landry and Rusty Credeur.

He was a native of Beaumont and long time resident of Warren. He was retired from Mitchell Energy and was a member of the Tejas Saddle Club.

He is survived by his wife of forty-six years, Louis Breaux of Warren; son and daughter-in-law, Joe W. and Bobbie Breaux, Jr. of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Donna Kay and Marion Williams of Hemphill, Sandy and Clyde Sheffield of Warren, and Cathy Breaux of Houston; sisters, Ida Mae Daigle and Lena Ann Credeur both of Winnie; and Helen Marie Menard of New Iberia; Louisiana and four grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Marie Guillory

Marie “Sally” Guillory, 70, of Woodville, died Monday, September 1, 1997, at her residence in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. in the Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home. Officiating at the service will be Father Roger Thibodeaux, pastor of the Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church.

She was a native of Bridgeton, New Jersey and had lived in Woodville for the past five years. She had worked for the National Maritime Union for twenty years before moving to Woodville where she worked for J.W. Ray Insurance Agency as his secretary.

She is survived by her husband of twenty-six years, Burley Guillory of Woodville; sons Herb Condrey and Rick Condrey, both of Richmond, VA; Johnnie Baxter of Nashville, TN; and Robbie Baxter of Arlington; daughter, Debbie Gorman of Richmond, VA; brother William Ortolf; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Lakes Area Hospice, P.O. Box 2086, Jasper, Texas.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Dollie Gibson Yates

Funeral service for Dollie Gibson Yates, 84, of Warren was held Oct. 29, 1997 at 10 a.m. at Evergreen Chapel in Grapeland with Rev. Morris Ivey officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Grapeland, Texas. Visitation was held Oct. 28, 1997 from 5 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Yates died October 27, 1997 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Grapeland, she lived in Kountze before moving to Warren 32 years ago.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Odis Rill Yates on August 14, 1997.

Survivors include her daughters, Coye Yates Bane of Kountze, Adell Yates Thigpen of Warren and Bettie Rae Yates of Warren; 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Albert P. Buck

Funeral service for Albert P. Buck, 72, of Vidor, Texas was held Oct. 29, 1997 at 10 a.m. at Vidor
Memorial Funeral Home with burial at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville. Visitation was held Oct. 28, 1997 from 4 until 10 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Buck died Oct. 27, 1997 at Doctors Hospital in Groves, Texas.

A native of Crosett, Ark., he lived in Groves several years before moving to Vidor 40 years ago. He was self employed construction worker and a WW II Army Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Joy Buck of Vidor; daughter, Andrea Gross of Vidor and 2 grandchildren, Isaac Gross and Brittani Gross both of Vidor.

Local Arrangements were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Thomas Jones

Thomas Jones, 17, of Woodville, Texas died Saturday, Nov. 1997 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Hardin County. Funeral services will be Thursday, Nov. 6, 1997 at 1 p.m., at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville, Texas with burial at the Mt. Zion Community Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas, under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville. There will be a visitation on Wednesday from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral chapel. Pastor C.O. Hadnot will officiate at the services.

Thomas was a life long resident of Woodville and a student at Woodville High School.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories; parents, Carolyn (Sue) Jones of Woodville, James McQueen of Houston; sisters, Asia Jones and Fontasia Jones, both of Woodville; brother, James Jones of Woodville; grandparents, John Tom Spears and Mable Spears, both of Woodville, Texas.

Joye Hennigan

Joye Hennigan, 68, of Woodville, died Monday, November 3, 1997 at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

Services are Wednesday, November 5, 1997 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville with burial in Little Hope Cemetery near Jasper. Officiating at the services will be Brother Clifford Neal.

Serving as pallbearers will be Greg Hatton, Neil Hennigan, Derrick Hennigan, David Hennigan, Derrick Hennigan, David Hennigan, Steven Hennigan, and Phil Hennigan.

She was a native of Jasper and a long time resident of Woodville. She had worked as an associate with Wal Mart and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Polk Hennigan in 1983. She is survived by her sons, Gary Hennigan of Woodville, and Phil Hennigan of Center; daughter, Connie Hatton of Greeley, CO; brother, Stone Martindale of Jasper; sister, Edna Thompson of Houston; seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Florence Mantooth Courtney

Funeral services for Florence Mantooth Courtney, 93, of Rockland were held Nov. 3, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Tom Owen and Brother Steve Benthall officiating. Burial followed at Wheeler Cemetery in Polk County.

Visitation was held Nov. 2, 1997 from 5 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Courtney died November 1, 1997 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Wakefield, Texas, she lived in Corrigan most of her life before moving to Rockland 10 years ago. She was a member of the Rockland Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Diamond and Elroy Wilson of Coldspring; daughters, Odessa Henderson of Rockland and Evelyn Allbright of Rockland; son and daughter-in-law, J.T. and Doris Courtney of Splendora; 11 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Elton Ray Wilson, Bryan Henderson, Wayne Courtney, Terry Courtney, Chris Courtney, Roy Tompkins, Danny
Bridges, and Tommy Courtney.
 Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Yvonne Peel**

Yvonne Peel, 79, of Houston, died Monday, October 27, 1997 in Houston.
 Funeral services will be Thursday, October 30th at 10:30 in the Earthman Resthaven Chapel, Houston, Texas, with a 2:30 p.m. graveside service at Allison Cemetery near Warren, Texas under the direction of Earthman Funeral Home of Houston.
 Serving as pallbearers will be Robert Teltschik, Cal Froberg, Jeff Sandridge, Steve Brodie, Joe Peel, and Charles Pollock.
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Byrd Murray Peel. She is survived by her son, Joe Howard Peel of Houston; daughter, Amanda Sue Pollock of Spring; sister, Jo Francis Malone of Boise, Idaho; brother, Homer Taylor, Jr. of Tyler; and three grandchildren.
 Local arrangements under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Ann Morgan**

Ann Morgan, 71, of Woodville, died Wednesday, October 29, 1997 at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.
 Cremation services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville. A memorial reception will be held on Sunday Nov. 9, 1997 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Highlander Restaurant in Woodville.
 She was a native of Middletown, Ohio and had lived in Woodville since 1996 having come from Baytown. She had served as a volunteer with the Methodist Hospital Volunteer Service Corp for over thirty-two years.
 She is survived by her husband of fifty years, Walter Morgan of Woodville; two sons, Peter Avery Morgan of Geneva, Illinois, and John Maxwell Morgan of Crosby; daughter, Barbara Ann Morgan of Woodville; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Willie Lucy Bingham Cantrell**

Funeral service for Willie Lucy Bingham Cantrell, 83, of Angleton, Texas was held Oct. 30, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. at Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger, Texas with Rev. James B. Jones officiating. Visitation was held October 29,1997 from 5 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.
 Mrs. Cantrell died Oct. 28, 1997 at the Alvin Convalescent Center in Alvin, Texas.
 A native and lifelong resident of Spurger, she lived in the Houston area several years.
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Riley E. Cantrell in 1997.
 Survivors include her niece, Marjorie Breeeland of Houston; brothers, M.L. Bingham of Spurger and T.C. Bingham of Houston; sister, Rachael Odom of Kirbyville; and sister-in-law, Barbara Cantrell of Angleton.
 Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Jose Luis Cordero, Sr.**

Jose Luis Cordero, Sr. 77, of Woodville, Texas died Saturday, Oct. 25, 1997 at his residence.
 Funeral services were Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Deacon Paul Rachal. Serving as pallbearers were Jose L. Cordero, Jr., Rafael A. Cordero, Carlos Cordero, and John McCaw.
 He was a native of Ponce, Puerto Rico and was a long time resident of Woodville. He was retired as an employment counselor with the Texas Employment Commission and was a member of the Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church.
 He is survived by his wife, Carmen A. Cordero of Woodville; sons and daughters-in-law, Jose L. and Debbie Cordero, Jr., Rafael A. and Ellen Cordero all of Spring, and Carlos M. and Cindy Cordero of Nashville, TN.; daughters and son-in-law, Carmen C. and John McCaw and Teresa C. Jones all of Garden Ridge, TX; and eleven grandchildren.
 Memorials may be made to the Tyler County
Rosie M. Johnson

Funeral services for Rosie M. Johnson, 85, of Woodville, Texas were held October 22, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. Durl Patrick officiating. Burial was held at Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Oct. 21, 1997 from 5 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Johnson died October 20 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

A native of Gonzales, Texas she lived in Nederland 25 years before moving to Woodville 36 years ago. She was a retired school cafeteria worker.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ludy O. Johnson in 1971 and a son, Thomas O. Johnson in 1972.

She is survived by her daughter, Betty Alegre of Woodville and a son William Johnson of Bridge City; 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Butch Alegre, Lee Alegree, Terry Hogue, Keith Sanders, Mike Johnson, and Lucus Alegre.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jewell Humble

Funeral services for Jewell Humble, 87, of Warren were held October 23, 1997 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. Bill Fabriguze and Bro. Bobby Hoffpauri officiating. Burial was held at Allison Cemetery in Warren. Visitation was held Oct. 21, 1997 from noon until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Humble died October 20, 1997 at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

A native of Gonzales, Texas she lived in Nederland 25 years before moving to Woodville 36 years ago. She was a retired school cafeteria worker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas and May of Phoenix City, Alabama and a son, Harold Humble of Port Arthur. Sisters, Jimmie Neal of Warren, Dannie Lee Toney of Lumberton and Ruth Heufelder of Pasadena; sister-in-law, Ollie Raimer of Warren, 8 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were David Humble, Dennis Parrish, Don Rice, Ed Walters, Dean Walters, and Larry L. Neal.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Bess C. Sims

Funeral Services for Bess C. Sims, 92, of Gladewater, Texas will be held October 29, 1997 at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Huntington with Rev. Sam Thomas officiating. Burial will follow at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville under the direction of Croley Funeral Home of Gladewater, Texas.

Mrs. Sims died October 26 at Gladewater Nursing Home.

A native of Colmesneil, she lived in Huntington before moving to Gladewater four years ago. She was a retired school teacher for Huntington I.S.D. and Lufkin I.S.D. with 47 years of service. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Huntington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest B. Sims in 1986.

She is survived by a nephew and niece, William A. and Martha Harrison of Mission, Texas; niece and nephew, Ann H. and Dick Brownan of Gladewater; and a niece, Mary Elenor Bokar of Blythe, California; numerous great nieces and nephews.

Local arrangements are handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Maxie Mae Paul

Maxie Mae Paul, 62, of Spurger, Texas died Monday October 20, 1997 at her residence.
Graveside services were Friday, October 24 at Turner’s Branch Cemetery in Spurger under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the service was Pastor Shannon Kilpatrick.
Visitation was held on Thursday Oct. 23, 1997 from 4 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.
She had lived in Spurger for the past twenty-six years having come from Charleston, South Carolina.
She is survived by her husband Louis B. Paul of Spurger; son, Tom Paul of Dallas, GA; daughters, Susie Adams of Lumberton, and Janet Landers of Silsbee; brother, Danny Evans of Pamplico, SC; sisters Zula Craven of Summerville, SC, Roxie Mae Fuller of Swansea, SC, Violet Martin of Aiken, SC, and Verba Bolen of Windsor, SC; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House. Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ola Vivian Kirkland Dickens

Funeral Services for Ola “Aunt Jack” Vivian Kirkland Dickens, 95, of Woodville were held Oct. 21, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. J.T. Riley and Bro. Lester Mitchell officiating. Burial followed at Midway Cemetery in Polk County.
Mrs. Dickens died October 19, 1997 at her residence in Woodville.
A native of Tyler County, she lived in Woodville most of her life.
She was preceded in death by her husband, William Ernest Dickens in 1953; daughter, Juanita Lamb Adams in 1977 and a son, William Ernest Dickens, Jr.
Survivors include her daughter, Eddie Vivian Gambell of San Antonio; daughter and son-in-law Betty Jean and John Freeman of Pasadena; brother, Alfis Kirkland of Silsbee and Carl Dicklens of Livingston; sisters-in-law, Edna Dickens of Midway, Faye Kirkland of Colmesneil, Gertie Kirkland of Campground; 9 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Numerous nieces and nephews.
Pallbearers were Greg Freeman, Mike Freeman, Barry Saloman, Buddy Brashear, Bobby Goodale, Tom Braudt, and Kevin Babcock.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Bessie Gore Sheffield

Bessie Gore Sheffield, 90, of Nederland, Texas died Thursday, Oct. 16 at Mid-Jefferson Hospital in Nederland. She was a native of Caney Head (Hardin County), Texas and lived in Nederland for 60 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Nederland.
Funeral services were held on Oct. 18, 1997 at the Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland with Rev. Bobby Dagnel officiating. Graveside services were held on Saturday, Oct. 18, 1997 at Franks Branch Cemetery in Fred with Bro. B. Crawford officiating. Visitation was held on Friday at the Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland.
She was preceded in death by her husband Quinton A. Sheffield.
She is survived by daughter, Mary Jo Coody of Nederland; a son, Westley C. Sheffield of Nederland; brother, Doyce W. Gore of Nederland, 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.
Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Paul Wayne Stevenson

Paul Wayne Stevenson, 56, died Saturday, October 11, 1997, at his residence in Corpus Christi, Texas.
Memorial services were held Saturday, October 18 at Memorial Seaside Funeral Home in Corpus Christi.
Mr. Stevenson was born June 9, 1941, in Irving, Texas. He was a veteran of the Naval Forces and a graduate of Texas A&M University.
Mr. Stevenson was preceded in death by his
parents, Pete and Sally Stevenson. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law Don and Gail Stevenson of Huntington, nephew Garrett Stevenson, of LeMoore, CA.; niece, Paige Stevenson, of Huntington; and one great-nephew Gavin Stevenson of LeMore, CA.

Marguerite Inez Blount

Marguerite Inez “Pine” Blount, 83, of Woodville, died Wednesday, October 15, 1997 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Friday Oct. 17, 1997 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Johnny Hensarling, Robert Hensarling, Terry Hensarling, Steven Bell, Rodney Bendy, and Jason Bendy. Honorary pallbearers were Jarod Hensarling, Joe Hensarling, and Ray Bell.

She was a native of Winnie and a long time resident of Woodville having come from Silsbee. She had worked as a clerk in the White House Department Store in Beaumont and Tolar Grocery Store in Woodville. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her daughters, Doris Hensarling of Woodville, and Joyce Bell of El Cajon, CA; sister, Marie Fowler of Spring; six grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

John Vernon Urrey, Jr.

John Vernon Urrey, Jr., 76, died on October 15, 1997 at his residence in Woodville. Funeral services were held on October 18, 1997 at Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel in Beaumont with burial at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Urrey was a native of New Willard, Texas and a retired construction electrician.

He is survived by one son, Dexter Franks of Silsbee; two daughters Vickie Jean Riggs of Merryville, LA and Geri Lynn Hayes of Crystal Beach; a sister, Faye Urrey Mach of Katy, Texas.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Harvey Lee Riley

Harvey Lee Riley, 84 year old resident of Gentry, died Monday, October 20, 1997 in Gentry. Born August 10, 1913, in Highfill, Arkansas, he was the son of Henry Riley and Nora Ennis Riley. Mr. Riley was retired from the U.S. Army and from Chevron Oil Company. He had been a resident of Gentry the past 6 years, having moved to Gentry from Woodville. He was a veteran of World War II. Mr. Riley was affiliated with the First Baptist Church in Gentry.

Survivors include his wife, Drusilla; three sons, Marvin Riley of Springtown, Arkansas; Gary Riley of Post Falls, Idaho; Terry Riley of Caddo Mills, Texas; three daughters, Loretta Riley and June Myers, both of Woodville, Earlane Hendrix of Gentry; two brothers, Ervin Riley of Gentry and Leonard Riley of Longview; one sister, Lorraine Lemke of Hayward, California; 19 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

A visitation will be held Thursday, October 23, 1997 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wasson Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Friday, October 24 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Gentry with Rev. Bill Melton officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery with services under the direction of Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

James Monroe Sylestine

Funeral services for James “Running Rabbit” Monroe Sylestine, 82, of the Indian Reservation were held November 24, 1997 at the Indian Presbyterian Church with Rev. Milton Williams officiating. Burial was held at the Indian Reservation Cemetery. Visitation was held Nov. 23, 1997 from 12 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Sylestine died November 21, 1997 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A native and lifelong resident of the Indian Reservation, he was a retired logger for Champion. He was a member of the Indian Presbyterian
Church and a World War II Army veteran. He sang with the Indian Gospel Quartet and loved sports. VFW Post 868 of Livingston presented the flag to the family.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Haskell B. and Karen Sylestine of Livingston; sister, Sue Duhon of Livingston; 2 step-grandchildren, Joey Colon and Christ Sifuentes; and 1 step great-grandchild, Cody Colon.

Pallbearers were Don Sylestine, Reggie Sylestine, Frank Sylestine, Lyndon Alec, Eric Poncho and Justin Poncho.

Honorary pallbearers were Thomas Foster, Fredrick Alec, Howard Lilly, Cecil Alec, Jr., William Sylestine, Armon Sylestine, Travis Sylestine, Kevin Battise, Larry Langley, Marian Poncho, Curley Robinson, Kent Dickens, Needham Poncho, and Darrell Battise.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Nora Vergie Alford Lee**

Funeral services for Nora Vergie Alford Lee, 95, of Woodville, Texas were held November 20, 1997 at 11 a.m. at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester with Bro. Steve Benthall officiating.

Mrs. Lee died November 19, 1997 at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

A native of Soda, she lived in Camden before moving to Woodville 28 years ago.

She is survived by her brother, Johnie Alford of Port Arthur; niece, Beatrice Lee of Woodville; several great nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Circy B. Dainwood**

Funeral services for Circy B. Dainwood, 84, of Town Bluff, Texas were held Nov. 22, 1997 at 10 a.m. in Town Bluff with Bro. Dan Magee officiating.

Burial followed at Antioch Cemetery in Buna.

Visitation was held Nov. 21 from 3 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Dainwood died November 20, 1997 at Sisters of Charity Hospital in Jasper.

A native of Fairdale, he lived in Nederland before moving to Town Bluff 19 years ago. He was retired laboratory technician for Union Oil in Nederland and he was a member of Fairview Baptist Church in Town Bluff.

Survivors include his wife, Irene N. Dainwood of Town Bluff; 2 nieces and 3 nephews.

**Arvie Annie Minyard Rawls**

Funeral services for Arvie Anne Minyard Rawls, 98, of Jasper were held on Thursday, November 20, 1997, in the Beech Grove Baptist Church, with burial to follow in Smith Cemetery near Jasper. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Lakes Area Hospice.

Mrs. Rawls died Tuesday, Nov. 18 at Jasper Convalescent Center. She was a native of Tyler County and a long-time Jasper County resident. She was a member of the Jasper Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. She was formerly the owner and operator of the Beech Grove Grocery and Post Office.

She is survived by sisters; Vay Allison of Jasper, and Artie Dean of Woodville; grandchildren, Alden Kimmey of Cedar Hills, Texas, Dana Kimmey of Pearland, Hilda McLeod and Dianne Seale both of Jasper, 8 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great-grandchildren. Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

**Bernice Henry Mott**

Funeral services for Bernice “Red” Henry Mott, 75, were held Nov. 23, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Walter Ray Cowart officiating.

Masonic rites were held at the funeral home by the Snow River Lodge #385 in Spurger, Texas. Burial followed at Concord Cemetery near Zavalla. Mr. Mott died Nov. 20, 1997 at his residence. A native of Zavalla, he lived in Spurger, Texas most of his life. He was a retired pipe fitter for Mobil Oil and a WW II Navy veteran.

Survivors include his daughter, Brenda Joyce Lankford of Spurger; son, Bernice Charles Mott of...
Josiah Wheat

Josiah Wheat, 68, died Wednesday, Nov. 19 in Laredo, Texas. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, 1997 at the Woodville United Methodist Church with Rev. Rick Eifert and Dr. Raymond Parker officiating. Burial was held in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Wheat was born in Woodville, where he lived until 1996. He received his law degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1952 and was a member of the Texas Bar Association and the American Bar Association until his death. He was a partner at Wheat and Stafford Law Firm until 1983 and of Counsel to Wheat, Stafford and Allison until 1991. Among his activities were legal counsel, Texas Water Quality Board; Sam Houston Electric Coop; General Counsel, Lower Neches Valley Authority; City Attorney, City of Woodville; County Judge, Tyler County. He was a partner at Wheat Abstract/Woodville Abstract and Title; The Timber Co.; Director, August C. Richter Inc. at Laredo; Director of Citizens State Bank; Trustee Goolsbee Mineral Trust and Wheat Mineral Trust.

Mr. Wheat was appointed to the National Water Commission by President Richard Nixon. He was a member of the Advisory Council of the Astronomy Department and the McDonald Observatory, University of Texas. He was a member of the Executive Committee for the University of Texas Centennial Commission and member of the Administrative Board for the Texas Ex-Student Association.

Mr. Wheat served as President of the State Bar of Texas, 1969-1970, and served on the seven member board of the American Bar Association House of Delegates. He is also Past President of Deep East Texas Council of Government. He was a Mason of the York and Scottish Rites, 32nd Degree and of the Red Cross of Constantine.

He is survived by his wife, Glendale Richter Wheat and four children, Julia Wheat Roberts of Amarillo, Elizabeth Wheat Seale of Jasper, Josiah Wheat, Jr. of Beaumont and Jennifer Wheat Parjseau of Trophy Club. He also is survived by six grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be sent to a favorite charity.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ermie Gordon Norman

Funeral service for Ermie Gordon Norman, 44, of Silsbee, Texas was held Nov. 5, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Chapel In The Pines Pentecostal Church in Fred with Rev. Elmer Eddings and Bro. John Spanhanks officiating. Burial was held at Fred Community Cemetery in Fred, Texas.

Visitation was held November 3 and November 4, 1997 at the church.

Mrs. Norman died November 2, 1997 at her residence in Silsbee.

A native of Silsbee, she lived in Silsbee most of her life. She was a member of the Chapel In The Pines Pentecostal Church in Fred, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Bessie Mae Gordon; both hers, Herman Gordon, Truman Gordon, and James Merle Gordon.

She is survived by her father and step-mother, James and Ellan Gordon of Silsbee; son, James Albert Gordon of Silsbee; daughter, Gloria Diane Caraway of Silsbee; three sisters, Vivian Gordon McGallion of Silsbee, Emily Gordon Jones of Fred and Ann Gordon Willis of Spurger; four grandchildren, three nephews and five nieces.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Agnes Mildred Cramer

Funeral services were held Nov. 1, 1997 for Agnes Mildred Cramer of Dam B. She was born November 14, 1909 in Linden, Texas and passed
away October 28, 1997. Interment and graveside rites were held at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas.

Mrs. Cramer lived in Port Arthur for 35 years before moving to Dam B. She and her husband John, owned a bait shop and service station called Cramer’s Corner. She was a faithful member of Fairview Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband John M. Cramer and sister Mabel Trusty.

Survivors include her children, Jeanette and Claiborne Wagner, Ethel Ann and Jake Ledbetter, Jo Ellen and Joe Nicholson; loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister Grace Johnson; brother, Warren B. Steed; numerous nieces, nephews and beloved friends.

George Rob McCuen

Funeral service for George Rob McCuen, 76, of Warren was held Sunday, November 9, 1997 at 12 noon at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Mr. McCuen died November 7, 1997 from injuries received in an auto accident near Lufkin.

A native of Paris, Texas he lived most of his life in Baytown before moving to Warren 20 years ago. He was a retired operator for Quantrum Chemical Co. in Deer Park, Texas, and he was, a WW II veteran. He was a vendor at Ferguson’s Flea Market.

He is survived by his son, Ron McCuen of Humble; daughter, Jill Guerrero of Houston; granddaughter, Jenny Snow Ackerman of Houston and a great-granddaughter, Mina Ackerman of Houston.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Inez Platt

Funeral service for Inez “Baw Baw” Platt, 88, of Woodville was held November 10, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Adkisson officiating. Burial was held at Midway Cemetery in Polk County. Visitation was held November 9, 1997 from 3 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Platt died November 8, 1997 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

She is survived by her son, M.L. Platt of Vidor; daughters, Joyce Feagin of Refugio and Gloria Coplen of Woodville; nine grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.


Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Vernon Ray McKee

Funeral services for Vernon “Monk” Ray McKee, 77, of Colmesneil, Texas were held November 11, 1997 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Rev. W.C. Haynes officiating. Burial was held at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil. Visitation was held November 10, 1997 from 4 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. McKee died November 8, 1997 at his residence in Colmesneil.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Colmesneil. He was a retired leadman for Keller Industries and a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Burrell...
McKee of Colmesneil; brothers, Dan McKee of Livingston and Curtis McKee of Warren. Numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Jerry Provost, Kenneth McKee, James Ferguson, Kevin McKee, Casey McKee, Clancy McKee and Anthony Provost.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Raymond Lee Mahaffey

Funeral service for Raymond Lee Mahaffey, 72, of Bryan, Texas was held November 5, 1997 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Rev. Guy Broadway officiating. Masonic services were held immediately following the service at the funeral home. Burial was held at Midway Cemetery in Polk County. Visitation was held November 4, 1997 from 4 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Mahaffey died November 3, 1997 at Columbia Medical Center in Bryan, Texas. Born September 15, 1925 in Chester, he lived in Houston most of his life before moving to Bryan seven years ago. He was a retired insurance agent.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert A. Mahaffey and Jesse Mahaffey; sister, Virginia Hill and brother, Lloyd Mahaffey.

He is survived by his wife, Ora Dell McAlister Mahaffey; daughter, Judy Broadway of Waco; daughter and son-in-law, Paulette and Carl Ruffino of Bryan; grandchildren, Brian Broadway and fiancé, Dana Wadsworth, Annette and Russell Taylor and Shelby Willis; great-grandchildren, Gavin Taylor, Trevor Taylor and Roseanne Brandreth.

Pallbearers were Buddy McAlister, Russell Taylor, Brian Broadway, Tim Parker, Larry Mahaffey and Wayne Mahaffey.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ermie Gordon Norman

Funeral service for Ermie Gordon Norman, 44, of Silsbee, Texas was held November 5, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Chapel In The Pines Pentecostal Church in Fred with Rev. Elmer Eddings and Bro. John Spanhanks officiating. Burial was held at Fred Community Cemetery. Visitation was held November 3 and November 4, 1997 at the church.

Mrs. Norman died November 2, 1997 at her residence in Silsbee.

A native of Silsbee, she lived in Silsbee most of her life. She was a member of the Chapel In The Pines Pentecostal Church in Fred, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Bessie Mae Gordon; brothers, Herman Gordon, Truman Gordon, and James Merle Gordon.

She is survived by her father and step-mother, James and Ellan Gordon of Silsbee; son, James Albert Gordon of Silsbee; daughter, Gloria Diane Caraway of Silsbee; three sisters, Vivian Gordon McGallion of Silsbee, Emily Gordon Jones of Fred and Ann Gordon Willis of Spurger; four grandchildren, three nephews and five nieces.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

John Wesley Grant


Funeral services were held Monday November 17, 1997 at 4 p.m. at Allison Funeral Service, Inc. in Liberty, with burial at Elk Mont Cemetery inside the Great Smokey Mountains National Park.

He was born September 11, 1915 in LaFolette, Tennessee. He served twenty-five years in the Navy as a decorated officer and retired in 1957. During WW II he served under Admirals Nimitz and Halsey. At the end of the war he graduated from the Naval Justice School and went on to head the Naval Procurement office and prior to retirement from the Navy he taught at Texas A&M. He was a lifetime member of the Livingston VFW and American Legion. After the Navy he went on to a career as a personnel officer for Asarco in Corpus Christi, Texas, retiring in 1976.

He was preceded in death by his loving daughter Letitia Jane Maddox.

Survivors include: Wife; Othello Grant of Hillister, Texas; Daughters; Regina Aileen Hayek of Corpus Christi, TX., Paula Jo Grant Landry of
Houston, Texas; grandchildren, Joseph Michael Peel, Rebecca Turner, Susie Hayek and Catherine Hayek.

**Myron Sain**

Graveside service for Myron Sain, 87, of Woodville, Texas was held November 13, 1997 at 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville with Dr. Raymond Parker officiating. Visitation was held November 12 from 1 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sain died November 11, 1997 at the Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

A native of Trinity, she lived in Jefferson County 42 years before moving to Woodville in 1976. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, T.A. Sain in 1982.

She is survived by her daughters, Marie Sain Rushing of Groves and Susan Drebert of Las Vegas, Nevada; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Lula Mae Landis Bailey**

Funeral service for Lula Mae Landis Bailey, 87, of Warren, Texas was held Nov. 12, 1997 at 4 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. Bill Fabriguze and Bo. Bobby Hoffpauir officiating. A graveside service was held Nov. 13, 1997 at 1 p.m. at Judson Cemetery near Athens, Texas with Bro. Hoffpauir officiating. Visitation was held Nov. 11, 1997 from 4 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Bailey died November 10, 1997 at the Tyler County Hospital.

She lived in Athens most of her life. She lived in Beaumont 24 years before moving to Woodville one year ago. She was a retired LVN and a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Warren.

She is survived by her daughters; Marie Tennison of Silsbee, Fay Carter of Warren, Mary Feener of Gloucester, Mass., Jeannie Grinnell of Houston; sons, Arthur George Bailey of Longview and David Bailey of Rainbow City, Ala.; half sisters, Nora Williams and Victoria Chapman both of Murchison, Jane Rektor and Frances Burch both of Athens; step-sisters, Ellaree Rector and Zue Hawley both of Athens; 17 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**James Carl Bingham**

Funeral service for James Carl Bingham, 78, of Spurger, Texas was held Nov. 18, 1997 at 3 p.m. at Beech Creek Baptist Church in Spurger with Bro. Robert McClelland officiating. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery. Visitation was held Nov. 17, 1997 from noon until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Bingham died Nov. 16, 1997 at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

A native and lifelong resident of Spurger he was a retired heavy equipment mechanic for Owens Illinois. He was a Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife; Jewel White Bingham of Spurger; son, Gene Bingham of Orangefield; son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Lorelei Bingham of Spurger; step-sons, Bob Jordan and Dale Jordan both of Spurger; step-daughter, Darlene and husband Ralph Shillings of Spurger; brother, George Bingham of Spurger; sister, Eva Swearingen of Spurger; 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James Bingham, Richard Bingham, Robert Swearingen, Frank Poole, Sam Zucker and Eddie Jordan.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Wendel Harvey Hoy**

Wendel Harvey Hoy, 58, of Woodville, Texas died Nov. 14, 1997 at her residence.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Cremation was under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Broadus, Texas she lived in Mid-County before moving to Woodville 3 years ago.
Survivors include her husband: James J. Hoy of Woodville; daughters: Robin Garcia and Lisa Alvis both of Nederland, and Jana Champagne of Tulsa, Oklahoma; sons: Wayne Smith and James Hoy, Jr. both of Alvin; sisters: Louise Stokes of Llano, Jackie Bolton of Alvin, Bonnie Turner of Rosharon, Bettie Cash of Orange and Sherry Rushing of Dam B; brother: Robert Earl Harvey of Victoria and six grandchildren.

James Thomas Lee II

Funeral service for James Thomas Lee II, 47, of Woodville, Texas was held Nov. 15, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. Jerry Kelley officiating. An additional service was held Nov. 16, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Cottle Funeral Home in Troup, Texas with Bro. Carl Bilderback officiating. A Masonic graveside service was held at Pinecrest Cemetery in Troup. Visitation was held Nov. 13 and 14, 1997 at the funeral home.

A native of Troup, he lived most of his life there before moving to Woodville in 1981. He was a correctional officer for the Gib Lewis Unit in Woodville. He was a member of the Bullard Masonic Lodge #785 and the Wildwood and Dogwood Hills Golf Association. He was a member of The First Baptist Church in Troup, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Thomas Lee in 1994.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Lee of Woodville; daughter, Kristi Lee of Troup; mother, Faye Rankin Lee of Troup; step-daughters: Amber Crosby of Woodville, Leslie Bynum of Silsbee and Robyn Hensley of Vidor; sister, Glenda Johnston of Shreveport, LA.; three step-grandchildren and one niece.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Kenneth Wayne Savoy

A memorial service for Kenneth Wayne Savoy, 46, of Port Arthur, Texas will be held November 21, 1997 at Our Lady In the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville at 10:30 a.m.

A native of Port Arthur, he lived in the Port Arthur area most of his life. He was a self-employed hair stylist.

He is survived by his parents, Mr and Mrs. C.J. Savoy of Woodville; sisters and brothers-in-law: Pat and Curtis Breaux of Port Neches, Connie and John Abshire of Port Arthur and Vickie and Bruce Kilchrist of Beaumont; sister, Cindy Richardson of San Antonio; nephews: Dwayne and wife Lisa Breaux of La Belle, Steven and wife Nicki Breaux of Clear Lake, Jeremy Abshire and Julian Abshire both of Port Arthur; great nephew, Alex Breaux; great nieces, Lauren and Kayle Breaux.

Memorial service is under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Donald Lee Powers

A graveside service for Donald Lee Powers, 53, of Woodville was held Nov. 12, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville with Bro. Robert Smith officiating. Visitation was held Nov. 11, 1997 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Powers died November 10, 1997 at the V.A. Hospital in Houston.

A native of Port Arthur, he lived in Woodville most of his life. He was a retired Police Officer for Wedowee, AL. Police Department. He was a member of the American Legion VFW Post #1857 and a Navy veteran.

He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-laws: Tina L. and Billy Turner of Woodville, Gina L. and James Kayser of Woodville and Teresa L. and David Gehrts of Jasper; son and fiancé, Donald M. Powers and Carol of Woodville; sisters: Rita Deal of Kingston, OK. Bula Provost of Silsbee, Lola Duda of Port Arthur; brother, Tommy Powers of Kimberling City, MO. and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bob Borel, Claude Gulley, Lynn Shane, Jr., Adrian Van Pellen, Phillip Waller, Bo Stafford, B.A. Smith, Michael Allen Provost, Jim Deal and David Deal. Honorary Pallbearers were Michael Greaff and John Greenwood.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Annie Maude Lively Levins

Annie Maude Lively Levins, 79, of Nederland, Texas died Nov. 14 at Doctors Hospital in Groves. Funeral was held at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 16, 1997 at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Nederland with a graveside service at 3:30 p.m. at Turner’s Branch Cemetery in Spurger under the direction of Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland.

A native of Anderson County, she was a longtime resident of Nederland.

Survivors include her daughter, Sandra Joan Stelly of Lawtell, LA.; son, Don Leon Levins of Lott; brothers: T.D. Lively and E.D. Lively, both of Nederland; sister, Pearl Edgar of Nederland; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

R.E. Collier


Funeral services were Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Bro. Jim Sliger, pastor of Woodland Baptist Church in Beaumont. Serving as pallbearers were Perry Collier, Perry Griffith, Malcolm Collier, Spencer Stevens, Derek Shakour, and Floyd Smith.

Visitation was held at the funeral home on Monday, Nov. 17, 1997 from 7 - 9 p.m.

He was a native of Silsbee and former resident of Woodville and Timpson. He had lived in Beaumont for the past nine years. He was retired from McLaury Company and was the former owner of Collier Refrigeration Company. He was a Master Mason of Lodge K in Rotherell and a member of the Woodland Baptist Church.

He is survived by his son, Wayne Allen Best of Carlsbad, California; daughter, Jeannie Shakour of Beaumont; several grandchildren, several great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lola B. Nugent Malina

Lola B. Nugent Malina, born March 8, 1938, at Colmesneil, Texas, and passed away November 15, 1997 at Memorial Northwest Hospital, Houston, Texas, at the age of 59 years, 7 months and 11 days. She was a member of Beaumont Assembly No. 81, Social Order of the Beauceant, SPIST Lodge NO. 88, and a member of St. Giles Presbyterian Church. She was a 1956 graduate of Colmesneil High School. Lola is survived by her husband, W.J. “Bill” Malina; two daughters: Cindy Burnitt, and Sandy Eddins; three granddaughters: Jamie Bloxom, Debbie Eddins, Kristen Eddins; one grandson, Travis Eddins; four brothers: Jesse Nugent, Jr., Earl Nugent, John H. Nugent, Jim Nugent and a host of friends. Family will receive friends from 7 - 9 p.m., Tuesday, November 18, 1997 at Woodlawn Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 19, 1997, Woodlawn Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Allan C. Anderson, officiating. Interment Woodlawn Garden of Memories.

Era Clark Pittman

Era Clark Pittman, 97, of Beaumont, Texas died at Schesingers in Beaumont on November 27, 1997. Funeral services were held on November 28 at the Forest Oaks Chapel in Jasper, Texas with interment services following at the Zion Hill Cemetery near Jasper.

A native of Jasper, she lived in Woodville for about 45 years before moving to Beaumont recently.

Survivors include her sister Doris Erwin of Rosenberg, Texas as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Deborah Harris Compeau Thomason

Deborah Harris Compeau Thomason, 61, of Huntington, Texas died Friday, November 28, 1997 at Memorial Medical Center in Lufkin, Texas.

Graveside services were Sunday, Nov. 30, 1997 at 2 p.m. in the Colmesneil Cemetery under
the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services was Bro. Grady Hopkins.

Ms. Thomason was a native of Garret, a former resident of Long Beach, CA., and was a long time resident of Huntington. She had worked with Brookshire Brothers in Huntington as a stock manager.

She is survived by her son, Delbert C. Dawes of Humble; three grand-daughters; and one great-grandson.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Vera Lucille Chambless**

Vera Lucille Chambless, 85, of Santa Fe, passed away Tuesday, November 25, 1997 at her daughter’s residence in Santa Fe.

A funeral service was held on Friday, November 28, 1997 at New Shiloh Baptist Church in Woodville. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Chambless was born August 13, 1912 in Belton, Texas. She was a retired homemaker, a member of the Baptist faith and a resident of Woodville for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lewis B. Chambless.

She is survived by her daughter, Wanda Christine Melott of Santa Fe; granddaughter, Kathleen Michelle Guindon and her husband Keith of Santa Fe; grandson, Keith Allen Primm of Mississippi; great-grandchildren, Nicholas Lewis Gutierrez, Derrick Cole Gutierrez and Gregory John Guindon.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren and grandson-in-law.

**Minnie A. Runnels**

Funeral services for Minnie A. Runnels, 93, of Colmesneil, Texas were held November 26, 1997 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Dr. Raymond Parker officiating. Burial followed at Mann Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Mrs. Runnels died November 24, 1997 at Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home. She was a native and life long resident of Tyler County.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Elmer and Pauline Ewings of Doucette, daughter and son-in-law Irene and Adrian Tucker of Doucette; step-daughter Beatrice Odom of Baytown; daughter-in-law Dixie Ewings of Woodville; sister Linnie Mae Gillespie of Woodville, six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Doyle K. Tucker, Ronnie Tucker, Kenneth Ewings, Tony Wisenbaker, Robert E. Wisenbaker, and James Ewings.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Leonard Johnston**

Leonard Johnston, 73, of Friendswood, Texas died Saturday, December 20, 1997 at The Woodlands.

Funeral services were Monday, December 22, 1997 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Bro. David Dye. Serving as pallbearers were Lester Earl Johnston, Bruce Johnston, Charlie Jenkins, Jessie Walker Johnston, Charles Jenkins, Donnie Cain, and John Cain.

Mr. Johnston was a native of Tyler County and had lived in Friendswood for the past ten years having come from Houston. He was retired from the U.S. Army & Reserves and was a Army Korean Conflict veteran. The honors of the flag were conferred upon the family by members of the Military Honors Team of Fort Polk for his service in the Army.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Leonard and Terry Johnston, Jr. of Livingston; daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Rev. Dan Hannon of The Woodlands, and Betty and Larry Williams of Jasper; brother, Walker E. Johnston of Onalaska; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services under the direction of Stringer &
B.J. Alexander


Funeral services were Thursday, December 18, 1997 at 11 a.m. in the End Time Full Gospel Church near Dam B with burial in Village Mills Cemetery in Village Mills, Texas under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services was Bro. Tommy Cunningham, pastor of End Time Full Gospel Church.

Serving as pallbearers were Paul Loftin, Jason McAuliffe, Joe Malley, Charles Smith, Charles Keel, and Robert Danner.

B.J. was a native of Galveston and had lived in Woodville for the past six months having come from Beaumont. He was a seventh grade student at Woodville Middle School.

He is survived by his mother and step-father Shirley and Roy Culpepper of Woodville; father, Gary Alexander of Beaumont; grandmothers Yvonne Keel, Alma Jordan, and Peggy Culpepper; sisters, Mindy Culpepper of Woodville, and Peggy D. Culpepper of Town Bluff; brothers Gary Alexander and Troy Culpepper both of Woodville; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Virginia Louise Tolar

Funeral services for Virginia Louise Tolar, 76, of Warren, Texas were held December 17, 1997 at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Woodville with Rev. Walter P. Snyder officiating and organist and soloist Jan Wilson. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Mrs. Tolar died December 14, 1997 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A native of Security, Texas, she lived in Channelview and Port Arthur before moving to Warren 28 years ago. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Woodville.

Survivors include her husband, James “J.L.” L. Tolar of Warren; daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Sam Brocato of Warren; step-daughter and son-in-law, Fayvetta and Herbert Phillips of Beaumont; eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were David A. Ashworth, Craig Brocato, Jay Brocato, Barry Cutrer, Mike Brocato, and Martin

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lester Worth Moore

Funeral services for Lester Worth Moore, 65, of Woodville, Texas were held December 19, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro Robert Hargrave officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville.

Mr. Moore died December 15, 1997 at his residence in White Tail Ridge near Woodville.

A native of Geggs, OK., he lived in Highlands before moving to Woodville 14 years ago. He was a retired welder for Union Pacific Railroad and he was a WW II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Martha DeVries Moore of Woodville; daughter, Karen Cook of Murphy, N.C.; son, Jon Moore of Highlands; step-son, Donald Goudy, Jr. of Highlands; half brothers, Jessie Phipps of Arkansas, Bobby Phipps of OK., and Paul Phipps of Kerrville; grandchildren, Michelle Updike, Lisa Lockett, Jeremy Clamon, Celeste Goudy, Damon Goudy, and Joshua Moore; step grand-children, Dustin White, Chris Lockett, Ashley Lockett, Jeffery Updike, Brittany Updike, and Elizabeth Updike.

Pallbearers, Clifton H. Vick, Robert Hargrave, Calvin Hough, David Cook, Jimmy Myers, Mike Savag, Sr. James Boney, Marcel Davis, L.W. Hargrave, Sr. Doug H. White, Joe Stringer, and Doug Etheridge.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Trudie Smart McCollum

Funeral services for Trudie “Trudy” Smart McCollum, 81, of Warren were held December 22, 1997 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. Ken Cauthen officiating. Burial followed at Justice Cemetery near Warren.

Mrs. McCollum died December 20, 1997 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home. A native of Fred, she was a lifelong resident of Warren.

She is survived by her daughters Ruby Smith of Dam B and Josephine Overstreet of Warren; sons, Jimmy McCollum of Warren, Gene McCollum of Warren and Elroy David McCollum of Sjilsbee; 17 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ras McCollum, Craig Overstreet, Timmy Joe McCollum, Wesley McCollum, Fletcher McCollum, and Edwin Smith. Honorary pallbearers were James McCollum and Irwin Smith.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Bobby Lee Mangrum

Funeral services for Bobby Lee Mangrum, 66, of Livingston, Texas were held December 22, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. Doug Fisk officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Mr. Mangrum died December 20, 1997 at his residence in Livingston.

A native of Center, he lived most of his life in the Houston area before moving to Livingston 12 years ago. He was a retired supervisor for Williams Bros. Construction in Houston and an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey Nelson Mangrum of Livingston, two sons, Gary Lee Mangrum of Rosharon, and Thomas Mangrum of Livingston; four daughters, Marla Noia of Angleton, Bobbie Longoria of Porter, Carla Mangrum of Livingston and Theresa Bowling of Ardmore, OK.; two step-sons, Roy Pierson of Warren and Jimmy Pierson of Waco; step-mother, Ruth Mangrum of Center; five sisters, Louise Thrailkail, Liz Crutcher, Betty McGowan all of Ft. Worth, Nerine Saxton of Lufkin and Ernestine Smith of San Augustine; half sister, Janice Addison of Center and half brother, Michael Mangrum of Center; 12 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, 9 step-grandchildren and 6 step-great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Pallbearers were James Darrell Mangrum, Ernest Haynes, David Smith, Roy Pierson, Gary Mangrum and Gary Simmons. Honorary pallbearers were Leslie Dubose, James Gore and Johnny Olds.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Brandon Lloyd Mullins

A graveside service for Brandon Lloyd Mullins, 19 months old, was held December 26, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Gardner Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Brandon Lloyd Mullins died December 22, 1997 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of Port Arthur, he lived most of his life in Spurger.

He is survived by his parents, Damon and Jennifer Amy Mullins of Spurger; grandparents, Lloyd and Audrey Mullins of Spurger and Rocky and Pam Miller of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ruby Texas Stidham Pfleider

Funeral services for Ruby Texas Stidham Pfleider, 85, of Woodville, Texas were held December 24, 1997 at 2 p.m. at the Woodville United Methodist Church with Rev. Rick Eifert officiating. Burial was held at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Mrs. Pfleider died December 22, 1997 at her residence in Ivanhoe near Hillister, Texas.

A native of Patton, Texas, she lived in Beaumont before moving to Woodville 25 years ago. She was a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church and a member of the Ivanhoe Civic Club.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Pfleider of Woodville; son Troy Pfleider of Ft.
Nelson, Canada; daughter, Darlene Jenkins of Woodville; sister, Mary Simon of Stowell; three grandsons, Joey Pfeider, John Jenkins, Jr., Steve Jenkins; great-granddaughter; Brandi Pfeider.

Pallbearers were Joey Pfeider, John Jenkins, Jr., Steve Jenkins, H.B. “Bo” Collins, Vernon Irwin, and Wallace Simon.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Owida Audrey Crosby Odom**

Funeral service for Owida “Alice” Audrey Crosby Odom, 72, of Spurger, Texas was held December 26, 1997 at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints in Woodville at 10 a.m. with president Governor Crawford officiating. Burial was held at Town Bluff Cemetery.

Mrs. Odom died December 23, 1997 at her residence in Spurger.

A native of Vidor, she was a life long resident of Tyler County. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Odom of Spurger; sons, Earl Wayne Odom and Milton Odom both of Spurger; daughters, Alice Dale Haralson of Texas City and Marilyn McCabe of Spurger; sisters, Doris Tregaskis of Orem, Utah and Callie Bliss of Wallsville, Utah; brother, Gary Wayne Crosby of Oceanside, California; 16 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Her grandsons served as pallbearers.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Lavern Effie Lord**

Lavern Effie Lord, 83, of Colmesneil, died Wednesday, December 24, 1997 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were Saturday, December 27, 1997 at 1 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Bro. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were Weaver Sadler, Dale Williams, Dave Strickland, Allen Temple, Ray Johnson, Joe Stein, and Hermon Netherland.

Mrs. Lord was a native of Truby, Texas and was a long time resident of Colmesneil having come from Beaumont.

She is survived by her husband, Roy V. Lord of Colmesneil; son and daughter-in-law, Joanne and John Furrer of Dallas; brother, Billy Cyert of Tomball; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Willie David Jerue, Sr.**

Willie David Jerue, Sr. 87, of Woodville, Texas died Dec. 4, 1997 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral was held at 1 p.m. Sunday, December 7, 1997 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville with Masonic graveside services at Magnolia Cemetery under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

A native of Doucette, he lived in Woodville most of his life and was a retired teacher and principal for Warren Independent School District.

Survivors include daughters, Linda Jerue and Gloria McCartney both of Woodville, and Edna Fuller of Stockton, CA; sons, Tommy Jerue of Woodville and Henry Gardner of Amarillo and Roy Jerue, Sr., Charles Jerue and Rufus Farmer, all of Houston, 16 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

**Logan Snider**

Logan Snider, 5, of Colmesneil, Texas died Sunday, December 28, 1997 at his residence.

Funeral services will be Thursday January 1, 1998 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Rev. Ron Davis and Bro. Walter Ray Cowart.

Serving as a pallbearers will be Curtis Pittman, Chester Marshall, Lance Seamans, Justin
Mitcham, Todd Williams, Andy Dean, Brian Clements and Barry Cutrer.

Visitation was held Tuesday, December 30th from 4 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, December 31 from 8 to 9 a.m. at the funeral home. Logan was a life time resident of Colmesneil.

He is survived by his brother, Jake Snider of Colmesneil; grandparents Wesley and Sue Morrell of Zavalla and Bonita Sue and Patrick Lam of Colmesneil, Bill Goldstein of Florida and Patsy Walters of Colmesneil; great-grandparents, Kirby and Betty Grimes and Evie Morrell all of Colmesneil.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ricky Snider

Ricky Snider, 39, of Colmesneil, Texas died Sunday, December 28, 1997 at his residence.

Funeral services will be Thursday, January 1, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Rev. Ron Davis and Bro. Walter Ray Cowart.

Serving as pallbearers will be Curtis Pittman, Chester Marshall, Lance Seamans, Justin Mitcham, Todd Williams, Andy Dean, Brian Clements and Barry Cutrer.

Visitation was held Tuesday, December 30, 1997 from 4 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1997 from 8 to 9 a.m. at the funeral home.

Ricky was a life time resident of Colmesneil. He was a customer service technician with GTE.

He is survived by his son, Jake Snider of Colmesneil; father and step-mother, Wesley and Sue Morrell of Zavalla; mother and step-father Bonita Sue and Patrick Lam of Colmesneil; grandparents, Kirby and Betty Grimes and Evie Morrell all of Colmesneil; brothers, Jesse Hahan of Colmesneil and Phillip Morrell of Zavalla; step brothers, Rodney Lott of Zavalla and Dr. Ronald Lott of Lufkin; sister Mandy Spradlin of Colmesneil.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Tamara Snider

Tamara “Tammy” Snider, 32, of Colmesneil, Texas died Sunday, December 28, 1997 at her residence.

Funeral services will be Thursday, January 1, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Rev. Ron Davis and Bro. Walter Ray Cowart.

Serving as pallbearers will be Curtis Pittman, Chester Marshall, Lance Seamans, Justin Mitcham, Todd Williams, Andy Dean, Brian Clements and Barry Cutrer.

Visitation was held Tuesday, December 30, 1997 from 4 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, December 31, 1997 from 8 to 9 a.m. at the funeral home.

Tammy was a life time resident of Colmesneil. She was a registered nurse with East Texas Home Health Care.

She is survived by her son, Jake Snider of Colmesneil; father and step-mother, Wesley and Sue Morrell of Zavalla; mother and step-father Bonita Sue and Patrick Lam of Colmesneil; grandparents, Kirby and Betty Grimes and Evie Morrell all of Colmesneil; brothers, Jesse Hahan of Colmesneil and Phillip Morrell of Zavalla; step brothers, Rodney Lott of Zavalla and Dr. Ronald Lott of Lufkin; sister Mandy Spradlin of Colmesneil.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Otis Smart

Otis Smart, 70, of Jasper, Texas died at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, December 10, 1997.

Funeral services were held on December 12 at Forest Oaks Funeral Home with interment services following at West Oaks Cemetery in Jasper.

A native of Fred, he moved to Jasper from Beaumont 45 years ago. He retired from the Texas Highway Department in Jasper.

Survivors include his wife Robbie Lee Smart of Jasper, a sister Leavie Ard of Batson, Texas and a sister-in-law Wilma Jean Fullington of Benton, Arkansas.
J.A. Benton

J.A. Benton, 68, of Colmesneil, Texas died Saturday, December 13, 1997 at the V.A. Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Bro. David Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Colmesneil. Serving as pallbearers were Mike Collier, Randy Durham, Troy Copland, John Allen Pittman, Harry Hughes and Richard Sutton.

Mr. Benton was a native of Zavalla, Texas and a long time resident of Colmesneil. He had been a mechanic and shop foreman for Ogden and Allison Chevrolet in Colmesneil. He was a U.S. Army Korean Conflict veteran.

He is survived by his wife Ann Benton of Colmesneil; sons, Dr. Jay Benton of Silsbee, and Ronald Benton of Houston; daughters, Teresa Durham of Woodville and Barbara Benton of Phoenix, AZ; and two grandchildren, Randy and Erika Durham.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Huey P. Bradford

Funeral services for Huey P. Bradford, 69, of Woodville, Texas were held December 12 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. Troy Richardson officiating. A Masonic Rites Service was held by Magnolia Lodge #495 at the funeral home. The flag was presented to the family by the V.F.W. Post #2033 at the funeral home. Burial was held at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Woodville.

Mr. Bradford died December 11, 1997 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of DeRidder, LA., he lived in Baytown before moving to Woodville seven years ago. He was retired from Roadway Express and he was an Army veteran of WW II and Korea. He was a member of the Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495, Order of Eastern Star # 462 and V.F.W. Post #2033.

He is survived by his son, William Bradford of Bossier City, LA.; brother, J.D. Bradford of Keithville, LA. And a host of family and friends.

Memorial services were held under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Marvin Wayne Jordan

A memorial service for Marvin Wayne Jordan, 35, of Village Mills, Texas was held December 16, 1997 at 1 p.m. at Hillister Baptist Church with Bro. Jerry Kelley officiating.

Mr. Jordan died December 13, 1997 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. A native of Navasota, he lived most of his life in Village Mills.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Jordan of Village Mills; mother Bennie Lou Jordan of Trinity, step-daughter, Christy Rene Stroud of Woodville; aunt, Maurine Franklin of Trinity; brothers-in-law, Shannon Stroud, Shawn Stroud, and Curtis Stroud, Jr. all of Woodville; and a host of family and friends.

Memorial services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Noel Broaddus Edgar

Funeral services for Noel Broaddus Edgar, 86, of Warren, Texas were held Dec. 15, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. Bobby Hoffpauriir officiating. Burial was held at Warren City Cemetery.

Mr. Edgar Died December 13 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of Tebo, Texas he lived in Beaumont before moving to Warren 25 years ago. He was a retired iron worker for Local Union # 125 in Beaumont. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Warren.

Mr. Edgar was preceded in death by his wife, Rosalie Edgar and a son Noel Broaddus Edgar, Jr. Survivors include his son, Jerry Edgar of Kansas City, MO.; sister, Ellie Smith of Jasper; grandchildren, Anita L. Coke of Warren, Cheryl Reeves of Biloxi, Mississippi, Dottie Edgar of Tennessee, and Charles Noel Edgar of California; 10 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.
Pallbearers were Kenneth K. Kehtel, Jr., Louis Sheffield, Glyn Smith, Davis Hatton, Jerry L. Hatton, Kenneth Kehtel, Sr., Joshua M. Coke and Jeremiah Coke.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Lavern Effie Lord**

Lavern Effie Lord, 83, of Colmesneil, Texas died Wednesday, December 24, 1997 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were Saturday, December 27th at 1 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Bro. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were Weaver Sadler, Dale Williams, Dave Strickland, Allen Temple, Ray Johnson, Joe Stein, and Hermon Netherland.

Mrs. Lord was a native of Truby, Texas and was a long time resident of Colmesneil having come from Beaumont.

She is survived by her husband, Roy V. Lord of Colmesneil; son and daughter-in-law, Bobby R. and Kay Lord of Colmesneil; daughter and son-in-law, Joanne and John Furrer of Dallas; brother, Billy Cypert of Tomball; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Everett Lawrence Murphy**

Everett Lawrence Murphy, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather, age 84, passed away December 29, 1997 in Murray, UT. of Parkinson’s disease.

Born August 27, 1912 in Salt Lake City to Edwin L. and Ida Mae Johnston Murphy. Married Erna Goulding August 22, 1941 in Kamas, UT. Marriage later solemnized in the Los Angeles LDS Temple. He retired as a welder and foreman from Pacific Lighting and Gas Company of Southern California. Member of the LDS church where he served as a High Priest. Served 3 missions in Bristol, England, Houston, Texas and the Manti Temple. Loved the outdoors especially fishing and camping, also enjoyed traveling with his wife in their R.V.

Survivors: wife and two daughters, Judith (Clayton) Hassell, Patricia (Raymond) Springer, 13 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild; 1 sister: Loraine Wessman and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by 2 sons: Gerald Dan, Rodney Gene; 1 grandchild, Clayton Jr.; 1 great-grandson, Charles Everett Hays and 1 great-great-grandson, Phoenix; 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Funeral services were held Sat. 11 a.m. Murray 21st Ward, 100 West 6100 So. Friends called on Friday 6 - 8 p.m. at Jenkins-Soffee Mortuary, 4760 So. State, Murray, and Saturday one hour prior to services at the church. Interment: Larkin Sunset Gardens.

**Alvin W. Powell**

Services for Alvin W. Powell, 73, of Lufkin, Texas were held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Hillcrest Baptist Church with Rev. Horace Fletcher and Rev. L.A. Moran officiating. Interment followed in the Berry Cemetery.

Powell was born December 18, 1924, in Doucette, Texas, and he died Wednesday, December 31, 1997, in a local hospital.

Powell retired from Lufkin Industries in 1985, where he worked as a gear cutter/foreman for 30 years. He served in the U.S. Army during WW II with the 140th Ordinance Co., and was a member of the V.F.W. Powell was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, where he welcomed members and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Veleta Jean Brookshire Powell, whom he married on June 22, 1957; his sons and daughters-in-law, Tommy Keith and Tina Powell of Lufkin, Brian Alvin and Amy Powell of Rockland, and Larry Winfield and Sharon Powell of Hillsboro; his daughter and son-in-law, Sandra Gail and Charlie Hardee of Fort Worth; grandsons, Brandon Powell of Diboll and Jeffrey Powell of Hillsboro; granddaughters, Courtney Powell of Rockland, Kimberely Wood and
Dammette Porter of Fort Worth, and Shelby Powell of Hillsboro; and number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Vernon Brown, W.L. Dickerson, C.F. Getro, J.L. Johnson, Jr., Howard Malone and Martin Smith.

Honorary pallbearers were Edmond Winston, Clyde Hodges, Bill Knight and Retirees of Lufkin Industries.

The family received friends from 6 - 8 p.m. Friday evening at Gipson Funeral Home.

Bryan Pardue

Bryan Pardue, 22, of Woodville, died Monday, December 29, 1997 at B.A. Steinhegan Lake near Sandy Creek Park in Jasper County.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 4th at 10 a.m. at Lakeside Apostolic Church with burial at Lakeside Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas with Bro. Paul Jacks and Bro. H.C. Crane officiating. Serving as pallbearers were Roger Sterling, Dennis Haynes, Christ Chandler, Eric Roby, Kendrick Stanley, and Craig Pardue.

He was a native of Upland, California, and had lived in Woodville for the past eleven years. He was a roofer with Jay Lott Roofing Company and a member of Lakeside Apostolic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle Leigh Sterling of Woodville; son, Trey Lynn Pardue; stepson Brandon Lee Cowart, both of Woodville; mother and step-father, Peggy and Billy Baker of Woodville; father, Gary Pardue of Rancho Cucamonga, California; grandparents, Herschel and Irene Lott of Woodville and A.J. and Laura Pardue of Pomona, California; brother, Craig Pardue of Pomona, California; three step-brothers, Billy Wayne Baker and Robert Earl Baker, both of Silsbee, and Frank Edward Baker of Shelbyville.

Robert Windle Parker

Robert Windle Parker, 24, of Town Bluff, Texas died Monday in a boating accident at Dam B.

A native of Beeville, Texas, he lived most of his life in Town Bluff. He was currently employed at Peacock and Peacock as a surveyor.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Victory Baptist Church in Town Bluff. Burial followed the church service at Lakeside Cemetery in Town Bluff.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lee Parker of Woodville. Parents; Robert Windle Parker of Woodville, and Alicia Parker Richards of Woodville.

Daughters; Ashley Nicole Parker and Kimberley Taylor Parker. Step-brother; Stephen Parker of Pineland. Stepsisters; Wendy Parker and Annette Parker both of Jasper.

Services were under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home of Jasper.

Erma Lee Gipson

Funeral services for Erma Lee Gipson, 71, of Colmesneil, Texas were held January 2, 1998 at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. Dale LeBlanc officiating. Burial was held at Colmesneil City Cemetery. Visitation was held January 1, 1998 from 12 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Gipson died December 31, 1997 at her residence in Colmesneil.

A native of Mexia, she lived in Port Arthur before moving to Colmesneil 3 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a daughter; Judith Combs; a son, Harold Norton, Jr. and her husband E.O. Gipson.

Survivors include her daughter, Myra Harrison of Colmesneil; grandsons, Clint Harrison of Dam B, Joe Belk of Nederland, and David Lukette of Port Arthur; granddaughters, Penny Harrison of Bridge City, Mary Sissy Dennis of Nederland, and Emily Daffron of Woodville; 14 great-grand-children and one great-great-grandson.

Pallbearers were Clint Harrison, Joe Belk, Roland Dennis, Lee Dennis, Ryan Dennis, Phillip Daffron and Lloyd Douget.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Edith Marie Gill

Funeral service for Edith Marie Gill, 72, of Woodville, Texas will be held January 8, 1998 at Turner’s Branch Cemetery near Spurger.
Mrs. Gill died January 5, 1998 at the Woodville Convalescent Center.
A native of Cassoe, Arkansas, she lived in Tyler County for many years. She was a retired cook. She is survived by many beloved friends.
Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ruby Ruth Lassiter

Funeral services for Ruby Ruth Lassiter, 69, of Doucette, Texas were held December 31, 1997 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. Ken DeRouen and Bro. Steve Benthal officiating. Bryan Shirley read the eulogy. Burial was held at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Visitation was held Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.
Mrs. Lassiter died December 28, 1997 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.
She was a native and long resident of Doucette. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter #462, where she received her 25 year pin. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Doucette where she was song leader for 45 years.
Survivors include her husband, Calvin Lassiter, Jr. of Doucette; sons, Robert Lynn James of Woodville and Johnny H. James of Doucette; daughter, Linda Ruth Williams of Woodville; step-daughters, Dorthy Lassiter of Gordenville and Margret Lassiter of Dallas; step-sons, Lee Lassiter of New Caney and Wayne Lassiter of Florida; brothers, Bill Knight of Chester and James Wesley Knight of Snook; sister, Mildred Parker of Doucette; 19 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.
Pallbearers were Robert James, John James, Paul Wade, Jr., Bryan Shirley, Jason Shirley and Roy James.
Honorary pallbearers were Justine James, Jessey James, Klara James and Kristy James.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

William L. Gilmore

Graveside services for William L. Gilmore, 67, were held January 9, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas with Bro. Dan Magee officiating, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.
Mr. Gilmore died January 6, 1998 at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, Texas.
A native of Florence, Texas he lived in Town Bluff before moving to Pittsburg, Texas many years ago. He was a retired truck driver.
Survivors include his sons, William L. Gilmore, Jr. and Gilbert Gilmore both of Liberty Hill, Texas and Travis L. Gilmore of Urbana, MO.; sisters, Jessie Pickle of Lago Vista, Dorothy Shelton of Lometa and Mary Bohannan of Livingston; brother, James Gilmore of Oatmeal; step-children, Toney Peggs of Austin, Mary Spayde of Pittsburgh, Margaret Taylor of Mt. Pleasant, Gayla Mouser of Austin, Cecil Herridge of Fallon, NV. And Jerry Herridge of Pittsburgh, 26 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Alma Lois Frazier

Funeral Services for Alma Lois Frazier, 70, of Town Bluff were held January 7, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Hilltop Baptist Church with Bro. Kenn Freeland officiating. Burial was held at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff following the service.
Mrs. Frazier died Jan. 4, 1998 at her residence in Town Bluff, Texas.
A native of Mexia, she lived in Luling and Beaumont before moving to Town Bluff eleven years ago. In 1943, she married Clyde Chambless. After his death, she married Fred Frazier in 1972. She was a descendant of the Texas War for Independence, Civil War and American Revolution.
She was a Native American through the Shoemake line.
She is survived by her husband, Fred R. Frazier of Town Bluff; son, Clyde T. Chambless of Orange; daughters, Lois M. Railey of Cameron, Mildred Gayle Holm of Morgan Hill, CA., Nancy Bea Morgan of Town Bluff, and Sherry Lin Smelser of Morgan Hill, CA; seven grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.
Services were under the direction of Riley
Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**James Wilmer Stanley**

Funeral services for Jim Stanley, 56, were held January 9, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Wayne Moss officiating.

Burial followed at Runnel Cemetery near Broaddus, Texas.

Mr. Stanley died Jan. 7, 1998 at Columbia East Houston Medical Center in Houston.

A native of Port Arthur, Texas he lived in Tyler County before moving to Channelview two years ago. He was a roofer and served with the U.S. Marines in Vietnam.

Survivors include his wife Judy Stanley of Channelview; son, James Stanley of Channelview; daughter, Frances Day of Kirbyville; sister, Cathy McGee of Eunice, LA. and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bill Medley, Chris Mixon, Scott Mixon, Lynnon Allen Mixon, James McGowan, and Brad Wilbrun.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Linda Lou Richter**

A graveside service for Linda Richter, 56, of Woodville, Texas was held January 10, 1998 at 1 a.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville with Pastor Mark Viator and Bro. Joseph H. Murphey officiating.

Mrs. Richter died January 8, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of Nacogdoches, she lived most of her life in Woodville. She was a retired Vice President of Parkdale Mall Bank in Beaumont and formerly worked for Citizen’s State Bank in Woodville.

Survivors include her husband John A. Richter of Woodville; two sons, Doug Richter of Beaumont and Mark Richter of Silsbee; sisters, Sarah Beth Fields of Livingston and Karan Ann McGowan of Village Mills; mother, Odessa Murphey of Woodville and two grandchildren, Elissa and Eric.

Pallbearers were Mark Richter, Tommy Gibbs, Tim Knight, Doug Richter, Charles Thornton, Jr., Anthony W. Thornton, Eric Richter and Wayne McGowan.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

**Ozella Woodard Fry**

Ozella Woodrd Fry, 64, of Woodville, Texas died Wednesday, January 7, 1998 at her residence in Woodville.

Funeral services were Friday, January 9, 1998 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Daniels Cemetery near Kountze. Officiating at the services were Bro. Earl Knighten and Bro. Carey Modisett.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Christopher Lynn Rawls, William Eli Freeman, Jessie Lee Freeman, Jr., Charles Walter Odom, Jr., Uriah Stephen Abens, David Ryals, Shawn Cody Fontenot, and Justin Cory Fontenot.

Mrs. Fry was a native of Broken Bow, OK, and a long time resident of Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her two grandchildren, Melissa Ann Freeman and Gina Renee Rawls. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Bill Fry of Woodville; son, Eugene Ryals of Woodville; five daughters and sons-in-law, Linda Kay Odom of Woodville, Frances Marie and Jessie Freeman of Fred, Debbie Ruth and Harlan Abens of Huntington, Barbara Ann “Bobbie” Fry of Colmesneil, and Betty Jean and Larry Fontenot of Huntington; two brothers, Fred Woodard of Crockett, and Daniel Lee Woodard of Evadale; four sisters, Dorothy Howard  of Colmesneil, Ellen Messer and Odessa Mitchell both of Woodville, and Cora Bell Self of Crockett; twenty five grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Wynona H. Hooper**

Wynona H. Hooper, 75, of Humble, Texas died Monday, January 5, 1998 at Herman Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services were Thursday January 8th at 11 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia
Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services were Roger Thompson, Bobby Martin, and Kirk Castleman. Serving as pallbearers were Ronnie Hicks, Danny Hicks, Ray Turner, Floyd Duke, Don Ware, and Eddie Stegall.

Mrs. Hooper was a native of Port Arthur, former longtime resident of Warren and had lived in Humble for the past five years. She was a retired Civil Service secretary with the U.S. Government and was a member of the Warren Church of Christ.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Charles R. and Sue Ellen Hooper, of Houston; daughter, Margaret Hooper of Houston; sister-in-law, Mary Lou Hicks of Seabrook; sister and brother-in-law, Ester Wayne and Don Ware of Rockport; and two grandchildren, Wynona and Kimberly Hooper.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mary Ada Smith

Mary Ada Smith, 89, of Woodville, died Wednesday, January 7, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 10th at 1 p.m. in the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Colmesneil with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services were Bro. Kenn Freeland, pastor of Hilltop Baptist Church and Bro. Gary Post, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Jimmy Rawls, Alex Rawls, Randy Smith, Jamie Smith, Jay Roach, and Shay Smith. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Albert Bumstead, Hugh Howard, Wes Teutsch, Casey Tolar, Tommy Winters, Billy Mushinsky, Gerald Davidson, Dennis Shultz, Richard Shawn, and Tommy Williams.

Mrs. Smith was a native of Hackberry, LA and a long time resident of Tyler County. She was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, S.A. Smith on October 10, 1970, and three of her sons, James E. Smith, Leroy Smith and Paul E. Smith.

She is survived by her sons, Ralph Smith of Dam B, S.A. “Junior” Smith, III of Rockland; daughters, Bernice Rawls of Woodville, and Ina Mae Smith Peters Roach of Diboll; brother, Douglas G. Monic of Carthage; twenty-two grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Adolph V. Temple

Adolph V. Temple, 88, of Woodville, Texas died Saturday, January 10, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were Tuesday, January 13, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Port Arthur under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Bro. Hails Taylor.

Serving as pallbearers were James Temple, John Temple, Greg Temple, Bill Temple, Charles Temple, and Larry Brown.

Mr. Temple was a native of Chapel Hill, NC, formerly of Port Arthur and had lived in Woodville for the past three years. He was retired from the Pt. Arthur I.S.D. as their purchasing agent. He was a deacon at First Baptist Church in Port Arthur and a member of the Senior Adult Choir.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, David and Mary Temple of Pasadena and Allen and Joyce Temple of Colmesneil; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Wilma Faye Adams

Wilma Faye Adams, 85, of Jasper, Texas died January 9, 1998 at Lakes Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. on January 11 at the First Baptist Church in Jasper with interment following at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

A native of Chester, she attended school in Corrigan and went to college at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches. A member on the Board of Directors at the Kirbyville State Bank until retiring,
she moved to Jasper from Kirbyville 37 years ago.

Survivors include her husband F.P. "Pat" Adams, Jr. of Jasper; niece Carol Ann Phillips of Woodville; nephews, Dug Bennett and Dr. Larry Phillips of Woodville, Don Adams of Austin, Pat Adams Strong of Franklin, LA. Capt. Walter Strong of Sulphur, LA, John Matthews of Jasper.

Services under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper.

Thomas Woodrow Brown

Funeral services for Thoms Woodrow Brown, 84, of Warren, Texas were held Jan. 6, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Warren United Methodist Church with Rev. Bob Fosburgh officiating. A Masonic graveside service will be held January 10, 1998 at West Union Cemetery in Carmi, Illinois at 1 p.m.

Visitation was held January 5, 1998 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. Brown died January 4, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A native of Enfield, Illinois, he lived in Carmi, Illinois most of his life before moving to Warren 24 years ago. He was a retired self employed trainer in the race horse industry and he was a member of the Warren United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Smith Brown of Warren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ruby Tolar


Funeral services will be Wednesday January 7, 1998 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Reverend Bob Fosburg, pastor of Warren United Methodist Church.

Serving as pallbearers will e her grandsons, Cleo Bane, III, Lee Self, Chad Morelock, Chris Bane, Michael Self, J.D. Morelock, Troy Bane, David Tolar, Bryan Morelock, and Wayne Tolar.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 6th from 5-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Brenham, she was a long time resident of the Hillister and Warren area.

She is survived by her husband, Marquiss Lora Tolar of Warren; sons, David Wayne Tolar and Marquiss Leroy Tolar both of Shelby, NC; daughtes, Anna Jeanette Self of Hillister, Doris Lanelle Morelock of Vidor, and Ruby Nell Bane of Warren; sister, LaVerne Ogrodowicz of Hillister; thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Leo W. Pearcy

Leo W. Percy, 84, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, January 4, 1998 St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were Tuesday, January 6th at 3 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services was Bro. Jerry Kelley, pastor of Hillister Baptist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were; Orran Kelley, Raymond Triune, Robert Sears, Vernon Ware, Gerald Waldrep and Elton Spurlock.

Mr. Pearcy was a native of Jamestown, Kansas and former resident of Houston. He had lived in Woodville for the past twenty years and was retired from RCA as an electronic technician. He was a WW II Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Pearcy of Woodville; sons, H. Edwin Pearcy of Spearman, Larry D. Pearcy of Albuquerque NM, Steven E. Pearcy of Olney, IL, and Clifford W. Pearcy of Cedar Rapids, IA; brother, Calvin G. Pearcy of Woodville; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The honors of the flag was conferred to the family by the members of the VFW Post #2033, of Woodville.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Magdalene Read Evans


Funeral services were Tuesday, January 20th at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Allison Cemetery near Warren. Officiating at the services were Bro. Delbert Lamb and Bro. Kenneth Cauthen.

Serving as pallbearers were Greg Evans, Paul David Greer, Michael Evans, Eewayne Greer, Wayne Norton, and David Norton.

Mrs. Evans was a native and lifelong resident of Warren. She was a member of Bethel Baptist church in Warren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lindsey Evans on August 25, 1984 and a grandson, Todd Evans. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, James & Pat Evans, Lindsey Elton and Melissie Evans, Richard and Pat Evans, all of Warren, and Steve and Robbie Evans of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Sadie and Bobby Greer of Warren; brother, George Bergman Read of Beaumont; sisters, Corine Chadwick of Beaumont, and Gertrude Leach of Lumberton; ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Betty Lou Cowart Read

Graveside services for Betty Lou Read, 61, of Colmesneil, Texas were held January 14, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Ferrell Cemetery near Dam B under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, with Bro. Walter Ray Cowart officiating.

Mrs. Read died January 11, 1998 at her residence in Colmesneil.

A native and lifelong resident of Tyler County, she was retired from Keller Aluminum Products in Woodville.

Survivors include her daughters, Belinda Harrison and Charline McDonald both of Silsbee, Joann Hunter of Town Bluff, Tessey Ross of Colmesneil and Michelle Hawthorne of Colmesneil; sons, James Harold Read of Kountze and Jeff Dewayne Read of Colmesneil; brothers, Lewis Cowart of Colmesneil and John F. Cowart of Myrtle Mississippi; sisters, Lavell Brown of Rockland and Virgie Anderson of Cleveland, 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Velma Johnson Smart

Funeral services for Velma Smart, 87, of Town Bluff, Texas were held at 2 p.m. January 19, 1998 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Bro. John Spanhanks officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff.

Mrs. Smart died January 17, 1998 at Woodville Convalescent Center.

A native of Orange, Texas she lived in Hitchcock, Texas before moving to Town Bluff 36 years ago. She was a retired clerk for American National Insurance Co.

Survivors include her two brothers, Calvin C. Johnson of Port Neches and Alfred L. Johnson of LaBelle and a host of nieces and nephews, and dear friends.

Pallbearers were Robert Rivers, Dan Cluff, John Wilson, Don Rice, Carrell Rice and Steve Waldrep.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Wesley Lyons

Graveside services for Wesley Lyons, 88, of Rockland, Texas will be held at 10 a.m. January 21, 1998 at Rockland Cemetery in Rockland, with Bro. Troy Richardson officiating.

Mr. Lyons died January 19, 1998 at Holiday Pines Manor in Woodville, Texas. A native of Honey Island, Texas he lived in Beaumont before moving to Rockland 29 years ago. He was a retired Pipefitter for Mobil Oil Co. in Beaumont, Texas.

Survivors include his wife Mae Lyons of Woodville; one grandson Harold Wesley Breaux of Vidor and three great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Odessa Hunter

Odessa Hunter, 80, of Woodville, Texas died Monday, January 19, 1998 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were Wednesday, January 21, 1998 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with a 2 p.m. graveside service at Beech Grove Cemetery in Anacoca, Louisiana. Officiating at the services were Don Byler and Rev. R.C. Tillery.

Mrs. Hunter was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a member of Pine Street Church of Christ in Woodville.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Oscar Leroy and Wanda Hunter of Woodville; brothers and sisters-in-law, Harvey C. & Azine Waldrep of Fred, Ray and Daisy Waldrep of Silsbee, Gerald and Thelma Waldrep of Hillister, David and Judy Waldep of Warren, Darrell and Bennie Waldrep of Hillister, and Charles and Cynthia Waldrep of Nederland; sister, Marie True of LaGrande, Oregon; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Pat Means

A graveside service for Pat Means, 52, was held at 3 p.m. January 21, 1998 at Turner’s Branch Cemetery near Spurger, Texas with Brother Sonny Crenshaw officiating.

Mr. Means died January 20, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of Beaumont, he lived in Spurger, Texas most of his life. He was a construction surveyor and was a Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Jane Means, of Spurger; two sons Steven Means and Bobba Means, both of Spurger; parents, John Wiley and Fay Means of Spurger; three brothers, John Houston Means, Jerry Means and Neil Means, all of Spurger; sister, Nancy Griffin of Spurger; grandmother, Ruby Anderson of Beaumont and one granddaughter, Bryttne Means.

Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Beverly Jane Burgess

Services for Beverly Jane Burgess, 58, of Zavalla, Texas were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Warren Church of Christ in Warren, Texas, with Tommy Qualls officiating. Interment followed in the Zavalla Cemetery.

Mrs. Burgess was born September 3, 1939, in Warren, Texas, to the late Robert and Hariett Aveann “Beebe” Martin. She died Thursday January 22, 1998, in a Lufkin hospital.

Mrs. Burgess was a homemaker, and had lived in Zavalla most of her life. She was a member of the Church of Christ. Mrs. Burgess was a loving wife and special aunt.

Survivors include her husband, Willie Burgess of Zavalla; sister, Pauline McNeely of Warren; brother and sister-in-law, Bobby Gene and Gwen Martin of Warren; sister-in-law Delores Martin of Daisetta; and a host of family, loved ones and friends.

Pallbearers were Robert McNeely, Leslie McNeely, Dale McNeely, Frank Williams, Jr., John Elton Massey and Elton Cryer.

Services were under the direction of Gipson Funeral Home Lufkin, Texas.

J.B. Swearingen

J.B. Swearingen, age 71, of Beaumont, Texas died Monday January 19, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. He was a native of Tyler County, and a former resident of Hillister. He was a long time resident of Beaumont. He was the retired owner and operator of the J.B. Swearingen Motor Company in Beaumont and a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church of Beaumont. He was a WW Army Veteran.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 21, at the Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Port Arthur, Texas.

He is survived by his wife Betty Swearingen of Beaumont; 2 sons, John Robert Swearingen of Woodville and Jay Buescher of Port Neches and
one daughter, Jan Johnson of Port Neches, and five grandchildren.

Ruth Louise Cole

Funeral services for Ruth Cole, 86, were held at 4 p.m. January 24, 1998 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Rev. Doug Wooderson officiating.

An Eastern Star service was conducted at the funeral home by Spurger Chapter Order of the Eastern Star #315.

Mrs. Cole died January 22, 1998 at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

A native of Village Mills, Texas she lived in Baytown most of her life before moving to Dam B 15 years ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughter Betty Ruth Dunn of Houston; one son, Milton Lee Cole of Baytown; two sisters, Alice Graham of Lumberton and Opal Newcum of Bryan; six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Joseph Fauth IV, James R. Fauth, Ryan Neal Babineaux, Justin Ray Babineaux, Lance Dolle, Derryc Leath, Cory De La Guardia, Lee Cole, Jr., Randy Paul Lawrence, Jr., Richard M. Babineaux.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Merline Anderson Harper

Funeral services were held for Merline Harper, 76, at 3 p.m. January 25, 1998 at First Baptist Church in Warren, with Rev. Kenneth Cauthen and B.C. McCoy officiating. Burial followed at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren.


A native of San Augustine, she lived in Port Arthur, Texas before moving to Warren, Texas 18 years ago. She was a retired PBX operator for Texaco Oil Co. In Port Arthur.

Survivors include her husband, H.A. Harper of Warren; brother, Howard Anderson of Texas City; step daughters, Glenda Sue Landry of Lumberton, Betty Ann Lemaster of Nederland; step-son, Earl Wayne Harper of Brenham; four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Clayton McMillan, Sammie McAlpin, Billy Fondren, Rusty Davis, Ben Clegg, Bill Hale, Tim Cauthen and James Hall.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Velma Gertrude Davis

Funeral services for Velma Davis, 89, were held at 2 p.m., January 24, 1998 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Rev. Dwayne Freese, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Mrs. Davis died January 22, 1998 at Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Jennings, Louisiana, she lived in Port Arthur most of her life before moving to Woodville, Texas 30 years ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include; daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Ray Bean of Bridge City; two sisters, Mildred Smith and Gwen Brueck, both of Woodville; four grandchildren, James R. Bean of Bridge City, Terry Bean of Bridge City, Penny Ryle of Hughes Springs and Vickie Harvey of Austin and ten great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were; James Ray Bean, W.L. Brueck, R.D. Ryle, Everett F. McCann, Jr., Terry W. Bean and James Ray Bean.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ira Wade Jordan

Funeral services for Ira Wade Jordan, 92, were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 27, 1998 at Woodville United Methodist Church in Woodville, Texas with Rev. Richard Eifert and Rev. Bob E. Waters officiating. Burial was held at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Ira Jordan died Sunday, January 25, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A native of Emory, Texas, she lived in Houston and Dallas most of her life. She resided in
Woodville, Texas with her daughter, Gradylene Jordan Pate, since 1992. She was an active participant in United Methodist Women and a charter member of West University United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Grady Jordan.

Survivors include; her daughter, Gradylene Jordan Pate of Woodville; grandson, Robert Pate, Jr., and wife Ruth of Huntsville; grandson, Larry Pate and wife, Mitzi, of League City; grandson, John Pate of Huntsville and grandson, Adam Pate of Pflugerville; great granddaughter, Janna Pate of League City; sister, Ruth Wade Craddock and husband, Lyle of Emory.

Pallbearers were; Robert J. Pate, Jr., Larry Pate, John Pate, Adam Pate, Dick Bowman, and David Craddock.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Dorothy Louise Tunnell

Dorothy Louise (Bunn) Tunnell, 77, of Dam B, Texas died at the Dubuis Hospital in Beaumont, January 26, 1998.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 1998 with interment services following at the Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas. Family greeted the public for visitation from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, at the Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper.

A native of Lufkin, she lived in Iraan, Texas and Fort Stockton, Texas until moving to Dam B about 40 years ago. She worked at Shaw’s Jewelry and at the roller skating rink in Lufkin.

Survivors include her husband M.H. “Mickey” Tunnell of Dam B; sons, John Anthony Bunn of Garland, Texas and Steven Lynn Bunn of Beaumont; brother, James Edward Landers of Houston; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper.

Fred Miller

Funeral services for Fred Miller, 69, of Doucette, Texas were held Wednesday, January 21, 1998 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville with burial at Town Bluff Cemetery in Town Bluff under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

A native of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, he resided in Doucette for a number of years. He died January 16, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville after an illness.

Survivors include his wife Levicy Miller of Woodville; daughter, Leona “Sue” Miller of Woodville; son, Freddie Lee Miller of Prescott, Arkansas, one step-daughter, Betty Mae Butler of Woodville; three step-sons, Lee Charles Jones of Colmesneil, David Wayne Jones of San Augustine, and Michael Allen Jones of Woodville; one brother, Albert Lee “Buck” Miller of Arkadelphia; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one step-grandson, two step-granddaughters, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

William Jones Harvey

Funeral services for William Jones Harvey, 86, of Jasper, Texas were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 8, in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial following in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Harvey was born March 6, 1911, in Shelby County, Texas, and died Tuesday, January 6, 1997 at his residence. He was a former longtime resident of Newton and a longtime resident of Jasper. He was a charter member of Adams Memorial Baptist Church. He worked as plant manager for Cain Manufacturing for many years, then retired as a maintenance man with the Lindsey Estate.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Paula Fern Harvey Prego; a great-grandchild, Samantha D. Hanson; his wife; Bertha Mae Hennigan Harvey.

He is survived by 6 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.
Lollie Lathem Robinson

Lollie Lathem Robinson, 89, of Woodville, Texas, died Saturday, January 10, 1998, in Terrell, Texas.

She is survived by her daughters and sons, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in the family plot in Birmingham, Alabama.

Richard Allen Phifer

Richard Allen Phifer, 49, of Nacogdoches, Texas died Monday, February 2, 1998. Services were held on February 2 at 1 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville. Visitations were held on Friday from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville under the direction of Coleman’s Funeral Home in Woodville. Burial at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

He was a native of Woodville, and lived in Houston and Nacogdoches a number of years.

Survivors include; his step-father Edmond Jones of Woodville; sisters, Edna Jones and Vera Reed both of Woodville, Brenda Jones, Debra Hubbard and Sonjia Jones all of Houston and Denise Hubbard of Pearland, Lisa Smith of Federal Way, Washington; brothers, Edmond Jones of Fresno, Texas, Ray Phifer and Carl Phifer both of Pasadena, California, Russell Phifer of Alto Loma, California and Wayne Phifer of Lancaster, California.

Willie Mae Barclay

Willie Mae Barclay, 89, of Hillister, Texas died Monday at Jasper Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Texas. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 7 at the Little Baptist Church in Hillister with burial at the Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Visitation was on February 6 from 5 until 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was a life long native of Tyler County and a housewife.

Sam B. Lovett

Sam B. Lovett, 76, of Quakertown, PA. formerly of Port Arthur, Texas died Saturday, Feb. 7, 1998 at the Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Township.

He was a boiler maker for Texaco in Port Arthur before his retirement in 1962.

Born in Hickory, Mississippi he was the son of the late James and Bertha (James) Lovett.

He was a member of the Jenks United Methodist Church in Jenks, Oklahoma. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in WW II.

He is survived by a daughter, Sherrrie, wife of Jeff Hardesty of Quakertown, PA. A brother, John of Purvis, Mississippi. Two grandchildren John and Mykil. He was predeceased by a son, Samuel L. Lovett.

Services were held at 7:30 p.m. on February 11 at the home of his daughter in Quakertown.

The C.R. Strunk Funeral Home of Quakertown was in charge of arrangements.

Private burial will be held by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Perry Wiant

Funeral services for Perry Wiant, 31, of Austin, Texas were held Thursday, February 5, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Warren with Rev. Ken Cauthen officiating. Burial followed at Swearingen Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Visitation was held Wednesday, February 4 from 4 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Wiant died February 1, 1998 at Seaton Medical Center in Austin.

A native of Akron, Ohio, he lived in Houston most of his life before moving to Austin 7 years ago. He was an insurance agent and a Desert Storm army veteran.

Survivors include three daughter, lone Gregory, Ruthie Barclay and Ernestine Smith all of Hillister; one sister Lucy Mae Taylor of Houston; 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.
and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were Brad Whatley, Jerry Hatton, Davis Hatton, Grady Hatton, Clint Hatton, and T.H. Mills.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Minnie Marie Stagg

Funeral services for Minnie Marie Stagg, 73, of Silsbee, Texas were held Thursday, February 5, 1998, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Rev. Ken Cauthen officiating. Burial followed at Village Mills Cemetery. Visitation was held Wednesday from 4 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Stagg died February 3, 1998 at Pine Arbor Nursing Home in Silsbee.

A native of Louisiana, she lived in Orange most of her life before moving to Tyler County 5 years ago. She was a clerk and cashier at Calder Pharmacy in Beaumont.

She is survived by her daughters, Pat Burdine of Houston and Linda Moore of Warren; son, Henry Gilmore of Diboll; sisters, Willie Mae Hibbison of Gladewater, Mary Templeton of Longview, Rosie Everett of Sherman; brothers, Jack Butler of Gladewater, Alfred Butler of Gladewater, Johnny Butler of Mesquite; and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were J.W. Lewis, Jr., Jason Moore, John Moore, Jeremy Moore, Billy Walters, and Carlis N. Burdine.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Myrtle Cathryn McGilberry Mott

Funeral services for Myrtle Cathryn McGilberry Mott, 79, of Woodville, Texas were held Saturday, February 7, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. Karl Smith officiating. Burial followed at Zavalla City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday, February 6, 1998, from 4 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Mott died February 4, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital.

A native of San Augustine, she lived in Zavalla before moving to Woodville 35 years ago.

She is survived by her sons, Frank Mott of Atlanta, Georgia, James Mott of Winnie, Roy Mott of Colmesneil, and Charles Mott of Zavalla; daughter, Darlene Mott of Hardin; sisters, Eunice Stanley of Zavalla, Ollie Taylor of Angleton, Dorothy Nell Meyers of Palalios, and Hazel DeVrees of Lufkin; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Matt McElvain, Joe Frank Mott, Troy Coplen, Randy W. Mott, Delbert L. Jones and Don Hopkins.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Clayton Sturrock

Clayton Sturrock, age 65, of Port Neches, Texas died Tuesday, February 3, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. He was a native of Colmesneil and was a long time resident of Nederland and Port Neches. He was a retired machinist from Texaco Chemical in Port Neches. He was a Korean War Air Force veteran. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Port Neches and the Port Neches Masonic Lodge #1163.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Friday, February 6, 1998 at the First United Methodist Church in Port Neches with Rev. Herb Stallknecht officiating. Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Nederland. Masonic burial rites followed at Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches, conducted by Masonic Lodge #1163.

Mr. Sturrock is survived by his wife Bonnie Wismar Sturrock of Port Neches; two daughters, Shelley Wise of British Columbia and Kay Lani Sturrock of College Station; two sons, Richard L. Sturrock of Ferndale, Washington and George Clayton Sturrock of Nederland; two sisters, Correne Pierce of Colmesneil and Shirley Westbrook of Nederland; three grandchildren, Jonathan Wise, Daniel and Erica Sturrock.
Grace Foxworth Riley

Grace Foxworth Riley, 81, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, February 8, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Tuesday, February 10, 1998 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester. Officiating at the services were Dr. Clint Hines and Brother John Spanhanks.

Serving as pallbearers were John Riley, Carter Riley, Richard Shaw, Jr., Ramon Shaw, Larry Brown, and Rodney Brown.

Mrs. Riley was a native and lifelong resident of Tyler County.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Charles R. and Faye Riley of Colmesneil; sister, Eva Lou Riley of Doucette; two grandchildren, Cheryl Brisco and Robert Riley and four great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Andy Milton Cone

Andy Milton Cone, 48, of Woodville, Texas died Friday, February 13, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Sunday, February 15, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church near Colmesneil with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery. Officiating at the services was Bro. Gary Post.

Serving as pallbearers were Ronnie Freeman, Trent Pascal, Ronnie Morgan, Charles Morgan, Mike Morgan, and Bo Whitmire.

Mr. Cone was a native of Jasper, a former resident of Vidor and had lived in Woodville for the past twelve years. He was employed with American Valve & Hydrant as a machinist and was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

He is survived by his parents, Moody and Locket Cone of Woodville; brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles R. and Faye Riley of Colmesneil; sister, Eva Lou Riley of Doucette; two grandchildren, Cheryl Brisco and Robert Riley and four great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

Ethel Arnold Fitzgerald

Ethel Arnold Fitzgerald, 83, of Woodville, Texas died Wednesday, February 11, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Friday, February 14, 1998 at 1 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with a 3:30 p.m. graveside service at Macune Cemetery near San Augustine. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Bro. C.A. Bevil.

Serving as pallbearers were Eric Pike, Mark Nowlin, Dale Sanderson, Oliver Watts, Toby Spurlock and James Elliott.

Mrs. Fitzgerald was a native of Deberry, Texas, former resident of Ft. Worth, and had lived in Woodville for the past eleven years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her daughters, Robbie Pike of Woodville, Joan Nowlin of Ft. Worth, and Wanda...
Sanderson of Beaumont; sisters, Elener Murphy of Nacogdoches, and Neva Crocker of El Paso; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lola Mae Flowers

Lola Mae Flowers, 83, of Woodville, Texas died Tuesday, February 10, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were Thursday, February 12th at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Graveside services were at 4:30 p.m. in the Pollock Cemetery near Lufkin.

Serving as pallbearers were Jimmy Hugghins, David Ferrell, Steve Barclay, Will Barber, Andre Rodriguez, and Ronald Langham.

Mrs. Flowers was a native of Wells, Texas and was a longtime resident of Woodville.

She is survived by her daughter, Georgia Ann Ferrell of Rusk; brother, Crockett Luce of Lufkin; sisters, Patsy Dean of Alto and Willie Molitor of Bryan; and four granddaughters.

Funeral services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

George E. Bingham

Funeral services for George E. Bingham, 89, of Spurger, Texas were held February 12, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Beech Creek Church near Spurger with Bro. Robert McClelland and Bro. Steve Benthal officiating. Burial was held at Beech Creek Cemetery.

Visitation was held February 11, 1998 from 5 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Bingham died February 10, 1998 at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

A lifelong resident of Spurger, he was a retired farmer and rancher.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Bingham in 1990.

Survivors include his sons, James and wife, Betty Bingham of Spurger, and Richard Bingham of Houston.; sister, Eva Swearingen of Woodville, 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Lewis Ferguson, James P. Scott, Lee Bingham, Frank Poole, Kent Bingham and Bob Swearingen.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

R.L. Foxworth

Funeral services for R.L. Foxworth, 87, of Warren, Texas were held February 14, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. James Stephens officiating. Burial was held at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held February 13, from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Foxworth died February 12, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital.

A native and lifelong resident of Tyler County, he was a foreman for Chesser and Sutton Construction and a farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Hattie Myrl Creel Foxworth of Warren; daughters, Barbara Jarrott of Warrenton, Rose Laird of Thicket, Bessie Mae Holmes of Vidor, Frances Jones of Waco, Betty Willingham of Dam B, Lillian Renfro of Lufkin and Diann Dillinger; sons, Billy Foxworth of Warren, Frank Foxworth of Spurger, Alton Foxworth of Warren, David Foxworth of Warren, Ronnie Foxworth of Colmesneil, and Richard Foxworth of Warren; sister, Oda Mae Swearingen of Woodville; 55 grandchildren and host of great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Foxworth, Rick Foxworth, Bert Foxworth, Paul Foxworth, Lester Foxworth and Jerry Foxworth.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Steve Zelenske

Funeral services for Steve Zelenske, 65, were held at 1 p.m., February 14, 1998 at New Hope Cemetery, under the direction of Mangum Funeral Home in Center.

Mr. Zelenske died February 12, 1998 at his residence in Hillister, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Vera Zelenske of Hillister; children, Donal Zelenske of Houston,
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Janice Lee of Houston, and Susan Lyn Zelenske of Houston; step-children, Angela Cuello of Beaumont, Jamie Kibodeaux of China, and Thomas Bailey of Carthage; brother, Johnny Zelenske of Angleton and a sister, Rosie Cook of Tomball; 7 grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Sallie Marie McDonald Cowart**

Funeral services for Sallie Marie McDonald Cowart, 72, were held February 14, 1998 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Rev Leon Cowart officiating. Burial was held at Turner's Branch Cemetery near Spurger.

Visitation was held February 13, 1998 from 5 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Cowart died February 12, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of and lifelong resident of Spurger, Texas, she was a homemaker. She was a member of the South Spurger Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Walter and wife, Jackie Cowart of Woodville, son, Ronald and wife, Marla Cowart of Woodville; daughter, Sallie and husband, Omar Hall of Warren, daughter, Brittie and husband, Curtis Parton of Spurger, daughter-in-law, Rebeka Cowart of Beaumont; brother, Jesse and wife, Brenda McDonald of Jasper, 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Dennis McDonald, Jr., Otis Gilbert Grissom, Glen McDonald, Jack Griffith, Chester Horace Votow, Doyle Cowart and Clifford Coward.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Lillie Kirkindall**

Lillie Kirkindall, 82, died February 7, 1998 at Doctors Hospital in Silsbee.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on February 9 at 10 a.m. at the Wiley Mae Pentecostal Church in Fred, Texas with burial in the Cunningham Cemetery.

Mrs. Kirkindall was a native of Silsbee, Texas and was a housewife.

She was survived by two sons, Harold Kirkindall and B.L. Kirkindall both of Silsbee; four daughters, Louise Watts and Patsy Ard of Silsbee, Maxine Dubose and Eloise Ard of Dam B; sister, Lola Gore of Silsbee; 16 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Farmer’s Funeral Home of Silsbee.

**F.W. Martindale**


Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper with interment at West Oaks Cemetery.

A native of Jasper, he lived in Jasper all his life and was owner of Forest Oaks Funeral Home and Martindale Timber Company.

Survivors include his wife, Dinah Martindale of Jasper; grandson and wife, Wayne and Joanna Martindale of Jasper; daughter-in-law, Jeannie Martindale of Woodville; brothers, H.E. “Blue” Martindale and L.H. Martindale both of Jasper; and sister Janie Pace of Jasper.
Clyde Alfred Dyson, Sr.

Clyde Alfred Dyson, Sr., 72, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, February 15, 1998 at his residence.

Funeral services were Tuesday, February 17th at 1 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial at Rockland Cemetery in Rockland. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Bro. C.A. Bevil. Serving as pallbearers were Hugh Allen, Mike Droddy, John McClure, Phil McClure, and Clyde Everett Dyson.

Visitation was Tuesday, February 17, 1998 from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Mr. Dyson was a native of Ebenezer Community in Jasper County, former resident of Buna, and had lived in Woodville for the past twenty-four years. He was retired equipment operator for a construction company and a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian Harrison Dyson of Woodville; sons, Clyde A. Dyson, Jr. of Barnhart, Texas, and Johnnie Dyson, Sr. of McCamey, Texas; daughter Kathleen Blackburn of Midland, Texas; step-sons, Charles Droddy of Kirbyville, Clarence Droddy of Orange, and Carroll Droddy of Kansas; step-daughter, Tressie McClure of Hillister; brother, Hal Dyson of Zavalla and sister, Viera Craven of Lufkin.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

Dora Louise Thompson

Dora Louise Thompson, 67, of Humble, Texas died Saturday, February 14, 1998. Mrs. Thompson was born in Doucette on July 2, 1930.

She is survived by 2 sons, Boyd Thompson and Lloyd Thompson; grandchild Asheton Thompson; three sisters, Ella Mae Lilley, Necil Holsomback, ___ie Jo Parker; two brothers, Billy Ray, Wilber F. Ray; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, 1998, at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville.

J.N. Choate

J.N. “Jimmy” Choate, 70, of Port Neches, Texas died Tuesday February 17, 1998 at Mid Jefferson Hospital in Nederland. He was a native of Port Neches and a lifelong resident of Town Bluff and Port Neches. He was a retired supervisor from Texaco Chemical Co. In Port Neches and a member of First Baptist Church of Port Neches and was a World War II Navy veteran.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 19 at the Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland with graveside services at the Lows Chapel Cemetery near Milam, Texas.

Visitation was held on February 18 from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland.

Mr. Choate is survived by his wife, Hattie Norsworth Choate of Port Neches; son, Barney Choate of Bridge City; daughter, Bonnie Landry of Orange; sister, Jerry Blanchard of LaFayette, LA.; two brothers, Joe Billy Choate of Houston and Leonard Choate of Trinity; and 4 grandchildren.

Sybil Estelle Brewton Bumstead

Funeral services for Sybil Estelle Brewton Bumstead, 83, of Warren, Texas were held February 24, 1998 at the First Baptist Church in Warren with Rev. Ken Cauthen officiating. Burial was held at 2 p.m. at King Cemetery in Hartsburg, Texas.

Visitation was held on February 23 from 1 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Bumstead died February 22, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital.

A native of Kinnard and former resident of Nederland, she lived in Warren 30 years. She was the owner of Sterling Cafe in Nederland and she also worked for the Nederland Independent School District. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Warren.

Survivors include her daughter, Maxine Major of Warren; step daughter, Brenda Causey of Alvin;
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brother Dewitt Blair of Cushing; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Harold Hatton, J.H. Hall, Jason Major, Butch Major, Benjie Major, and Gary Causey.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Charles Wyatt Bell

Charles Wyatt Bell, 73, of Woodville, Texas died Friday, February 20, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m. in the Woodville United Methodist Church with burial at Magnolia Cemetery. Officiating at the services was Rev. Rick Eifert.

Pallbearers were Paul Sundin, Art Green, Elton Allison, Ronnie Pryor, Jim Hays, Marvin Davenport, Robert Allison, and Donald Gardner. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Woodville Rotary Club.

Visitation was held at the funeral home on Saturday, February 21 from 5 until 9 p.m.

Mr. Bell was a native of Rule, Texas, former resident of Beaumont and Liberty, and had lived in Woodville for the past thirty three years. He was a retired district supervisor for Gulf States Entergy and a World War II Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Bell of Woodville; sons and daughter-in-law, Alan and Vicki Bell and Tommy Bell all of Woodville; sisters, Irene Windeborn of Rusk, Mildred Duncan of Livingston, and Billie Knephshield of Spring; grandchildren, Leslie Bell and Brian Bell, both of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ralph Loyd Bergstrom

Graveside services for Ralph L. Bergstrom, 80, were held February 28, 1998 at Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches, Texas with Bro. Jimmy Chance officiating.

Mr. Bergstrom died February 26, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of Norway, Kansas, he lived in Port Neches most of his life before moving to Warren, Texas in 1981. He was a retired sheet metal worker for Goodrich.

Survivors include his wife Pauline Bergstrom of Warren; sons Robert Bergstrom of Port Neches, Ralph Paul Bergstrom and James Earl Bergstrom both of Warren; daughters Carol Davenport of San Marcos and Peggy Harnden of Kingwood and nine grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Fern H. Meriwether

Funeral services for Fern H. Meriwether, 74, of Warren, Texas was held February 25, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Rev. Gene Van Noord officiating. Burial was held February 27 at 10:30 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma with Rev. Roger Thompson officiating. Visitation was held February 24 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Meriwether died February 23, 1998 at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home.

A native of Lawton, OK., she lived in Oklahoma City, OK, and Beaumont before moving to Hillister 25 years ago. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Post #2033 in Woodville, a member of the Tyler County In Touch Cancer Support Group and a member of the Church of Christ in Warren.

Survivors include her husband, F.J. Darcy of Hillister; sons, Don H. Reynolds of Mesquite and Paul W. Reynolds, of Oklahoma City, OK; brother, Weldon S. Hawkins of Oklahoma City, OK; sister, June T. Crowell of Hillister; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces nephews and many first and second cousins.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Niklaus Kane Henson

Funeral services for Niklaus Henson, 2, were held February 28, 1998 at 3 p.m. at Roller-McNutt Chapel in Conway, Arkansas. Rev. Bill Birdsong officiated at the services. Burial followed at
Niklaus was born October 26, 1995 in Conway, Arkansas. Survivors include his mother Ashley Walters of Conway; father Damian Henson of Conway; grandparents John and Susan Walters of Conway, and Bill and Linda Gray of Woodville; great-grandparents Guy and Maxine Walters of Hickory Plans, Arkansas and Terrell & Wanda Young of Truman, Arkansas.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Geraldine Smalley

Geraldine Smalley, 55, of Woodville, Texas died Monday, March 2, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Cremation services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville with a private family memorial service scheduled for a later time.

Mrs. Smalley was a native of Texas City, former resident of Bay Cliff and had lived in Woodville for the past year.

She is survived by her husband Darrell Smalley of Woodville; daughters & sons-in-law, Bonnie and Kelly Smith of Temple, Colleen and Michael Terry of Huffman, and Kelly McGinty of Austin; brothers, August “Rip” Hirsch of the Woodlands, Albert “Jet” Hirsch of LaMarque, and Ernest “Chip” Hirsch of Huffman; sister, Barbara Bolyard of Austin and five grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Gertrude Ann Jordan

Funeral services for Gertrude Ann Jordan, 93, of Spurger, Texas were held Tuesday, March 17th, at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Spurger with Bro. Byron McWilliams and Bro. David Nugent officiating. An Eastern Star Service was performed by Spurger Chapter of the O.E.S. #315. Burial was held at Turner’s Branch Cemetery near Spurger.

Visitation was held Monday March 16th, from 4 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Jordan died March 15, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital.

A native of Sabine, Texas she lived in Spurger most of her life. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Spurger and a member of the Spurger Chapter of the O.E.S. #315.

Survivors include her two sons, Billy Jack Jordan of Spurger and Don Jordan of Mathis, Texas; one daughter, Janis Barnes of Crystal Beach; one sister, Lois Baker of Eldorado; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were her grandsons. Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jerry Jeanette Weeks Jones

Services for Jerry Jeanette Weeks Jones, 63, of Diboll, Texas were held at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday in the Gipson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jerry Young officiating. Eastern Star graveside services will follow in the Garden of Memories Memorial Park.

Mrs. Jones was born May 9, 1934, in Angelina County, Texas, to the late Fred, Sr., and Clara Scarborough Weeks. She died Monday, March 16, 1998 in a Lufkin hospital.

Mrs. Jones had been a teller for Diboll State Bank for more than 25 years. She was a member of the Burke Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Diboll Pilot Club. Mrs. Jones attended Fairview Baptist Church, and had been a resident of Diboll all her life.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Gregg Weaver of Woodville; brother and sister-in-law, Fred, Jr., and Joy Weeks of Diboll; granddaughters, C.J. Weaver and Michelle Weaver, both of Woodville; very special friend, Jim Sharp of Lufkin; and nephew and his wife, David and Sherri Weeks of Hudson.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her parents, Clara Weeks in 1981 and Fred Weeks, Sr., on March 8, 1998.

Pallbearers were James Simms, David Weeks, Jimmy Sharp, Marvin Scarborough, Wayne Barlow and Raymnd Lenderman. Honorary pallbearers were Gary Jones and Felton Burt.
The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at Gipson Funeral Home.

**Ben Chase**

Ben Chase, 88, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, March 15, 1998 at the Diagnostic Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services were Tuesday March 17th at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Bro. Dwayne Freese. Serving as pallbearers were Mike Chase, Mark Chase, Kenneth McDaniel, Kevin McDaniel, Jason Jones, and Rusty Gornett. Serving as honorary pallbearer was Tillman Johnson.

Visitation was held at the funeral home on Monday, March 16, 1998 from 6 until 9 p.m.

Mr. Chase was a native of Meeker, Louisiana and was a longtime resident of Woodville. He was retired as a safety department inspector with Union Carbide and was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville, Machinist Local #903 and AARP.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Eloise Chase of Woodville; sons and daughters-in-law, Ben E. and Bonnie Chase of Vidor, and Fred W. and Neva Chase of Shreveport, Louisiana; daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and James McDaniel of Katy; brothers, E.H. Chase of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Kenneth Chase of Port Allen, Louisiana; sister, Flo Smith of West Monroe, Louisiana; six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Earl Alden Guidry**

Earl Alden Guidry, 88, of Port Neches, Texas died March 13, 1998 at Mid-Jefferson Hospital in Nederland.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Central Baptist Church in Port Neches with burial at Oak Bluff Memorial Park under the direction of Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A native of Gueydan, Louisiana and a former resident of Woodville, he lived in Port Neches many years and was a retired supervisor for Texaco, Inc.

Survivors include daughters, Sue Guidry Bondurant of Longview and Beth Guidry Terrell of Groves; sons Glenn A. Guidry of Gladewater and David E. Guidry of League City; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

**Odette Childress Guidry**

Odette “Cotton” Childress Guidry, 81, of Port Neches, Texas died March 15 at Mid-Jefferson Hospital in Nederland.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Central Baptist Church in Port Neches with burial at Oak Bluff Memorial Park under the direction of Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland. Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A native of Idabelle, Oklahoma, and a former resident of Woodville, she was a long time resident of Port Neches.

Survivors include daughters, Sue Guidry Bondurant of Longview and Beth Guidry Terrell of Groves; sons, Glenn A. Guidry of Gladewater and David E. Guidry of League City; sisters, Betty Renshaw of Port Arthur and Juanita Stelly of Port Neches; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

**John D. Nelson, Jr.**

Funeral services for John D. Nelson, Jr., 75, of Colmesneil, Texas will be held Wednesday, March 18, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. Bo Owens officiating. The flag will be presented to the family by the V.F.W. Post #2033. Burial will be held at Colmesneil City Cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 17, 1998, from 4 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Nelson died March 16, 1998 at his residence.

A native of Baraboo, Wisconsin, he lived in Pasadena before moving to Colmesneil 13 years ago. He was a retired office machine repairman for
American General Repair Service and an Army
World War II veteran. He was a member of the
D.A.V. Post in Pasadena and the V.F.W. Post in
Jasper.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jo

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Nelson of
Colmesneil; daughter, Teresa Church of Lufkin;
son, John C. Nelson of Pasadena and five
grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley
Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mary Madelene Courtney

Mary Magdelene Courtney, 84, of Doucette,
Texas died Monday, March 16, 1998 at the St.
Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 18th
at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home
Chapel in Woodville with burial at Camp Ground
Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the
services were Bro. Buddy McDaniels and Bro. Ken
DeRouen.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons.
Jessie Wayne Courtney, Tommy Joe Courtney,
Dennis Ard, Abb Patterson, Tracy Chappell, James
Curtis Miller, Garry Courtney, and Jason Butter.
Honorary pallbearers were her granddaughters,
Pamela Butter, Joyce Vaclavik, Christina Atmar,
and Wanda Patterson.

Mrs. Courtney was a native of Shelbyville and
was a longtime resident of Doucette. She was a
member of the First Baptist Church of Doucette.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-
law, T.J. and Doris Chapell of Jasper, J.W. and
Nancy Courtney, Jr., and Leo and Sherilyn
Courtney all of Doucette; daughters and sons-in-
law, Alice and James Ard of Devers, and Mary V.
and DeWayne Ling of Doucette; sister, Julie Self of
Corrigan; 19 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren,
and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer
and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lettie Virginia Bendy Duncan

Funeral services for Lettie Virginia Bendy
Duncan, 81, were held Monday, March 23 at 2 p.m.
in the Travis Street Chapel of the Sullivan Funeral
Home in Marshall, Texas with Rev. Rocky Burrow
officiating. Graveside services were at 2 p.m.
March 24 in the Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Mrs. Duncan died March 20, 1998 in Longview,
Texas and was a retired registered nurse. She was
the recovery room supervisor at Marshall Regional
Hospital and had been the operating room
supervisor in Helena, Arkansas. She was a
member of the Second Baptist Church in Marshall,
Texas. She graduated from the Colmesneil High
School and the Levi Hospital School of Nursing in
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Preceded in death by her sister Darlene Bendy
Sturrock and a grandson William Franklin Duncan,
she is survived by her children; Frank W. and Gay
Duncan of Kilgore, Bendy Canada and Jerry Doty
of Dracut, Massachusetts and Rebecca Joaquin of
Longview; grandchildren, Rene Cocklin and
Amanda Joaquin of Dracut, Daniel Keller Joaquin
of Longview, Michael King of Houston and Joshua
Pace of Kilgore; great-grandchildren, Jackson
Frazier of Stillwater, OK and Rachael Cocklin of
Dracut, Massachusetts; sister Estelle Cruse and
James D. Cruse of Woodville.

Mary Bookman

Services for Mary Bookman, 79, of Chester,
Texas were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 18,
1998 in the Palestine Baptist Church with the Rev.
J. Ratcliff officiating. Burial followed in the New
Hope Cemetery in Goodrich, Texas.

A wake was held Tuesday night at the Corrigan
Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Bookman died Saturday, March 14, in St.
Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

She was born September 25, 1918 in the
Trinity County community of Nigton, the daughter
of Eugene and Lillie Mae Evans. While in her early
20s, she was married to Thirley H. Bookman, a
native of Goodrich.

Mrs. Bookman attended public schools in
Nigton, Goodrich and Chester and she was always active in her community, serving in many organizations such as the Parent-Teacher Association. At different times, Mrs Bookman and her husband were dedicated members of The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Houston, New Hope Baptist Church in Goodrich and Palestine Baptist Church in Chester.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1988 and her sister, Vera Wyatt, who died just two months and two days prior to Mrs. Bookman.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Colette Bookman of New York; a sister, Lee Ethel Darden Egans of Crosby; a number of nieces, nephews and their spouses, Louise and J.P. Johnson, Albert and Senortha Wyatt, Lawrence and Rosalyn Wyatt, Ben and Ruth Berry, all of Chester, Bonnie and Henry Darden, Lester and Karen Darden, all of Beaumont, Eddie Lois and Johnny Darden, Charles and Robert Wyatt, all of Houston.

Corrigan Funeral Home directed the arrangements.

Victoria M. Warfield

Funeral services for Victoria M. “Vicki” Warfield, 90, of Woodville, Texas were held March 19, 1998 at 11 a.m at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Woodville with Vicar Barbara L. Barth officiating. Burial was held at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Visitation was held March 18, 1998 from 4 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Warfield died March 17, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of Eagle Lake, Texas, she lived in Beaumont before moving to Woodville 47 years ago. She was the owner of Warfield’s Gift Shop in Woodville.

Survivors include her daughter, Jane Spencer of Jasper; sons, Ronald Warfield of Houston and James B. Warfield, Jr. of Woodville; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Gordon Hext, Jay Spencer, Kevin Peter, Jamie Warfield, Sean Warfield, and Robbie R. Barnett.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Inez Sandord DeCuir

Funeral Services for Inez Sanford DeCuir, 62, of Woodville, Texas were held March 24, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with her son-in-law, Pastor Michael D. Sheffield, officiating. Burial was held at Ebenezer Cemetery in Jasper.

Visitation was held March 23, 1998 from 5 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Mrs. DeCuir died March 22, 1998 in Jasper.

A native of San Augustine, she lived in Port Arthur most of her life before moving to Town Bluff one year ago. She was a member of the True Christian Fellowship Church in Jasper.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Millie and Michael Sheffield of Jasper; father, Curtis A. Sanford of Port Neches; brother, Franklin Delano Sanford of Port Arthur; sisters, Marie McCoy of Kingsville, Wanda Boudreaux of Nederland, Bobbie Kennon of Vidor, and Linda Hall of Town Bluff.

Pallbearers were George Hal, Bobby Callaway, Michael Sandford, Robert Beard, Bobby White, and Bobby James. Honorary pallbearer was Ronnie Sheffield.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Virginia Irene Thomas

A memorial service for Virginia Irene Thomas, 84, of Woodville, Texas was held March 23, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Abundant Life Fellowship Church with Rev. J.D. Hughes officiating. Cremation was handled at Wilbert Crematory in Beaumont.

Mrs. Thomas died March 21, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital.

A native of Meadville, PA., she lived in Belton 12 years before moving to Woodville eight years ago.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Thomas.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Robert S. and Jane Thomas of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, David M. and Patti Thomas of
Copper Cove; grandchildren, David Thomas, II and Brett Thomas; step-grandchildren, Jerry Simoneaux and Todd Simoneaux; one step-great granddaughter, Shelbie Simoneaux.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Dorothy Allison

Dorothy “Dot” Allison, 78, of Woodville, Texas died Tuesday, April 7, 1998 at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services were Thursday, April 9th at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Bro. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were Trey Allison, Kevin Hudson, Robert Allison, Sidney Allison and Jay Kenesson.

Visitation was held Wednesday April 8th from 5 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Allison was a native of Call Junction and was a long time resident of Woodville. She was a member of the Women’s Study Club, Hospital Auxiliary, WMU and First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Harold E. and Ernestine Allison and Jim and Beth Allison all of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Tom Crosby of Beaumont; brother, Gene Morgan of Silsbee; sister, Cleo Norton of Hillister; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Bodie Alvin Cards

Funeral services for Bodie Alvin Cards, 82, of Woodville, Texas were held April 11, 1998 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Dr. Raymond Parker officiating. A Masonic graveside service was held at Magnolia Cemetery by Woodville Magnolia Lodge #495.

Visitation was held April 10, 1998 from 6 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Cards died April 10, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital.

A native of Polk County, he lived in Woodville most of his life. He was a retired self-employed painter. He was a Mason of the Magnolia Lodge #495 in Woodville.

He was preceded in death by his wife Maxine Cards and 2 sons, Ronnie Cards and Michael Cards.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Billy and Bonita Cards of Woodville; grandchildren, Tessa and Cris Lacox and Billy Wayne Cards and one great grandson, Caleb Hunter Lacox.

Pallbearers were Obie Fortenberry, Daryl Rose, Don Forse, J.D. Taylor, Billy Rose and Hugh Howard.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Leslie Clarence DuBose, Jr.

Funeral services for Leslie Clarence DuBose, Jr., 28, of Rockland, Texas were held Monday, March 30, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother G.W. Patrick and Brother Shurl Patrick officiating. Burial was held at Gregory Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Sunday, March 29, 1998 from 2 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. DuBose died March 26, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital.

A native of Jasper, he was a life-long resident of Rockland. He was employed by Louisiana Pacific in the Utility Department. He was a member Katy Baptist Church, Colmesneil Bass Club and the National Rifle Association.

He is survived by his parents, Leslie Clarence DuBose, Sr. and Linda Louise DuBose of Rockland; brothers, Chrise DuBose of Rockland and John DuBose and wife, Jeannie Sowell DuBose of Rockland; sister, Dottie DuBose of Rockland; paternal grandparents, Leslie Lancing DuBose and Annie DuBose of Woodville; niece, Aubrey Denise DuBose of Rockland; numerous aunts and uncles.

Pallbearers were Bobby Patrick, Michael Williams, Robby Wendt, Lance Graham, Danny Ison, James Greenwood, Gene Nash and Tom
Graham. Honorary Pallbearers were Rodney DuBose and Charles Faircloth.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Howard Denson Munday, Sr.**

Funeral services for Howard Denson Munday, Sr., 94, of Colmesneil, Texas were held April 13, 1998 at 10 a.m. with Bro. David Miller officiating. A Masonic Service was conducted at the funeral home by the Yellow Pine Lodge #679 in Colmesneil. Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. at Brookside Cemetery in Houston.

Visitation was held April 11, 1998 from 4 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Munday died April 10, 1998 at the Woodville Convalescent Center.

A native of Atlanta, Texas, he lived in Houston before moving to Colmesneil 28 years ago. He was a retired clerk for Southern Pacific Railroad. He was a member of the Yellow Pine Lodge #679 in Colmesneil and a member of the First Baptist Church in Colmesneil.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sophia Elizabeth Beeler Munday in December 1959.

He is survived by his wife, Liz Munday of Colmesneil; sons, Howard Munday, Jr. of Buffalo, Texas, and Kathleen Ruley of Conroe; step-son Royce McBryde of Gig Harbor, Washington; step-daughters, Carla Steagall and Glenda Duellman both of Colmesneil; 18 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Mark Andrew Matthews**

Mark Andrew Matthews, 35, of Corpus Christi, Texas died Saturday, April 11, 1998 at Bay Area Hospital in Corpus Christi.

Funeral services were Tuesday April 14th at 2 p.m. at the Cage Mills Everhart Chapel in Corpus Christi. A rosary will be held Wednesday, April 15th at 7 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. A mass of Christian burial will be held Thursday, April 16th at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville with interment to follow at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Father Roger Thibodeaux, pastor of the Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers will be Larry Matthews, Lenny Matthews, Louis Matthews, Jr., Kyle Marino, Murray Matthews, Paul Copponex, Laurie Matthews, and Michael Covington.

A native of Houston, he was retired as an First Class Petty Officer from the U.S. Navy in Corpus Christi and was working at Creveling Dodge in Corpus Christi.

He is survived by his wife, Delisia Rose Ballard Matthews of Corpus Christi; daughters, Kiera Shea Matthews and Kylee Rene Matthews both of Corpus Christi; son, J.C. Reynolds of Corpus Christi; parents Morris and Billie Matthews of Warren; brother, Shonn Martin Matthews; sister, Trina Dawn Matthews Blackwell; and grandmother, Dorothy Materson of Houston.

Local services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Florence Huntington Morris**

Florence Huntington Morris, born November 15, 1904 in Lamar County, died peacefully in her sleep on May 25, 1998 in Woodville, Texas. “Umfy”, as she was known to her family, was a graduate of the University of Arizona and published playwright of works including “Much Ado About John’s Other Wife” and “The Great Western Melodrama.” Although she called Pasadena, CA home for most of her life, Umfy was an avid traveler and always said “for my 90th we’ll go to Hawaii, for my 100th we’ll go to Paris, and for my 110th we’ll go to Mars.” We are all sorry we didn’t get to Mars, but we’re glad we were there for the ride! Umfy is survived by her daughter, Mary Kay Huntington of Woodville; grandchildren, John Eric Shlaudeman, Jr. and wife Connie; Sara Duck Loudermilk and husband John all of Houston, Texas; and Lydia Duck Dissly and her husband Rich of Boulder, CO; great-grandchildren, Ricki Lee and Ian Huntington Shlaudeman and Laura Emily
Dissly.
   The family wishes to thank the aides, nurses and staff at Dogwood Trails Nursing Home for their generous care during Umfy’s final trip.

Susie Reynolds

Susie Reynolds, 91, of Woodville, Texas died May 26, 1998 at the Woodville Convalescent Center. Services were held at the Wyman Roberts Memorial Chapel in San Augustine, Texas on May 28, 1998 with Bro Kenn Freeland officiating. Burial was in Reynolds Cemetery in Shelby County.

Mrs. Reynolds was born in San Augustine County and was a retired Nurse’s Aide. She was a member of Hill Top Baptist Church.

Survivors include James Self and Tom Reynolds of Longview, Texas and John Reynolds of Woodville, Texas; daughters, Lucille Owens of Hillister and Judy Mott of Woodville; 22 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Services were handled by the Wyman Roberts Funeral Home in San Augustine.

J.C. Carter


Funeral services were Saturday, May 30th at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Bethany Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services were Bro. Johnny Durham, Bro. Howard Burroughs and Bro. B.A. Reeves.


Bro. Carter was a native of Limestone County, Texas and a longtime resident of Colmesneil. He was the pastor of Colmesneil Assembly of God Church in Colmesneil.

He is survived by his wife, Mollie Carter of Colmesneil; sons and daughter-in-law, Faye and Charles Riley of Colmesneil, and Gaye and Larry Brown of Woodville; brothers, D.C. Carter of Luling, Rex Timms of Dallas, and Don Carter of Greenville; sister, Lenora Seale of Luling; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ted Borowski, Sr.

Ted Borowski, Sr., 79, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday, May 28, 1998 at his residence in Woodville.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 30th at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Father Roger Thibodeaux, pastor of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were Michael Borowski, Michael Harvil, J.D. Taylor, Rusty Hughes, Vince Vinson, Jack Walton, Philip Martin, and Dave Youngblood.

Visitation was held on Friday, May 29th from 6 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Borowski had lived in Tyler County for the past fourteen years having come from Saratoga. He was a retired automobile salesman.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Ted and Debbie Borowski, Jr., of Woodville; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ernest Martin


Graveside services were Tuesday, June 2nd at 4 p.m. at the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Visitation was held on Monday June 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.
Rev. Martin was a native of Center and longtime resident of Woodville. He was a longtime pastor of Cherokee Baptist Church and had formerly served as both Tyler County Tax Assessor/Collector and Tyler County District Clerk. He was a member of the Woodville Masonic Lodge #495 AF & AM and the Woodville Lion’s Club.

He is survived by his sons, Joe Martin of Mauriceville and Chris Martin of Woodville; brother, Bryan Martin of Woodville; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lionel Amato

Funeral service for Lionel “BoBo” Amato, 65, of Woodville, Texas was held at 10 a.m. June 1, 1998 from the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Vicar Barbara Barth officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Flag presentation was made by VFW Post #2033 of Woodville.

Visitation was held from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mr. Amato passed away May 29, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. He was born July 23, 1932 in Galveston, Texas.

A native and longtime resident of Galveston, he lived in Woodville 12 years and was a retired maintenance supervisor for Union Carbide in Texas City. He was a Korean War Navy Veteran.

Mr. Amato was preceded in death by one son, Vincent Amato, one daughter Rhonda Amato, and his father Ignatious Amato.

Survivors include his wife Peggy Jean Phillips of Woodville, two daughters and son-in-law, Barbara Gail and Cliff Brown of Buna; Marilee and Tim Williams of Groves; one sister, Tessie Lee Taylor of Woodville, three grandchildren, Stacie and husband, David McMillan; Kendal and Michael; one great-grandchild, Meghan; five nieces and two nephews.

V.F.W. Post #2033 in Woodville served as pallbearers.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Elmer H. Krute

Elmer H. Krute, 87, of Woodville, Texas died Monday, June 1, 1998 at Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville.

Graveside service will be Wednesday, June 3rd at 4 p.m. in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the service will be Rev. Rick Eifert, pastor of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 3rd from 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Krute was a native of WilkesBarre, PA, formerly of Port Arthur and a longtime resident of Woodville. He was a WW II Navy veteran and a retired communications supervisor with Atlantic Refining.

R.A. Phillips

Funeral Services for R.A. Phillips, 76, were held May 28, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Dr. Raymond Parker and Dwayne Freese officiating.

Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495 Rites and V.F.W. Post #2033 Rites were held at Mount Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Mr. R.A. Phillips died May 26, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A native of Hampton, Texas he lived in Chester before moving to Woodville, 52 years ago. He was a retired mechanic and a WW II Army veteran. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Woodville, Magnolia Masonic Lodge #462 and retired volunteer for the Woodville Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife Peggy Jean Phillips of Woodville, two daughters and son-in-law, Barbara Gail and Cliff Brown of Buna; Marilee and Tim Williams of Groves; one sister, Tessie Lee Taylor of Woodville, three grandchildren, Stacie and husband, David McMillan; Kendal and Michael; one great-grandchild, Meghan; five nieces and two nephews.

V.F.W. Post #2033 in Woodville served as pallbearers.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
He is survived by his wife, Rachel Krute of Woodville and several nieces and nephews.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Jessie Mae Gilder

Mrs. Jessie Mae Gilder, 84, of Warren, Texas died Tuesday at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. Funeral services were May 23, 1998 at 1 p.m. at the Warren Chapel Baptist Church in Warren with burial at the Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

She was a native of Alto, Texas and lived in Warren, a number of years.

Survivors include daughter, Alma Jo Mitchell of Nacogdoches; sisters, Mozell Sanders of Silsbee, Roberta Richards of Jacksonville, and Nettie Harden of Lufkin; brother, R.B. Blackshire of Silsbee; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

John Landy Grimsley

Funeral services for John L. Grimsley, 66, were held May 23, 1998 at 10 a.m. from Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Parks Walker officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Mr. Grimsley died May 21, 1998 at his residence in Colmesneil, Texas.

A native of Haslam, Texas, he lived in Lumberton most of his life before retiring to Colmesneil four years ago.

He was a retired mechanic for Southern Pacific Railroad.

He was a Korean Army Veteran. The V.F.W. Post #2033 presented a flag to the family. He was a member of Crestwood Baptist Church in Lumberton.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Grimsley of Colmesneil; son, Mark Allen Grimsley of Morris, IL; daughter; Karen Sue Grimsley of Colmesneil; mother Camilla Crawford of Tenaha; brothers, Jerry Grimsley, Bill Grimsley and Forrest Crawford, Jr. all of Joaquin, Texas; sisters, Frances McDaniel of Clute, Margaret Bowlin of Shepherd, Nancy Kellar and Mamie Vanover.

Pallbearers were Mark Grimsley, Jonathan Clegg, Benjamin Clegg, Don Belt, Jerry Grimsley and Jim Vanover.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Florence H. Morris

Cremation services for Florence H. Morris, 93, were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Morris died May 24, 1998 at Dogwood Trails Manor near Woodville, Texas.

A native of Lamar, Colorado, she lived in Houston before moving to Woodville. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughter Mary Kay Huntington of Woodville, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Vernon Truett Lamberth

Graveside services for Vernon Truett Lamberth, Sr., 75, were held May 21, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Rockland Cemetery with Kenneth Cauthen officiating.

Mr. Lamberth died May 19, 1998 at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A native of Weirgate, he lived in Beaumont most of his life.

He was a retired machinist for Union Oil and a WW II Navy Veteran.

Survivors include his wife; Marie Dykes Lamberth of Beaumont; son Vernon T. Lamberth, Jr. of Beaumont; daughter Trudie Downs of Warren and two granddaughters, Rachelle and Ashley.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

William B. Greer

Funeral services for William “Bill” Greer, 74, were held May 20, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jack Lewellen and Bro. Bill
Bussinger officiating.
Burial followed at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas.

Mr. Greer died May 17, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.
A native of Pittsburg, OK, he lived in Beaumont most of his life before moving to Colmesneil, Texas six years ago. He was a retired accountant for Trott and Thompson in Beaumont.
Survivors include his wife Inez Greer of Colmesneil; daughters, Billie Jo Leger of Winnie and Sammie Jones of Sour Lake; sister, Jeanne O’Daniel of McAlester, OK; step daughter Cindy Neel of Spring; stepson, Lloyd Sandlin of Spring; five grandchildren and four step grandchildren.
Pallbearers were David Jones, Gerald Spayrer, Armand Leger, A.D. Graham, Bob Veale and Don Neel.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Gertie McClain

Funeral services for Gertie McClain, 99, were held May 20, 1998 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Spurger, Texas under the direction of Riley Funeral Home with Bro. David Nugent, Bro. Byron McWilliams and Bro. Ennis Kirkland officiating. Burial followed at Turner’s Branch Cemetery near Spurger.
Miss McClain died May 18, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.
Survivors include her sisters Idia McClain and Hazel Sheffield both of Spurger and numerous nieces and nephews and friends.
Pallbearers were Thomas N. Lucas, Peyton Sheffield, Sam M. Barrington, Charles Sheffield, Bobby Jordan, and Jack W. McClain.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Chester Gray Hancock

Chester Gray Hancock, 78, of Jasper, Texas died May 2, 1998 at Sisters of Charity Hospital in Jasper.
Services will be graveside at Jack Cemetery in Pineland, Texas on Sunday, May 3. Visitation will be from 1:30 Sunday until service time at the cemetery. Mr. Hancock was a member of the V.F.W. Post in Jasper and served his country during WW II in the U.S. Army. He was also the former owner and operator of Hancock Grocery in Jasper.
Survivors include the mother of his children, Miriam Hancock of Jasper; sons, Donnie Hancock of Austin, Mike Hancock of Jasper, and David Hancock of Houston and Charlsie Lee of Jasper; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
Services under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper.

Christopher Nicholas Land

Christopher Nicholas Land, 19 months old, of Beaumont, Texas died May 1, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday at the Moss Hill Cemetery near Woodville, under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.
Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Funeral Home Chapel.
Survivors include parents, Darren Land of St. Petersburg, Florida and Christi Land of Beaumont; sisters, Diera and Darian Land both of Beaumont; brother, Johnny Ray Wooten, III, of Beaumont; grandparents, Mike and Betty McCulley of Woodville and Lanell and Norman Land of Silsbee, Tim Rodrigues of Silsbee; great-grandfather Henry Rodrigues of Silsbee and great-great-grandfather Albert Hadnot of Woodville.

Lois Enloe Reardon

Lois Enloe Reardon, 95, of Woodville, Texas died Monday, May 4, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.
Funeral services will be Wednesday, May 6th at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Rev. Rick Eifert, pastor of Woodville United Methodist Church.
Visitation was held Tuesday, May 5th from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Reardon was a native and a long time resident of Tyler County and was formerly of Daisetta. She was a retired U.S. postal clerk from Daisetta and was a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son, Perry Collier of Trinity; sisters, Nora Robertson, Beulah Johnson, and Louise Hambrick all of Lumberton; four grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home.

Aderia Beatrice Divins

Funeral services for Arderia Beatrice Divins, 63, were held May 2, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Bro. Kenn Freeland officiating.

Graveside services were held May 3, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas.

A native of Livingston, she lived in Town Bluff most of her life before moving to Willis, Texas. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Divins of Willis; daughter, Joyce Diane Bailey of Willis; son, Frankie Wayne Divins of Woodville and nine grandchildren, Kyle D. Bailey, Melissa Bailey, Felicia Bailey, Carolyn Sue Divins, Frankie Divins, Jr., Jessie Divins, James Divins, Frank Divins, and Josey Divins.

Steve E. Benthall

Brother Steve E. Benthall, 80, of Woodville, Texas died Tuesday, June 2, 1998 at the Holiday Pines Manor in Woodville.

Funeral services were Thursday, June 4th at 10 a.m. in the Dogwood Hills Baptist Church near Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services were Troy Richardson, pastor of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church and Brother Kenneth Cauthen, pastor of First Baptist Church of Warren.

Serving as pallbearers were Otis Reynolds, Chester Cartwright, Johnny Lummus, Jerry Rains, Lester Mitchell and Port Callaway. Serving as honorary pallbearers were the deacons of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

The honors of the flag was presented to the family by the members of the V.F.W. Post # 2033 of Woodville.

Visitation was held at the funeral home on Wednesday, June 3rd, from 5 - 9 p.m.

Brother Benthall was a native of Crandall and a longtime resident of Woodville. He was a longtime Baptist minister in Tyler County, a member of the Dogwood Hills Baptist Church and a WW II Army veteran.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Kim Benthall of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Mike Lowery of League City; sister, Lois Dean of Woodville; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Charley James Foxworth

Funeral services for Charley James Foxworth, 61, were held June 11, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Brother John McKee officiating.

V.F.W. Post #2033 presented the flag to the family at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Foxworth died June 8, 1989 at Mariner Health Nursing Home in Houston.

A native of Woodville, he lived in the Houston area most of his life. He was a retired Air Traffic Controller and was an Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his son, Curtis Foxworth of Loveland; daughter, Brenda McKee of Woodville; mother, Willie Foxworth of Woodville; five brothers, Larry Foxworth of Wichita Falls, Robert Foxworth of Colmesneil, Keith Foxworth of Colmesneil, Johnny Foxworth of Woodville, Joe Foxworth of Ozark, Ark.; and five sisters, Shirley Sinclair of Spring, Dorothy Stephens of Woodville, Peggy Chandler of Woodville, Ann Caldwell of Crockett, Joan Dies of Dam B; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one daughter,
Debbie Darby; two brothers, Jerry and Roger Dale Foxworth, and father, Charley Preston Foxworth.

Pallbearers were Robert Foxworth, Keith Foxworth, Johnny Foxworth, Curtis Foxworth, Johnny McKee and Larry Foxworth.

**Sheena Marie Downing**

Funeral services for Sheena Marie Downing, 12, were held June 16, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Rev. George Adams and Rev. Steve Adams officiating. Burial followed at Bethany Cemetery near Colmesneil, with Brother Jim Slinger officiating.

Sheena died June 13, 1998 at Texas Children Hospital in Houston, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Beaumont, Texas and she was a 5th grade student at Roy Guess Elementary School.


Pallbearers were Ricky Bynum, John Bynum, Joseph Downing, Joey Rocka, Larry Downing and Ronnie Yellott. Honorary pallbearers were Richard Downing and Richard Andrews.

**James Warfield**

James “Buddy” Warfield, Jr., 58, of Woodville, Texas died Tuesday, June 9, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were Friday, June 12th at 11 a.m. in the St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Vicar Barbara Barth, Vicar of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.

Serving as pallbearers were Ernest W. Gassiott, Robbie Barnett, John Morrison, Jamie Warfield, Sean Warfield and Jay Spencer.

Visitation was held Thursday, June 11, 1998 from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Warfield was a native of Beaumont, formerly of Pittsburg, Texas and had lived in Woodville for the past three years. He was retired from Texas Instruments as a research chemist.

He is survived by his daughter, Tanya Warfield of Pittsburg; brother, Ron Warfield of Houston; and his sister, Jane Spencer of Jasper.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

**Ruby C. Branch**

Ruby C. Branch, 92, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, June 14, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were Tuesday, June 16th at 10 a.m. in the Blue Springs Cemetery in Etoile, Texas under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mrs. Branch was a native and former longtime resident of Etoile. She had lived in Woodville for the past six years.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dorothy and William Shelton of Humble and daughter, Jeannie Daniel, also of Humble; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Helen Louise Hiemes**

Helen Louise Hiemes, 74, of Hardin, Texas passed away Friday, June 12, 1998 at San Jacinto Methodist Hospital in Baytown after an extended illness.

Graveside services for Mrs. Hiemes were held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 15, 1998, at the Rockland Cemetery in Rockland, Texas. Visitation was held from 3-9 p.m. Sunday at Sterling Funeral Home in Dayton, Texas. Services were under the direction of Sterling Funeral Home in Dayton.

Mrs. Hiemes was born in Rockland, Texas and had been a resident of the Dayton area for the past 47 years. She owned and operated Helen’s Diner before retiring. She was of the Baptist faith, and enjoyed gardening, collecting, fishing and playing pool.

Mrs. Hiemes was preceded in death by her
mother, Nealie Dyson and her husband Andrew Hiemes. Survivors include her father; Howell Dyson of Zavala, Texas; two daughters, Elizabeth A. Wallace and husband Ed Raspberry of Crosby, Mary H. West and husband Melvin of Hardin; two sisters, Willie M. Windham of Hitchcock, Texas and Lucille Lamb of Cleveland, Texas; three grandchildren; Helen N. Cronin of Dayton, Heather Lucinda West of Hardin, and Andy Cronin of Dayton; numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

W.B. Daily

W.B. Daily, Jr., 54 of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, June 14, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 17th at 4 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Dr. Raymond A. Parker. Masonic graveside services will be conducted by Rockland Masonic Lodge AF&AM #960.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 16th from 5-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Daily was a lifelong resident of Woodville and had retired with thirty years of service from the Texas Highway Department as a roadway maintenance supervisor IV. He was a member of the Rockland Masonic Lodge AF&AM #960 and Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Lee Daily of Woodville; son, Wallace B. Daily, III of Beaumont; and sisters, Patsy Daily Boden of Henderson and Juanita Boyd of Warren.

Pallbearers included Brett Finley, Jarrod Finley, Ray Burchman, James M. Allison, Elbert Jenkins and Chris Martin.

Maude Irma Sawyer Hatton

Funeral services for Irma Hatton, 77, were held June 7, 1998 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Spurger, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, with Bro. David Nugent officiating.

Burial Followed at Mr. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.


She was a lifelong resident of Spurger, Texas and she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband Beauford Hatton of Spurger, daughter and son-in-law Dolores and Dan Jordan of Spurger; son and daughter-in-law Frank Eddie and Donna Hatton of Woodville, son and daughter-in-law David and Pam Hatton of Hillister; daughter-in-law Mary Ann Hatton of Silsbee, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother Maude McDonald, father, Edmond Ezra Sawyer, son, Carroll B. Hatton, and grandson, Billy Hatton.

Pallbearers were Michael Hatton, Carroll Hatton, Rodney Jordan, Kyle Hatton, Keith Hatton, Rusty Hatton, and Brad Hatton.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Skylar Chyenne Jones

Funeral services for Skylar Jones, four months old, were held June 8, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville, Texas under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, with Father Roger Tibodeaux officiating the service.

A rosary was held at 9 a.m. June 8, 1998 at the funeral home.


Survivors include her parents, John and Kim Jones of Vidor; grandparents, Lamar and Nancy Thompson of Buna, Luther and Ruby Jones of Vidor and Elsa Bennet of Silsbee.

Bernice C. Williams

Bernice C. Williams, 69, of Alexandria, LA, died Monday, June 15, 1998 at her residence in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Funeral services were Thursday, June 18th at 2 PM in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery
near Woodville. Officiating at the services was Brother David Barker. Serving as pallbearers were Greg Pettis, Phillip Ashby, Mark Dominguez, Edward Dominguez, Louis Cowart and Dale Floyd.

Visitation was held Thursday, June 18th from 10 AM until service time at the funeral home.

Mrs. Williams was a native of Colmesneil, former resident of Woodville and a longtime resident of Alexandria, Louisiana. She was a member of the Community Baptist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana.

She is survived by her son & daughter-in-law, David and Kathy Williams of Gardner, Louisiana; daughters & sons-in-law, Terri and Greg Pettis of Jonesboro, Louisiana, Phyllis & Phillip Ashby of Monroe, Louisiana and Christy Young of Marshall, Texas; sister, Teresa Dominguez of Silsbee, Texas and seven grandchildren.

Nora Artiemae Dean

Nora Artiemae “Artie” Dean, 104, of Woodville, Texas died Wednesday, June 17, 1998 at the Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville.

Funeral services were Friday, June 19th at 2 PM in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker. Serving as pallbearers were Barry Dean, Stacey Dean, Bucky Dean, Billy Dean, Ernest Dean, Rodney Taylor and Mike Lowery.

Mrs. Dean was a native of Tyler County and former resident of Beech Grove community and Beaumont, Texas. She had lived in Woodville for the past twenty-nine years and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her son, Kirby Dean of Woodville; daughters, Ruby Coleman of Kountze and Margie Taylor of Pt. Arthur; sister, Vay Allison of Jasper, ten grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and fifteen great-great-grandchildren.

Marvin Dill

Marvin Dill, 50, of Woodville, Texas died Friday at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Texas. Funeral service was held Tuesday at the Spring Hill Baptist Church in Woodville, Texas with burial at the Spring Hill Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held Monday from 6 to 8 PM at Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

He was a life long resident of Woodville, Texas and worked in the steel industry in Lufkin, Texas for 15 years.

His survivors include sisters, Lantha Cratic, Oletha Hadnot, Ruby Hadnot, Thelma Jones and Jennie Colquitt all of Woodville, and Jeanette Addison of Salenia, California; brothers: Elisha Dill of Woodville and James Dill of Bay City, Texas.

Cornelious McKinney Brown

Cornelious McKinney Brown, 76, died Friday June 12, 1998 at her home in Kountze, Texas. Funeral services were held on Thursday at 11 am, June 18, 1998 at the Greenpine Baptist Church in Kountze, Texas. Burial was at the Trinity Valley District Cemetery, under the directions of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Brown was a native of Doucette, Texas, a housewife, and lived in Kountze many years.

Survivors include daughters, Luevenia Finnister and Linda K. Brown of Kountze, Texas; son, Horace Lee Brown of Silsbee, Texas; sister, Lula Mae Varner of Silsbee; brother, Robert Lee McKinney of Beaumont, Texas. Seven grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Curtis Williams

Curtis Williams, 80, died Sunday, June 14, 1998 at the Dogwood Trail Manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 17, at 11 am at Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Burial was at the Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister, Texas.

A native of Pineland, Texas he lived in Hillister and Corrigan, Texas for a number of years.

Survivors include sister, Izella Barclay of
Gus Lynn Marshall

Gus Lynn Marshall, 43, of Houston, Texas died Friday June 12, 1998 at the Veterans Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 18, 1998 at the Palestine Missionary Baptist Church in Chester, Texas with burial at the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Colmesneil, under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

He was a native of Chester, Texas and lived in Houston for 17 years and was a self employed trucker.


David Gullett

David Gullett, 45, of Zavalla, Texas died Monday, June 8, 1998 at his residence.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 10th at 4 p.m. in Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Officiating at the service will be Brother David Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Colmesneil. Masonic graveside services will be on Thursday, June 11th at 12 p.m. at Social Hill Cemetery near Malvern Arkansas.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Kaluza Gullett, John Walker, Jimmy Guinn, John Graham, Lee Gullett, Scott Cameron and Delbert Jones.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 9th from 6 - 9 pm at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Gullett was a native of Malvern, Arkansas and had lived in Zavalla for the past twenty-five years. He worked for M-I Drilling fluids as a mill supervisor and was a member of both Rockland Masonic Lodge AF & AM #960 and Angelina Masonic Lodge AF & AM # 1263. He was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star Zavalla Chapter #952 and Johnson Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Gullett of Zavalla; son Michael Gullett of Zavalla; daughter, Michelle Gullett of Zavalla; sisters Sandy Petty of Joes, Colorado, and Melissa Beeson of Conroe; and one grandson.

Services under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

John Tom Snowden

Graveside services for John T. Sowden, 71, were held June 18, 1998 at Rockland Cemetery, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas, with Brother Durl Patrick officiating.

Mr. Snowden died June 16, 1998 at Tyler County hospital in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Woodville, he lived in Colmesneil and Zavalla most of his life. He was a retired water well driller and a US Army Veteran.

Survivors include his daughters: Jerrie Sue Graham of Forrest, MS, Judy Ann Dobbins of Colmesneil; sons: Terry Wilson of Angleton and Robert W. Snowden of Houston; one brother Bobby Snowden of Colmesneil; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Kelly Beck, Paul Dobbins, Craig Parker, Tony Snowden, Jerry Simmons and Lawrence Upchurch.

John Autry

Graveside services for John “Jack” Autry, 77, were held June 24, 1998 at Oakwood Cemetery in Comanche, Texas under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas, with Brother Jeff Sweeten officiating.

Mr. Autry died June 20, 1998 at his residence.

A native of Halletsville, he lived in Beaumont before moving to the Spurger and Woodville area 22 years ago. He was retired from the Beaumont
US Post Office and currently spent his weekends operating a booth at Fergusons Flea Market in Hillister, Texas. He was a US Air Force Veteran.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Charlotte.

Survivors include daughters, Jan Zawada of El Granada, California, Barbara Huysers of Houston, Texas; one sister, Vina Mae Meine of Fredericksburg, Texas and four grandchildren: Jake Dawdy, Nicole and Brandon Huysers and Les Freeman.

Mary Rice Miller

Funeral Services for Mary Rice Miller, 91, were held at 2 p.m. July 26, 1998 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Buddy McDaniel officiating.

Burial followed at Frank’s Branch Cemetery in Fred, Texas.

Mrs. Miller died July 24, 1998 at Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Spurger, she lived in Hillister, Texas most of her life. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Shirley Rice of Nederland, Carrell and Verlyne Rice of Hillister; daughter and son-in-law Myrtle and Howard Estes of Woodville; step-sons, Leon Miller of Hillister, Bobby Miller of Alvin, nine grandchildren, twenty one great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, numerous step-great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Michah Rice, Glenn A. Estes, Jeremiah Rice, Wayne Rice, Jeff Rice and Bruce Rice.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Vera Frances Morgan

Funeral services were held for Vera Frances Morgan, 79, on Friday, July 24, 1998 at the Farmers Funeral Home with burial following in Cunningham Cemetery north of Silsbee, Texas.

Mrs. Morgan died on Tuesday, July 21, 1998 in St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A lifelong resident of Silsbee, Texas she was a housekeeper and served in the Army during WW II.

She is survived by four daughters Zadie Evelyn Whipple of Evansville, Indiana, Johnnie Faye Moore of Kountze, Texas, Jennie D. Baker of Silsbee, Texas and Nancy Gale Hight of Spurger, Texas; a brother, Carlos Kirkendall of Fred, Texas; and two sisters, Elizabeth Lewis and Tommie Shelton both of Fred, Texas; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Edna Faye Woodrome

Funeral services for Edna Faye Woodrome, 70, were held at 2 pm July 23, 1998 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Jerry Esmond officiating. Burial followed at Ferrell Cemetery near Dam B.


A native of Alabama, she lived in Nederland most of her life. She was a retired Licensed Vocational Nurse.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Elbert W. and Sandy Wodrome, of Port Arthur, Texas; brother, R.D. Ashworth of Centre, Alabama; sisters, Ethel Kaiser of Piedmont, Alabama and Bessie Morgan of Cavespring, Georgia; granddaughters, Karyn Pricer of Pensacola, Florida and Rhonda Halbert of Nashville, Tennessee; five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband E.W. “Woody” Woodrome and her parents.

Pallbearers were Mark Hanks, Andy Pricer, David Woodrome, Dwight Esmond, Ronnie Woodrome and Brett Hanks.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County, Texas.

Mucedes Hadnot

Mucedes “Deana” Hadnot, 65, of Jasper, Texas died July 25 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Woodville, Texas under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home. Burial will be at Moss Hill
Community Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Funeral Home Chapel.

A longtime resident of Jasper, she was a native of Woodville, the Moss Hill community. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughter, Shandgrila Wise of Jasper and Dorothy Ann Wagner and son-in-law George Wagner of Beaumont; sisters, Jessie Mae Smith, Evelyn Jean Collins, Shirley Beatrice Bean, all of Jasper and Freda Ruth Johnson of Beaumont; brothers Billy Earl Hadnot of Moss Hill, J.C. Hadnot of Sour Lake, Texas and E.D. Hadnot of Dallas; god-children, Alice Faye Diggles of Duncanville, Texas, Wanda Sue, Myra, and Craig Amacker, Bobbie Hadnot, and Frances Bowens all of Dallas, Texas; twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Julia Sokol Solosky

Julia Sokol Solosky, 88, of Warren, Texas passed away Wednesday, July 22, 1998 at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. Mrs. Solosky was born August 7, 1909 in Philadelphia, PA. She was a long time resident of Warren and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Warren, Texas.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 25th at 10 am in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with a 12:30 p.m. graveside service at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Beaumont, Texas. Officiating at the services was Bro. Kenneth Cauthen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Warren. Serving as pallbearers were Rodney Begnaud, Billy Irvine, Linton Knowles, Robert Morris, Glen Conner, James Swinney and Lance Squyres. Honorary Pallbearer was Joseph Conner.

Visitiation was held Friday, July 24th from 5 to 9 pm at the funeral home.

Mrs. Solosky was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Anthony Solosky. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd J. and Linda Sokol of Lumberton; daughters and sons-in-law, Frances and Carol Conner of Warren and Norma and James E. Penny of Pt. Neches, Texas; eight grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Michael Wayne Ward

Graveside services for Michael W. Ward, 48, were held at 10 am July 28, 1998 at Old Hardin Cemetery in Kountze, Texas.

Mr. Ward died July 24, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital.

A native of Beaumont, he lived in Hillister many years and was an air conditioning control technician.

Survived by his wife, Susie Leger of Hillister; three sons, Tragan Ward of Austin, Texas, Kristen Ward and Jared Ward both of Beaumont; mother, Esther Ward of Beaumont and two brothers Glenn Ward, Jr. of Beaumont and Adrian Ward of Longville, Louisiana.

Mary Selma David

Mary Selma David, 88, of Chester, Texas died July 29, 1998 at the home of her nephew, Josh David and his wife Nancy and their children Laura, Bob and James and grandchild Timber Lea Wright.

She was born November 11, 1909 in Barnes, Texas, the daughter of Josh L. and Laura Matthews David.

Other survivors include niece Fran Yen and husband Raymond of Austin and their children David and Andy. One brother, Horace and his wife Kathryn.

Miss David taught school for 45 years in Polk, Liberty and Jefferson Counties. She was a member of Cade United Methodist Church, a lifetime member of the Women’s Society of Christian Service and Epsilion Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Funeral services were held Friday July 31, 1998 at Cade United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Kevin Adair and the Rev. Buford Finley officiating. Interment was in Beard Cemetery, near the Barnes community.

Pallbearers were Bob David, Jake David, Lynn Clamon, Dick Matthews, George Matthews, and Neli Matthews. Honorary pallbearers were Hint
Havis, Rusty Hughes, John Martin, and Franklin Handley.

The medical care and tender kindness shown by the local East Texas Home Health and the faithfulness of Dr. Schultz and Dr. Brown allowed Aunt Selma to die with dignity close to loved ones. Corrigan Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Wanda Wilburn

Wanda Wilburn, 66, of Chester, Texas died Friday, July 10, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Graveside services were Monday, July 13, 1998 at 10 am in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Chester under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville. Officiating at the service was Bro. Kenneth Cauthen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Warren.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Gary Pullen, Clayton Wilburn, Kirk Manegold, Don Webb, John Young, and Larry Scholl, Sr.

Visitation was held on Sunday, July 12th from 5 to 9 pm at the funeral home.

Mrs. Wilburn was a native of Cleburne, Texas, a former resident of California, and had lived in Chester for the past seven and a half years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Chester.

She is survived by her son, Keith Wilburn of Phoenix, AZ; daughter, Gayline Van Zandt of Diboll; brother, Royce Thompson of Cleburne; sisters, Nadine Brown of Arlington, Ramona Baskett and Lavera Smith both of Cleburne; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mildred Nowlin

Funeral services for Mildred Nowlin, 59, were held at 11 am July 11, 1998 at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home in Houston, Texas.

Graveside services followed at 3 pm at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Chester, she lived in Houston most of her life.

Survivors include her daughters Linda Nowlin, Laurie Sauers and her husband Stanley; son, David Nowlin and his wife Lauri; sister, Barbara Pender; grandchildren Jill Pyles and her husband Brett, and Andrew Sauers.

Local arrangements under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Rose Marie Maniscoalo Henderson

Rosa Marie Maniscoalo Henderson, 88, of Beaumont, Texas died July 11 at the Clairmont. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, July 14, 1998 at 11 am in St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church with burial in Magnolia Cemetery under the direction of Broussard’s Mortuary, Beaumont. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Monday evening at the mortuary. A native of Beaumont, she had lived in Warren for 22 years.

Survivors include her daughter, Jo Ann Harris of Beaumont; son, Leon H. Henderson of Salt Lake City, Utah; three grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Jennie Lee Harris

Jennie Lee Harris, 90, of Warren, Texas passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 1998 at her residence in Warren. Mrs. Harris was born October 14, 1907 in Garrison, Texas. She was a long time resident of Warren and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Warren.

Funeral services were Friday, July 31st at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Warren with burial in Fellowship Cemetery near Warren under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services was Bro. Kenneth Cauthen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Warren.

Serving as pallbearers were Heath LaMoon, Lance LaMoon, Chad LaMoon, Mark Westcott, Casey Harris and Kurt Wilson.

Visitation was held on Thursday, July 30th from 5 to 9 pm at the funeral home.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, James and Rose Harris of Warren, Wayne and Betty Harris of Livingston and Thomas and Oneta.
Harris of Fred; daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Clifford Westcott of Gunnison, Colorado; eight grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

**Sammie J. Moore**

Funeral services for Sammie J. Moore, 76, of Jasper, Texas were held August 4, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Grammier-Oberle Funeral Home in Port Arthur with Bro. Gary Harper officiating. Burial was held at Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches.

Visitation was held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Moore died July 31, 1998.

A native of Fredericksburg, he lived in Port Arthur before moving to Jasper. He was a retired pipefitter for Local 195.

Survivors include his wife, Freda Moore of Jasper; step-sons, Richard Clinton Nation of Houston, Robert Eugene Nation of Port Arthur, and John Alexander Nation of Kountze, Texas; step daughters, Jan Elizabeth Wisnoski of Beaumont and Virginia Blount of Beaumont, Texas; sister, Mary Viola Halbert of San Antonio; nine grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Joseph E. Ratcliff**

Funeral services for Joseph E. “J.E.” Ratcliff, 70, of Spurger, Texas were held Tuesday, August 4, 1998 at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Spurger with Bro. David Nugent, Bro. Byron McWilliams, and Bro. Tom Ratcliff officiating. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger.

Visitation was held Monday, August 3, 1998 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Ratcliff died August 1, 1998 at Vencor Hospital in Houston.

A native of Spurger, he resided in Port Neches until his retirement from Texaco, Inc. in 1985 at which time he returned to reside in Spurger. He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Spurger where he served as a deacon. He was also a former member of the Gideons of Woodville Camp and served as president of the Beech Creek Cemetery Association.

Survivors include his wife, Ludella Baker Ratcliff of Spurger; daughters, Judy Ratcliff Van Randen of Fort Worth, Jo Ann Blanton of Spurger, Rebecca Louette Allen of Peterborough, N.H., and Peggy Falvey of Port Neches; brothers, Herschel Ratcliff of Spurger, Tom Ratcliff of Jefferson City, MO, Billy Ratcliff of Spurger, Jimmy Lee Ratcliff of Friendswood and Jeff Ratcliff of Livingston; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Robert Mott, Thurmon Levins, Robert Woods, Jim Talley, Dale Sellers, and J.C. Morris.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Gilford Hazel Goode Farmer**

Funeral services for Gildred Hazel Goode Farmer, 76, of Missouri City, Texas were held Sunday, August 2, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Bro. Curtis Herrington officiating. Burial was held at Colmesneil City Cemetery. Visitation was Saturday, August 1, 1998 at Fort Bend County Medical Center in Missouri City, Texas.

A native of Huntington, she lived in Colmesneil before moving to Missouri City. She was retired from Sears Department Store. She was a World War II Veteran.

Survivors include her daughter, Sanra Saunders of Missouri City; son, Joe Vance Myers of Silver Springs, MD.; sisters, Naomi Jones of Huntington, LaVerne Gorce of Dallas and Ora Mae Carter of Leakey; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Jerry Morehouse, Bill Harrison, Donnie Harrison, Robert Jaeggli, Heeb Denton, and Kevin Montgomery.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Warren Hayman Dengler, Sr.**

Funeral Services for Warren Hayman Dengler, 75, of Woodville, Texas were held Monday, August 3, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Livingston Funeral Home in Groves. Burial was held at Magnolia Cemetery in Beaumont. Visitation was held Sunday, August 2,
1998 from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Dengler died July 31, 1998 at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas.

A native of Port Arthur he lived in Woodville for the past 13 years. He was retired electrical engineer from Texaco with 40 years of service. He was a member of the A&M Alumni Association and a veteran of the US Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Dengler of Woodville; daughters, Christie Hollier of Groves and Lisa Trevino of Victoria; sons, Warren Hayman Dengler, Jr. of Lake Jackson, Russell Dengler of Groves, Steve Dengler of Groves, Phillip Dengler of Humble, Jeffrey Dengler of Port Neches, and Eric Dengler of Beaumont; brother, Felton Sam Dengler, Jr. of Beaumont; and eight grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Levingston Funeral Home in Groves.

**Lynn Alan Harvey**

Funeral services for Lynn Alan Harvey, 38, were held July 19, 1998 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Bro. Troy Richardson officiating. Interment followed at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger, Texas.

Mr. Harvey died July 15, 1998 at U.T.M.B. in Galveston, Texas.

A native of Woodville, he lived in Beaumont, Texas 19 Years.

Survivors include his best friend and companion Sue Neiberger of Beaumont; brother Johnny Harvey of Woodville; three sisters Claudia Malone of Seymour, Patsy Cain of Santa Fe, and Barbara Dykes of Zavalla, maternal grandmother Beulah Mae Bingham of Spurger.

He was preceded in death by his parents J.C. Harvey and Leona Bingham and one brother, Richard.

Pallbearers were Harold Gant, Hugie Davis, Mike Casto, Greg Galow, Charlie Lovelace, Matthew Campbell, Marty Lovelace and Brian Repole.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County, Texas.

**Elizabeth Mayfield**

Elizabeth Mayfield, 64, passed away Thursday, July 16, 1998 at Sunrise Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in Lufkin, Texas. Mrs. Mayfield was born August 17, 1933 in Roswell, New Mexico. She was a longtime resident of Pampa, Texas and had lived in Huntington for the past two years. Mrs. Mayfield was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in

**James Earl Holmes**

Funeral services for James Earl “Jim” Holmes, 68, were held July 17, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Pastor Walter Snyder with Faith Lutheran Church in Woodville officiating. Interment followed at Antioch Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Holmes died July 14, 1998 at Dogwood Hills Trails Manor in Woodville.

A native of Port Arthur, he lived in Nederland and Beaumont before moving to Woodville, Texas 31/2 years ago. He was a retired maintenance supervisor from Texaco in Port Arthur with 35 years service. He was an Army Korean Veteran.

Survivors include his wife Frances Lovelace Holmes of Woodville; four sons, Garland Earl Holmes of Beaumont, Roger Dale Holmes of Tallebudgera Valley, Australia, David Roy Holmes of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Stephen Corbit Holmes of Sour Lake, Texas; four sisters, Theo Mingle of Colmesneil, Willie Mae Barclay of Livingston, Ivy Andrews of San Antonio, and Melba Langhamer of LaGrange; two brothers, Doyle Holmes of Groves and Gommy Holmes of Houston and three grandchildren Kristen Lee Ann Holmes, James Roy Holmes, Austin James Holmes.

He was preceded in death by his parents Corbit and Mildred Holmes and Donald Ray Holmes.

Pallbearers were Harold Gant, Hugie Davis, Mike Casto, Greg Galow, Charlie Lovelace, Matthew Campbell, Marty Lovelace and Brian Repole.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County, Texas.
Lufkin.

Memorial services for Mrs. Mayfield were held Sunday, July 19th at 3 p.m. in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Lufkin. Officiating at the service was Bishop Marvin Wright.

Mrs. Mayfield was preceded in death by one son, Elmer Arthur Mayfield, Jr. and one grandson, Arthur Foster. She is survived by five daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Steve Jennings of Tatum, June Grattan and Ruth and Lance Prker all of Huntington, Sandy and Manuel Garcia of Pampa, and Deborah and Bob Jones of New Summerfield; two brothers, Robert Shark, Jr. and John Shank both of Roswell, New Mexico; sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Cremation services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Thomas W. Shoemake

Thomas W. Shoemake, 77, of Ivanhoe (Hillister, Texas), passed away July 19, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A private graveside service will be held Wednesday, July 22 at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Woodville under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Visitation will be held from 12 to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel of Riley Funeral Home.

A native of Porum, Oklahoma, he lived in Pasadena for 35 years before retiring to Ivanhoe 13 years ago. Mr. Shoemake was retired from the Ethyl Corporation as an Instrument Technician. He served in the 8th Army Air Corps 41/2 years during WW II.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Shoemake of Ivanhoe; son and wife, Cliff and Linda Shoemake of Tampa, FL; daughter and husband, Sharon and Michael Moore of Omaha, NB; two grandsons Jon and wife, Lesly; and Daniel Moore, both of Omaha, NB; and one great-granddaughter, Kayla.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

A. L. Ferrell

A.L. Ferrell, 74, of Woodville, Texas passed away Sunday, August 2, 1998 at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. Mr. Ferrell was born November 29, 1923 in Round Rock, Texas. He was a long time resident of Woodville and was a retired rural carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He was a U.S. Army WW II Veteran, a former chief of the Woodville Volunteer Fire Department, past master of the Woodville Magnolia Masonic lodge # 495 and a member of the Woodville Church of Christ.

Funeral services were Tuesday, August 4th at 9 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Masonic burial by Magnolia Lodge # 495 in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. The Honors of the flag was presented to the family by members of the Woodville V.F.W. Post No. 2033. Officiating at the services was Mark Sloan, pastor of the Woodville Church of Christ.

Serving as pallbearers were LaRue McLarin, George Woolsey, T.L. Gulley, Johnny Harold Tucker, Donald Gardner, Jerry Grimes, R.A. Jemigan, and Joe Smith.

Visitation was held Monday, August 3rd from 5 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Ferrell of Woodville; son, Lee Ferrell of Round Rock; daughters and son-in-law, Linda Ann and Vernon Werner of Woodville, Bobbie Jo Bean of Cleveland, and Gaynell Abbott of Woodville; brothers W.A. Ferrell of San Antonio, and Larry Ferrell of Round Rock; sister, Betty Miller of Tulsa, OK; six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Bess Peters

Services for Bess Peters, 86, of Lufkin, Texas will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Gipson Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Kenneth Lott officiating. Interment will be in the Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester, Texas.

Mrs. Peters was born March 19, 1912, in Newton County, Texas, to the late William Irey Lott and Matilda Brack Lott. She died Monday, August

Mrs. Peters was retired from Clark's and Regan's department stores. She was the valedictorian of the 1929 graduating class at Chester High School, and had been a resident of Lufkin since 1952. Mrs. Peters was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lufkin.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Mervel Jones of Lufkin; granddaughters, Lisa Ridings of Etoile, Donna Turbyfill and husband Orion, of Pearland; grandsons, Rodney Jones of Dallas; four great-grandchildren, Chad Hooper and Rachel Ridings, both of Etoile, Jacob Turbyfill and Payton Turbyfill, both of Pearland; sisters Pauline Newman of Houston, Ruth Henrich of Beaumont, and Betty Pedigo of Groves, brother, Kenneth Lott of Sweeny; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mrs. Peters was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Peters, in 1970.

Gipson Funeral Home, directors.

**Thomas Austin Best**

Funeral service for Thomas Austin “Tom” best, 69, of Woodville was held Thursday, August 6, 1998 with Dr. Raymond Parker and Brother Troy Richardson officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Visitation was held Wednesday, August 5, 1998 from 5 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Best died August 4, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. Best was a native and lifelong resident of Woodville. He was the retired owner of Best Candy and was an Army Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Escar and Ruby Best, one son, Boyce Best, six sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Odessa Deggs Best of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Frank Helm of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Royce and Amy Best of Corrigan; son, Tommy Best of Buna; grandsons, Mark Best of Woodville and Matthew Best of Corrigan.

Pallbearers were Larry Crosby, Guy Burks, Stanley Hensarling, Jimmy Hufstetler, William D. Best, Jr., Honorary pallbearer was his grandson, Mark Best.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Timmy Hughes**

Timmy Hughes, 34, passed away Thursday, August 20, 1998 in Rose City due to injuries from an automobile accident. Mr. Hughes was born April 27, 1964 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He was a former resident of Woodville and had lived in Kountze a short time. He was a musician with the Herbie Stutes Band. Funeral services were Sunday, August 23rd at 2 p.m. in the Emmanuel Baptist Church with burial in Emmanuel Cemetery near Doucette, Texas under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Reverend Ron Davis, Pastor of His Place Family Outreach Church in Woodville. Serving as pallbearers were Robert A. Hughes, Jr., Thomas Henson, Ken Marvel, Dale LeJune, Frankie Buscher and Buck Henson.

Visitation was held on Saturday, August 22nd from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

He is survived by his wife, Melinda Leach Hughes of Kountze; mother and step-father, Dorothy and Steven Martin of Woodville; sons, Kyle Austin Hughes of Kountze, Timmy Wayne Hughes, Jr. of Rockdale and Chad Hughes of Orangefield; step-sons, Robert Blake Redden, Collin Wade Redden and Randy Owen Redden all of Baytown; brothers Robert Allen Hughes of Colmesneil, Frank Wade Hughes, Jr. of Woodville and Jonathan Wade Hughes of Orange; sisters, Melissa Calder of Warren, Arkansas and Kimberly Ann Hughes of Orange; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Dr. Edward L. Warnell**

Dr. Edward L. Warnell, 84, passed away on Saturday, August 22, 1998 at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. He was born on February 19, 1914 in Tyler, Texas. Dr. Warnell was a former longtime resident of Houston and had
lived in Woodville for the past seventeen years. He was a retired chiropractor and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

Funeral services were Tuesday, August 25th at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker, Dr. Dwayne Freese, Brother Hails Taylor and Brother C.A. Bevil.

Serving as pallbearers were Ryan Massey, Allen Lee Denton, John Mark Patridge, Russell Massey, Jerry Weatherly and Jimmy Walker. Serving as Honorary Pallbearers were: John Denton, Ray Daniels, Boyce Patridge, Bob Denton, Tom Spencer, S.A. Denton and Pfeider Everett.

Visitation was held on Monday August 24th from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Warnell of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law Judy and Earl Mayes of LaMarque; sister, Virginia Smith of Corsicana; and two grandchildren.

Nettie Marie Rhodes

Nettie Marie (Hudson) Rhodes, 79, of Paris, Texas, passed away at McCuistion Regional Medical Center, Friday, August 21, 1998.

Bright - Holland Funeral Home will conduct services on Saturday, August 29, at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville at 2 p.m.

She was born April 22, 1919, in Dallas, Texas and was a retired L.V.N. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Hudson, four brothers and her husband, Jeff B. Rhodes, preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons; Jeff D. Rhodes of Paris, and Michael Lynn Rhodes of Houston, Texas, two sisters; Ollie Mae Watson and Lois Vivian Jarrell, two grandsons; Bryce E. Rhodes and Scott C. Rhodes, one granddaughter Michelle L. Rhodes and one great grandson, Justin T. Rhodes.

Local arrangements under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

J.D. Robin, Sr.

J.D. “Marty” Robin, Sr., 76, of Vidor, Texas died August 29 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Vidor with burial at Restlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home in Vidor. Visitation was held at 6 p.m. Monday with a rosary read at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Arnaudville, Louisiana, he lived in Vidor 40 years and was the owner of Robin Grocery and Seafood.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Robin of Vidor; sons, Thomas Robin of Lafayette, Louisiana, Gary Robin of Beaumont and Jeff Robin, Jr. of Vidor; daughters, Ginger Buford and Nancy Bailleaux, both of Vidor and Toni McKinnely of Greenville, South Carolina; sisters, Lorena Roy of Woodville, Pearl Castille of Port Arthur, Lynn Webb of Orlando and Fern Mercado of Houston; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

L.D. Brooks

L.D. Brooks, 80, passed away Wednesday, August 26, 1998 at the Lufkin Memorial Hospital in Lufkin. Mr. Brooks was born November 5, 1917 in Rockland, Texas and had resided in Rockland all his life. He was a retired post master with the U.S. Postal Service in Rockland.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 29th at 11 a.m. at the Rockland Baptist Church with burial in the Rockland Cemetery. Officiating at the services were Brother Kenn Freeland and Brother Tom Owen.

Serving as pallbearers were Paul Brooks, DeWayne Ling, Wayne Harkness, Roy Tompkins, Tom Owen and Kevin Lott.

Visitation was held on Friday, August 28th from 1-9 p.m. at the Rockland Baptist Church in Rockland.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Brooks of Rockland; step-son, Charlie Weeks of Rockland; step-daughters, Lucy Conners of Beaumont and Wanda Peterson of Lufkin; brothers Dennis Brooks
of Jasper and Eugene Brooks of Marshall; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Christine Burr

Christine (Spears) Burr, 81, of Hemphill, Texas died August 14 at Sabine County Hospital.

Funeral was held on Monday, August 17 at Starr Funeral Home in Hemphill with Brother Garthal Burr and Brother Clarence Howell presiding. Burial at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville with Brother W.C. Haynes officiating.

A native of Colfax, Louisiana, she lived in Hemphill, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, the children’s father, Edward Kelton Spears in 1964, and her second husband, Cecil McDonald in 1986.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Hemphill where Brother Clarence Howell is pastor.

Survivors include her husband Walter Burr of Hemphill; sons, J. Roland Spears of Carlisle, Arkansas, Charles K. Spears of Hemphill, and Drew E. Spears of Springdale, Arkansas; daughter Virginia Haynes of Woodville; Step-son, Russell McDonald of Groves; stepdaughters, Linda Hanks of Hemphill, Debra Bowden of Oregon and Lisa Self of Lake Charles, Louisiana; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren.

Ervin Andrew Williams, Sr.

Funeral Service for Ervin Andrew Williams, Sr., 65, of Ivanhoe (Hillister, Texas), was held, Monday, August 31, 1998 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Bobby Hoffpaur officiating. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery near Warren, Texas. Visitation was held Sunday, August 30, 1998 at the funeral home.

Mr. Williams died August 30, 1998 at his home in Ivanhoe.

A native of Mount Belview, he lived in Beaumont and Woodlake before moving to Ivanhoe. He was a retired equipment operator - all landfill work for the City of Beaumont and Lufkin and Angelina County Landfill.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Faye Coons Williams of Ivanhoe; son and daughter-in-law, Andy and Vickie Williams of Warren; daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and James Siau of Silsbee; daughter, Sandy Williams of Beaumont; son and daughter-in-law, Homer Lee and Becky Williams of Cleveland; son, Walter Hardy Williams of Moss Hill; step-son and wife Rick and Marsha Davis of South Jordan, Utah; step-daughter and husband, Debbie and Wayne Bray of Port Neches; brothers, Perry Floyd Williams, Jr. of Lumberton and Perry Lee Williams of Lumberton; sisters, Edna Marie Williams of Keene and Rachel Brown of Lumberton; seventeen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James A. Akers, Jr., Mike Williams, Gary Spurlock, Dallas Boullion, James A. Akers, Sr., Allan Morgatroyd, and Jeremy Arrington.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Helen Withers Graham

Funeral Services for Helen Withers Graham, 80, of Jasper, Texas were held Sunday, September 6, 1998 at 2 p.m. in Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery in Jasper, Texas.

Mrs. Graham died Friday September 4, 1998 at Lakes Regional Medical Center in Jasper. She was a lifelong Jasper County resident. She had worked for a number of years as a clerk in the Jasper County Clerk’s office. She was a member of the Jasper Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and was formerly treasurer of the Dorcas Sunday School Class at the First Baptist Church of Jasper.

Survivors include her nephews, Robert Owens, Glenn Withers and Bill Withers all of Beaumont, nieces, Kay Wood of Weatherford, Texas and Janette Carton of Colmesneil, Texas. She is also survived by a number of cousins and other relatives.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.
Falbia Durham

Falbia Durham, 85, passed away Saturday, September 5, 1998 at the Columbia Kingwood Hospital in Kingwood, Texas. Mrs. Durham was born December 22, 1919 in Colmesneil, Texas and had resided in Colmesneil all her life. She was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 7, 1998 at 10 am in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Bethany Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Brother J. C. Durham.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Rodney Durham, John Geelan, Donald Ray Burke, Greg Geelan, Gary Durham, Kenny Wood, Karl Wood, and C.A. Durham, Jr.

Visitation was held Sunday, September 6, 1998 from 4:30-9:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Percell Cliett Durham; son, Fain Durham and her grandson, Kenneth Lynn Durham. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Herbert and Marilyn Durham of New Caney, Texas, and C.A. and Barbara Durham of Austin; daughters and sons-in-law, Billie and Preston Geelan of Alvin, Betty and Paul McGhen and Evelyn and George Watson all of Pollock; twelve grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Margaret Claudia Mudd

Mass was held for Margaret C. Mudd, 82, September 4, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Groves. A Rosary was held at 7 p.m. September 3, 1998 at Grammier Oberle Funeral Home. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery in Groves.

Mrs. Mudd died September 2, 1998 at her residence.

She was a native of Beaumont and she resided in Colmesneil, Texas.

Survivors include her husband Earl D. Mudd, Sr. of Colmesneil, son Rev. Earl D. Mudd, Jr. of Colmesneil, daughters, Margaret Nolan of Groves, Shirley Pirzza of Port Arthur, many grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

William Timothy Holtby

Funeral service for William Timothy Holtby, 48, formerly of Beaumont, Texas was held September 7, 1998 at 3 p.m. at Fairview Baptist Church in Town Bluff, Texas with burial at Fairview Cemetery. Brother Dan Magee and Brother John Spanhanks officiated the service. Visitation was held September 7, 1998 at the church.

Mr. Holtby died September 2, 1998 in the Philippines.

A native of Beaumont, he lived in Australia before moving to the Philippines. He was a freelance writer and a movie director.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Find Holby of Canada; daughter, Tisho Holtby of Fairfax, Virginia; parents, W.R. and Jane Holtby of Town Bluff, Texas; brothers Richard Russell Holtby of Fort Worth and Clifford Scott Holby of Louisiana; grandmother, Iris Wortman of Town Bluff; numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Les Lanier, Mark Russell, Dan Williams, Mike Riley, B.J. Maywald and Michael Russell.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Dixie Elizabeth Riley

Funeral services for Dixie Elizabeth Riley, 70, of Victoria, Texas were held September 5, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Blyth Road Church of Christ in Victoria under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home in Victoria, Texas. Funeral service was held September 8, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Will McDonald and Dr. Robert Farrar officiating. Burial was at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas. Visitation was September 7, 1998 from 5 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Riley died September 3, 1998 in Victoria,
Texas.

A native of Beaumont, she lived in Kames City, Stafford and Victoria. She was a retired LVN. Dixie and her husband, Pat, enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

Dixie was preceded in death by her parents, Wiley Cader and Mary Elizabeth Hargrove; brothers, Morris Alonzo Hargrove, Winfred Earl Hargrove, Walter Brown Hargrove; sister, Lavelle Pumphrey, all of Beaumont, Texas.

Dixie will be greatly missed by her loving husband, Pat Riley, of Victoria; daughters, Suzanne Elizabeth DaVanon and husband Jerry, Kathy Ann Womack and husband Mack, Melinda Lee Riley and Mark Pryor all of Houston; grand daughters, Alicia Michelle Duhon and husband Vince of Dallas and Mary Elizabeth Womack of Houston; sister, Mary Cathryn Morris and husband Bob of El Paso, Texas.

Pallbearers were Pat A. Riley, Sr., James A. Riley, Mack Womack, Howard Riley, Mack Womack, Howard Riley, Jerry DaVanon and Jimmy Chapman. Honorary Pallbearers were Joe Taylor, Weldon Fudge, James T. Chapman and Bert Meeks.

Service was under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Hattie Myrle Creel Foxworth

Funeral services for Hattie Myrle Creel Foxworth, 83, of Warren, Texas was held Saturday, Sep. 19, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother James Stephens and Brother Larry Jones officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held Friday, September 18, 1998 from 1 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Foxworth died September 17, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Tyler County, Texas.

She is survived by her husband Lee Brown of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, John and Diana Fendley of Smithpoint, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jane and Charles Reynolds of Magnolia; son and daughter-in-law, David Edward and Rebecca Fendley of Richmond; daughter and son-in-law, Candace Lu and Gary Gilbert of Mississippi; daughter, Patricia Lee Fendley of Houston; brother and sister-in-law, William H. and Charlotte Haverkamp of Houston; 14 grandchildren.

Cremation services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Elsie May Brown

Cremation service for Elsie May Brown, 74, of Woodville, Texas was handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.


A native of Indianapolis, IN., she lived in Houston before moving to Woodville 20 years ago. She was a volunteer at the thrift shop for the Tyler County Aging Center.

She is survived by her husband Lee Brown of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, John and Diana Fendley of Smithpoint, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jane and Charles Reynolds of Magnolia; son and daughter-in-law, David Edward and Rebecca Fendley of Richmond; daughter and son-in-law, Candace Lu and Gary Gilbert of Mississippi; daughter, Patricia Lee Fendley of Houston; brother and sister-in-law, William H. and Charlotte Haverkamp of Houston; 14 grandchildren.

Cremation services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Opal Ross Tanton

Funeral services for Opal Ross Tanton, 79, of Diboll, Texas was held Tuesday, September 22, 1998 at 1 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Troy Richardson officiating. Burial followed at
Gregory Cemetery near Colmesneil. Visitation was held Monday, September 21, 1998, from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Tanton died September 20, 1998 at Southland Care Center in Lufkin, Texas. A native of Tyler County, she lived in Diboll.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Mary Ross, brother, Tom Ross, sister, Ola Mae Penn, and one grandson, Steve Ross.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Lavelle and Larry Bean of Diboll; son and daughter-in-law, Charles W. “Sonny” and Camellia Ross, Sr. of South Carolina; son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Pat Howard of Splendora; sister, Irma Howard of Huntington; brothers, Earl Ross of Huntington and Shorty Ross of Rockland; nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Vincent Ross, Brady Ross, Charles Ross, Jr., Bill Howard III, Gary Polk, and Michael Hendrix.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Debra Aline Daughtry Fowler

Funeral service for Debra Aline Daughtry Fowler, 45, of Woodville, Texas was held Wednesday, September 16, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Sloan officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Tuesday, September 15, 1998, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Fowler died September 13, 1998 at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

A native of Lufkin and former resident of the Beaumont and Port Arthur area, she lived in Woodville a short time. She was a former salesperson for Kinsel Motors.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Tesha and Kevin Cook of Woodville; son, Trey Daughtry of Woodville; mother, Lorene Daughtry of Lufkin; brother, Mike Edward Daughtry of Chicago, Ill., Grandfather, George Sanders Daughtry of Lufkin; one grandson, Stephen Allen Cook of Woodville.

Pallbearers were Jason Walker, John Brian, Archie Lancaster, George Williamson, James Rile, and Kevin Cook.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Fred L. Allen, Sr.

Funeral services for Fred L. Allen, Sr., 93, will be held Thursday, September 24, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel in Beaumont, Texas. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 1998 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

A native of Valley Station, Kentucky he was a resident of Beaumont.

Survivors include his spouse Mary Lee Allen; sons, Fred Allen, Jr. of Colmesneil; Richard G. Allen, Sr. of Nederland; and Roger Allen, of Beaumont; daughters, Juanita Albritton of Pasadena, Evelyn Allen of Colmesneil, and Minnette LaGrone of Nederland; 14 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Joanna Beth Doedyns Jackson

Joanna Beth Doedyns Jackson, 47, cherished daughter of Joe and Doris Doedyns, passed away peacefully September 15, 1998. Left to mourn her are her devoted husband, Dale Jackson, and adored children, Mitchell, Anna and Leah; special sisters, their husbands and children: Sharon and Bill Pate, Tiffany, Ashley and Michael; Peggy and Dan Rhodes, Lauren and Ryan; Cathi and Larry Williams, Eric, Chris, and Andrew; Susie and Dick Kern; the Jackson family, and very special aunts, uncles and cousins.

Known for her strong spirit and iron will, she will be remembered by all whose lives she touched. The family wishes to thank God for all who were so special in her life; her church family of Asford United Methodist Church, friends from Houston, and her friends from Bishop and the First United Methodist Church in Bishop, Texas, and the Ministry of the Work Bible Study.
Rozelle C. Holden

Rozelle C. Holden, 75, of Huntington, died Tuesday, September 22, 1998 at Lufkin Memorial Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

Funeral services were Saturday, September 26th at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with burial in Rockland Cemetery in Rockland. Officiating at the services was Brother Randy Wagner.

Visitation was held Saturday, September 26th from 10:30 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Mrs. Holden was a native of Chillicothe, former resident of Lufkin and had lived in Huntington, Texas for the past fifteen years. She was a retired secretary with Ernst and Ernst Accounting Firm and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Houston.

She is survived by her daughters & sons-in-law, Dianne and Gary L. Tompkins of Houston, and Kathy and Ken Flowers of Huntington; and three grandchildren, Crystal Tompkins, Jeremy Caverley and Joshua Flowers.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Jackie Dillion

Jackie Dillion, 72, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, September 25, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, September 29th at 11 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Officiating at the service was Rev. Barbara Clemmons.

Mrs. Dillion was a native of Des Moines, Iowa and had lived in Woodville for the past thirty-three years. She was the former owner and manager of the Woodville Inn.

She is survived by her two sons, Jeff Dillion of Seattle, Washington and Steve Dillion of Houston; sister, Bonnie Walbeck of Beaumont; and one grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

William Herman Risinger, Jr.

William Herman “Scooter” Risinger, Jr., 58, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday, September 24, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Graveside services were held Sunday, September 27th at 2 p.m in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services was Reverend Rick Eifert.

Serving as pallbearers were David K. Askins, Robert Woods, James McGowan, Alva Cook, Ernie Gassiot and Dan Kent.

Visitation was held on Saturday, September 26th from 5 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Risinger was a native and life long resident of Woodville. He was retired as an insurance sales supervisor with Commonwealth Insurance with twenty-five years of service and Farmers Insurance. He was also a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church and Rotary Club.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. W.H. “Blanche” Risinger of Woodville; daughters and son-in-law, Luci and Jason Chambers of Las Vegas, Nevada and Amanda Risinger of Woodville; and sister and brother-in-law, Blanche and Don Shaw of Woodville.

Helen Hoye Schulze

Helen Hoye Schulze, 80, of Woodville, Texas died Tuesday, September 22, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were Friday, September 25th at 11 a.m. in the Woodville United Methodist Church in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services were Rev. John Birkelbach and Rev. Rick Eifert.

Serving as pallbearers were Wayne Stephenson, Dr. Jerry Mallett, Adrian Tucker, Chris Larson, Craig Larson and Cliff Larson.

Visitation was held Thursday, September 24th from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Schulze was a native of McNary,
Louisiana, former resident of Beaumont and had lived in Woodville for the past twenty-four years. She had been a secretary for Texas Gulf Sulphur and was a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church. She was a WWII U.S. Navy veteran.

She is survived by her husband, Hope D. Schulze of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Sam T. and Janet Schulze of Baytown; daughter, Sharlyne Lamb of Dallas; niece and nephew-in-law, Jeanie and Cliff Larson of Lumberton; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Dollie G. Boykin

Funeral Service for Dollie G. Boykin, 93, of Beaumont, Texas were held September 23, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Robert Miller officiating. Order of the Eastern Star services were held by Wisteria #823, Beaumont. Burial was held at 3 p.m. at Garden of Memories in Diboll, Texas. Visitation was held September 22, 1998 from 5 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Boykin died September 21, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital.

A native of Angelina County, she lived in Beaumont, Texas and was a retired school teacher.

Survivors include her sister, Ina G. Lester of Fred, Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Bill Brownlee, Leon Collins, Lockey Hicks, Jim Morris, Gordon A. Robinson, and Ron Whitaker.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County, Texas.

Janie Loyce Allen Read

Funeral service for Loyce Allen Read, 85, of Moscow, Texas, was held September 25, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Brother Norman Turner and Brother Hershel Bearden officiating. Burial was held at Swearingen Cemetery near Warren, Texas. Visitation was held September 24, 1998 from 4 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Read died September 20, 1998 at Lufkin Memorial Hospital.

A native of Stockdale, Texas, she lived in Baytown 25 years before moving to Moscow 25 years ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Kathy Read of Baytown; daughter and son-in-law Joan and Charles Rye of Moscow, two brothers, Marcus Allen of Staples and Pat Allen of Maryland; two sisters, Myrtie Cooper of Gonzales and Mildred Nix of Dallas; five grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and many other friends and relatives.

Pallbearers were Jerry Read Isaacks, Jerry Wayne Isaacks, Danny Glen Washington, Jr., Timothy Allen Read, Curtis Dale Read and Michael Jay Isaacks.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County, Texas.

Larry Dare Carter

Funeral service for Larry Dare Carter, 72, of Woodville, Texas was held September 29, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Dr. Jim Killen officiating. The American Flag was presented to the family by the V.F.W. Post # 2033. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Visitation was held September 28, 1998 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Carter died September 26, 1998 at Woodville Convalescent Center.

A native of Holdenville, OK., he lived in Beaumont 25 years and Houston 20 years before moving to Woodville 5 months ago. He was a retired Security Police Officer and a U.S. Navy Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Sampson Carter of Woodville; two sisters, Mary Moye of Warren and Imogene Mott of Port Neches, three nephews, three great nephews, and three great nieces.

Pallbearers were: Roger Mott, Mike Mott, Tommy Moye, J.H. Hall, Harold Hatton, and Billy Fondren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Floyd Troup

Floyd Troup, 64, of Woodville, Texas passed away on September 23, 1998. Born in Monroe, Michigan, he was a retired seaman. Mr. Troup lived most of his life in Beaumont, Houston, and then in Woodville. He was the husband of Joyce Troup, father of Charlotte Troup Filyaw and Bobbie Troup Zaldivar. He is also survived by 3 grandchildren. Services were held in Silver Spring, MD.

George Kinneth Keasling

George Kinneth Keasling, 61, of Corrigan, Texas passed away Friday, September 18, 1998 in Lufkin, Texas. Born March 13, 1937 in Jackson County, Alabama he was a member of the Melrose Masonic Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Sybol Keasling; children, Linda and Cary Lucas, Debbie and Roy Laney, and Sherrie and David Jamail; grandchildren, Kyle Laney, Brently Lucas, Kimberly Lucas, Ryan Laney, Eric Laney and Bridgette Jamail; brothers and sisters, Ollie May Parker, James Keasling, Veda Ledwell, Johnny Keasling, Alfred Keasling, Ruth Hill, Katherine Walker, Troy Keasling and Floyd Keasling.

Visitation was held from 2 - 8 p.m. Sunday, September 20, 1998. Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m., Monday, September 21, 1998, at Brookside Funeral Chapel. Graveside services followed at 4 p.m. on Monday at Pinegrove Cemetery in Corrigan, Texas with Pastor Phil Corbett officiating.

Pallbearers were Eddie O’Neal, John Herring, Michael Mahan, Ralph Winters, Jake Thompson, and Freddie Keasling. Honorary pallbearers were Leon O’Neal and Jerry Cofield.

Frank Rutan Maltby

Frank Rutan Maltby, 51, of Waco passed away Tuesday, September 22, 1998. Graveside services were held Saturday, September 26, in Waco.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Maltby; his parents, John and Kay Maltby of Colmesneil; a daughter and two grandchildren, three sisters, Kitty Hennessee of Bentonville, Arkansas, Linda of Houston and Yvette Carlton of Colmesneil.

Roveen Winn

Roveen Winn, 67, of Hillister, Texas died Tuesday, September 29, 1998 at the Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

Graveside services were Thursday October 1, 1998 at 10 a.m in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the service was Brother Tom Owen.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, September 30, 1998, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Winn was a native of San Augustine, Texas, and a longtime resident of Hillister.

She is survived by her son, John Winn of Jackson, Louisiana; daughters, Judy Winn of Lake Arthur, Louisiana and Donna Winn of Buna; brother, Buck Wheeler of Port Arthur, and T.L. Wheeler of Broaddus; and sister, Odena White of Orange.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Dan Leak Johnson, Jr.

Dan Leak Johnson, Jr., devoted husband, father and grandfather, passed away October 1, 1998. He was born August 16, 1936, in Woodville, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Dan and Lorena Johnson.

He served in the U.S. Navy, then attended Texas A&M and Lamar Universities. He was employed by Dupont and retired as a senior engineer after 35 years of service in the Beaumont, Ingleside, Deer Park and LaPorte plants.

He is survived by his wife, Janell Farris Johnson; children, Mike Johnson of Houston, Jan Andru and husband, Mark of League City, and Kyle Johnson and wife Susan of Mont Belvieu; three grandchildren, Derek Johnson, Danielle Traywick, Alyssa Trawick; mother-in-law, Margaret Farris; as well as numerous family members and friends.

Memorial services were held at the Joseph Levy Memorial Chapel, 2128 Broadway, Galveston, Texas on Saturday, October 3, 1998 at 2 p.m.
Services were under the direction of J.Levy and Brothers Funeral Directors.

Douglas M. Smith

Douglas M. Smith, 73, of Woodville, Texas passed away October 4, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital. Graveside services were held Tuesday, October 6, at 11 a.m. at Magnolia Cemetery.

Visitation was held on Monday from 5 - 8 p.m.

Mr. Smith was a native of Beaumont, Texas for 63 years and he lived in Woodville for 10 years. He was a retired Pipe Fitter from Mobile Oil and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include wife, Anna O. Smith of Woodville; daughter, Jo Ann South of Woodville; son, Thomas Smith of Baytown; grandchildren Kelli Scroggins of Doucette and Katie Lynn Carter of Woodville; great-grandchildren, Peyton Ann Scroggins, and aunt, Nova Hebert of Beaumont, Texas.

Gracie Nicole Harmel

Gracie Nicole Harmel, daughter of Jefrey and Rachel Loving Harmel of Burton, Texas died September 27, 1998 in Houston, Texas. She was born September 26, 1998 in Houston.

Survivors include parents; sister, Kelsey Lynn Harmel of Burton; grandparents, Debra and Ronnie Loving of Woodville and Karen and Charles Harmel of Burton; Helen and Bruce Conner of Woodville and Raymond and Bernice Lastovica of Weimar; and aunts and uncles, Zack Loving, Emily Loving, Chris and Nikki Harmel and Jill Harmel.

The graveside service was held Thursday, October 1 at 10 a.m. in St. John’s United Church of Christ Cemetery in Burton with Rev. Glen Schoeneberg officiating.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Foehner Funeral Home in Burton.

E.T. Blakeney, Sr.

E.T. “Mutt” Blakeney, Sr. 79, of Colmesneil, Texas died Sunday, October 1998 at his residence. Funeral services were Tuesday, October 6th at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, Texas with burial in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Brother J.T. Riley.

Serving as pallbearers were S. Troy Blakeney, Jack Blakeney, E. Troy Blakeney, Jr., Clay Blakeney, Rickky Killebrew, Dale Russell, John Wilson, and Mike Blakeney.

Visitation was held on Monday, October 5th from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Blakeney was a native of Marietta and had been a long time resident of Colmesneil. He was retired from the Woodville Independent School District.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Hazel Blakeney of Colmesneil; sons and daughter-in-law, S. Troy and Ladelle Blakeney of Bridge City, Jack and Virginia Blakeney of Woodville, and E. Troy and Maria Blakeney, Jr. of Tomball; daughters and sons-in-laws, Teletha and Robert Russell, Wanda Ferrell, and Joyce and John Wilson all of Woodville; twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Alton Ray Foxworth

Funeral service for Alton Ray Foxworth, 65, of Warren, Texas were held October 4, 1998 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother James Stephens officiating. Burial followed at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren.

Visitation was held October 3, 1998 from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Foxworth died October 2, 1998 at his residence.

A native of Woodville, he lived in Warren most of his life. He was a retired Oilfield Supervisor and a U.S. Army Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Letty Foxworth of Warren; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Thelma Foxworth of Manford, OK.; daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Gerald Kurten of Jasper; son and daughter-in-law, Timmy and Barbara Foxworth of Silsbee; son, Donnie Foxworth of Warren; son and daughter-in-law, Keith and

Pallbearers were Curtis Holmes, Randy Holmes, Ricky Foxworth, Stevie Mullins, James Mullins, and Gary Foxworth.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Bennie Belle Lamb

Bennie Belle Lamb, 87, of Livingston, Texas died Sunday, October 11, 1998 in Pearland, Texas. Graveside services were held Monday October 12 at 3 p.m. in the Midway Cemetery near Livingston. Officiating at the service was Brother Robert Smith.

Mrs. Lamb was a native of Shakerage, Texas and had been a long time resident of Livingston.

She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Sonny B. and Sydney Lamb of Ardmore, OK., and Henry E. Lamb of Pasadena; daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Geneiva and Douglas Larson of Pasadena, Bennie M. and James Smith of Pearland, and Billie L. and Luther Myers of Livingston; sister, Victoria Harper of Escondido, CA., nephew, Waggner Wayne Womack; thirteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Thomas E. Phillips

Thomas E. Phillips, 96, of Woodville, Texas died Friday, October 9, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were Monday, October 12, 1998 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services were Brother Hails Taylor, and Brother Gary Sills. Serving as pallbearers were Dr. Gayle Burton, Bruce Combs, Jiggs Kenesson, George Jarrott, Joshua Sills and Huntley Kenesson.

Visitation was held on Sunday, October 11, 1998 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Phillips was a native and long time resident of Tyler County. He was a retired border patrol officer with the U.S. Government Department of Justice and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

He was preceded in death by his son, Carl Phillips. He is survived by his wife of 76 years, Barbara Phillips of Woodville; daughter-in-law, Min Phillips of Woodville; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Dottie Gergely Swearingen

Dottie Gergely Swearingen, 67, of Woodville, died Thursday, October 8, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 10, 1998 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services were Brother Bill Swearingen and Brother Troy Richardson.

Serving as pallbearers were Jack Blakeney, Dr. Curtis M. Garner, Herschel C. Jordan, James Riley, Jerry Rains and Jim Gainey.

Visitation was held on Friday, October 9th from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Swearingen was a native of Cleveland, Ohio and had been a longtime resident of Woodville. She was retired as a school nurse with the Woodville Independent School District and was a member of the Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Robert E. “Bob” Swearingen of Woodville; sons and daughters-in-law, William Robert and Rosa Swearingen of Jacksonville, and Paul and Karen
Swearingen of Rowlett; daughter and son-in-law, Cathy S. and Olan Penner of Houston; mother, Gizella Gergely of Woodville; brother, Louis Gergely of Goodyear, Arizona; and four grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Ethel Phelps

Ethel Phelps, 91, of Vidor, Texas passed away October 11, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Services will be held at Forest Lawn Chapel on October 14, 1998 at 1 p.m. with burial at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Beaumont, Texas. Visitation was held on October 13, 1998 at 6 to 8 p.m. at Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Mrs. Phelps was a native of Jennings, Louisiana.

Preceded in death by son, Donald Roy Phelps; survivors include son, James M. Phelps of Windfield, Louisiana; brothers, Clifford Jester of Jennings, Louisiana and Clinton Jester of Beaumont, Texas; sister, Sally Howard of Jennings, Louisiana and 4 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Helen Louise Hurst Warren

Helen Louise Hurst Warren, 81, of Spurger, Texas died Wednesday, September 30, 1998 at Schlesinger’s Geriatric Center in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services were Friday, October 2nd at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Turner’s Branch Cemetery in Spurger, Texas. Officiating at the services were Brother Byron McWilliams, pastor of First Baptist Church of Spurger. Serving as pallbearers were Sonny Nicholas, Ray Welch, William Butler, Eldon Chalker, Sr., Eldon Chalker, Jr., and Johnny Warren.

Visitation was held on Thursday, October 1st from 4:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Warren was a native of Silsbee and was a long time resident of Spurger.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas H. Warren, Jr. and son, Raymond Earl Warren.

She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, George Thomas and Novelle Warren of Soward, AK., and Ralph Warren of Anchorage, AK.; daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Sonny Nicholas of Beaumont, Martha Ann and Eldon Chalker of Jasper, and Katy and Ray Carroll of Locust Grove, OK.; brothers, George Hurst of Lufkin, and R.P. Hatcher of Henderson; twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Thelma K. Dietrich

Thelma K. Dietrich, 81, of Hemphill, Texas died Sunday, October 18, 1998 at Memorial Medical Center of East Texas in Lufkin.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 21st at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester. Officiating at the services will be Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mark Wise, Wayne Dietrich, Jimmy Spurlock, Jerry Spurlock, Bob Morris and Phil Hein.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 20, 1998 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Dietrich was a native of Chester, former resident of Woodville and had lived in Hemphill for the past seven years. She had been a station master with Southern Pacific Railroad.

She is survived by her husband Norman Dietrich of Hemphill; son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Elwis Dietrich of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Reba and Bob Swan of San Antonio; sister, Annie Mae Spurlock of Woodville; and five grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Corene Jordan Morgan

Corene Jordan Morgan, 83, of Jasper, Texas died at Sister’s of Charity in Jasper, Texas Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services will be at 2
p.m. Friday at Forest Oaks Chapel with interment to follow at the Zion Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Thursday evening at the funeral home.

A native of Tyler County, Texas she lived in Jasper for the past 75 years. She retired from J.I.S.D. as a cafeteria worker.

Survivors include sons, Donald B. Morgan, Arlis Durward “Dub” Morgan, Johnny Morgan all of Kirbyville, Texas and Frank Morgan of Jasper, Texas; daughter, Nan Whitehead of Kirbyville; sisters, Vinette McDuffie of Jasper, Dorothy Pecher of Leesville, Louisiana, and Jeanne Williams of Jasper. Fifteen grandchildren, twenty five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper, Texas.

Leonard William Hargrave, Sr.

Funeral service for Leonard William “Sonny” Hargrave, Sr., 74, of Woodville, Texas was held Friday, October 16, 1998 at 1 p.m. with Brother Robert L. Davis and Brother Mark Moss officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville. Visitation was held Thursday, October 15, 1998 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Hargrave died October 13, 1998 at Columbia Conroe Medical Center, Conroe, Texas.

A native of Portola, California, he lived in Bridge City most of his life before moving to Woodville 22 years ago. He was a retired carpenter and truck driver for Trans Mix in Beaumont. He was a member of White Tail Ridge Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ella Hargrave of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Lisa Hargrave of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Allen Shue of Mauriceville; son, Leonard Hargrave, Jr. of Bridge City; son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Teresa Hargrave of Orange; brother, Thomas Hargrave of Bridge City; sister, Elizabeth “Sis” Gryder of Many, Louisiana; Fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ken Jordan, Robie Hargrave, Jr., Robbie Hargrave, Anthony Shue, Jacob Messer, and Brad Moss. Honorary pallbearers were Kenneth P. Jordan, Sr., Doug White, Marschell Davis, Don Raely, Doug Broom, Doug Etheridge, Bubby Boney and William Broom.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Grace Richardson

Funeral service for Grace Richardson, 76, of Van was held Saturday, October 17, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Hilliard Funeral Home in Van, Texas. A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. at Seamans Cemetery near Chester, Texas with Brother Larry Trest officiating.

Mrs. Richardson died October 15, 1998 at her home in Van, Texas.

A native of Hillsboro, she lived in Chester before moving to Van many years ago. She was a retired LVN and Sunday School Teacher. She was a member of Van First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas F. Richardson of Van; sons, Joe Dan Richardson of Woodville, Charles Anthony “Tony” Richardson of Midland, and Troy Ardell Richardson of Woodville; daughter, Ferrolyn Grace Wineland of Van; sisters Elizabeth Kirby of Houston, Athalee Thornton of Athens, and Nita Faith Evans of Bowie; twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Cecil Lee Andrews, Sr.

A Memorial service for Cecil Lee Andrews, 62, of Woodville, Texas was held Saturday, October 17, 1998 at 3 p.m. at the White Tail Ridge Baptist Church with Brother Robert Hargrave officiating.

Mr. Andrews died October 14, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A native of Joaquin, he lived in Texas City before moving to Woodville two years ago. He was a self employed carpenter.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Cawthon Andrews of Woodville; sons, Rickey Andrews of Newton, Cecil Andrews, Jr. of Alvin, Andy Andrews
of Texas City; daughters, Sherry Daniels of Bacliff, Vickie Brawner of Hondo, Lisa Andrews and Audrey Andrews both of Woodville; brothers, Leon Andrews of Dallas, Bobby Andrews of Bronson, James Andrews of Tyler and Ray Andrews of Odessa; twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Edith Galante

Mrs. Edith Galante, mother of Bishop Joseph A. Galante, of the Diocese of Beaumont, died the evening of October 22, 1998 at Holy Redeemer Hospital, Meadowbrook, Penn. She was 85. A former resident of Philadelphia, she had resided in Yardley, Penn.

A former owner of Leonard’s Delicatessen, Rhawnhurst, Philadelphia. Mrs. Galante was a benefactor of the Poor Clare Monastery, Langhorne; the Pink Sisters, Philadelphia; the Sisters of St. Basil; Fox Chase; and other religious organizations.

The funeral Mass was celebrated October 27 at St. Ignatius church, Yardley, Penn. Rite of Committal will follow at St. Dominic’s Cemetery.

Survivors include, four sons, the Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante, Bishop of Beaumont; Francis R. Bishop, a funeral director; William L. Bishop, president of Conwell - Egan Catholic High School; and Paul C. Bishop, director of labor relations, Bell Atlantic; all of Pennsylvania; a brother, Charles J. Cocci of Philadelphia; sister, Rose R. Cocci of Yardley, Penn.; and seven grandchildren.

Henry Irvin Crawford

Henry Irvin Crawford, 57, of Spurger, Texas passed away Tuesday, October 20, 1998 in the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 24, 1998 in Farmer’s Funeral Home with burial to follow in the Community Cemetery in Fred, Texas. Visitation for Mr. Crawford was held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Farmer’s Funeral Home.

Mr. Crawford was a native of Fred, Texas. He was a Press Operator for Eastern Forge.

Survivors include, wife, Geneva Lee Crawford of Spurger; two sons, Rusty Crawford of Beaumont, James Abshere, Jr. of Bridge City; three daughters, Lisa Felps of Lumberton, Renne Crawford of Town Bluff, and Tanya Crawford Gill of Town Bluff; three sisters, Evelyn West of Silsbee, Bertie Mae Callaway of Spurger, and JoEllen Broom of Silsbee; four brothers, Prentice Crawford of Fred, Raymond Earl West of Silsbee, Jerry Lee West of Brownwood, and John Earl West of Silsbee, and twelve grandchildren.

Thelma Deggs Taylor

Services for Thelma Deggs Taylor, 79, of Huntington, Texas were held at 11:30 a.m., Monday in the Gipson-Hunter-Metcalf Chapel with Rev. D. R. McNaughton and Rev. Bill Martin officiating. Graveside services followed at 2 p.m. Monday in the Colmesneil Cemetery.

Mrs. Taylor was born June 8, 1919, in Colmesneil, Texas, to the late William Monroe and Emma (Ling) Dominy. She died Thursday, October 22, 1998, in a Lufkin hospital.

Mrs. Taylor was a retired nurse’s aide for Woodland Heights Medical Center. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother and was affectionately known as “Big Mama.” Mrs. Taylor was of the Baptist faith, and had resided in Angelina County for 36 years.

Survivors include her daughters, Odessa Best of Woodville and Wanda Clark of Diboll; son, John Wayne Deggs of Nederland; stepdaughters Jennetta Whitehead of Huntington and Wanda Alsbrooks of Kingwood; eleven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers, L.B. Dominy of Diboll and Vernon Dominy of Lufkin; sisters, Estelle Hearn of Colmesneil and Irene Stinson of Scottsville; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mrs. Taylor was preceded in death by husbands, William Odell Deggs and Edward O. Taylor; son-in-law, Thomas Best; and grandson, Boyce Best.
Pallbearers were Tommy Best, Royce Best, Frank Helm, Steven Clark, Arlo Fischer and Leonard Crain.
Honorary pallbearers were L.C. Whitehead, Ronnie Alsbrooks, J.P. Alsbrooks, Wesley Deggs, Mark Best, Taylor Alsbrooks and Brian Pittman.
The family received friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday evenings at the funeral home.
Gipson-Hunter-Metcalf Funeral Directors.

Essa May Barnes Cormack

Essa May Barnes Cormack, was born into a pioneer East Texas family at Chester, Texas on March 12, 1894 and died on October 20, 1998 in Georgetown, Texas.
She was the youngest and only surviving child of James Jasper Barnes and Nancy Hopkins Barnes and had lived in Austin at Westminster Manor for the last 30 years. May began teaching school at age 15, graduated from Southwest Texas State Teachers Collage, earned her Master’s degree from George Peabody College in Nashville and a graduate degree from Columbia University in New York. She taught at all levels from “nursery school” to University level, being in the Education Department at Stephen F. Austin University for many years. In 1942 she married Dr. Joseph Marshall Cormack and they lived in Washington, D.C. where he was Associate Attorney General of the U.S., and later in Williamsburg, Virginia where he taught in the Law School of William and Mary University and she enjoyed being a “docent” at the Governor’s Palace there. May, whose father was a Confederate soldier, loved being in the U.D.C., the Nature Conservatory, the Republican Party, was an Austin Symphony Contributor and a lifelong dedicated Methodist Christian. She was the oldest member of St. John’s United Methodist Church and taught the Wesley Sunday School class there for many years.
She is survived by four nieces and one nephew and their spouses, Nell and Douglas Benold of Georgetown, Grace and Norman Williams of Frederickburg, Mary Jo and Jerry Moore of Longview, Nancy and Frank Payn of Longview, James A. Barnes, Jr. of Los Altos, California, Monte Hill Alexander of Dallas and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews.
Funeral services were held at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home in Austin, Texas with Dr. Winn Alley officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Chester, Texas.
Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, Austin, Texas.

Bruce B. Holton

Bruce B. Holton, 83, of Woodville, Texas died Tuesday, October 20, 1998 at the Dogwood Trails Manor of Woodville.
Funeral services were Thursday, October 22nd at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. The honors of the flag was presented to the family by members of the V.F.W. Post #2033. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.
Serving as pallbearers were Billy Neil Cards, Billy Wayne Cards, Christ Lacox, Robert Greenwood, Roy Buckner, and Raymond Rasberry, Jr. Honorary pallbearers were members of the V.F.W. Post #2033.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, October 21st from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.
Mr. Holton was a native of Jasper, former resident of Seattle, WA., and had lived in Woodville for the past fifteen years. He had been a manager for Motel Enterprises and was a U.S. Navy WW II veteran. He was a member of the Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495 AF & AM and First Baptist Church of Woodville.
He is survived by his daughter, Autumn Marshall of Aberdeen, WA; brothers, Steve Holton of Ceres, CA. And Vemon Holton of Rosenberg; sister, Frances Rasberry of Colmesneil and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Caywood Roy Knapp

Caywood Roy Knapp, 84, died Saturday, October 24, 1998 at his home in Georgetown, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. this Saturday, October 31, 1998, at the Reeb Funeral Home of Sylvania, Ohio, with interment at Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery in Sylvania.

Mr. Knapp was born in Toledo, Ohio, on March 10, 1914, and was a former resident of Dallas, Texas, and Venice, Florida, before moving to Georgetown, Texas. An avid golfer, he was a member of the Elks Club and worked for Dun and Bradstreet where he had worked until 1979 before retiring. He was a graduate of Culver Military Academy, in Culver, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife, Jane, of Georgetown; a son, Thomas Knapp of Woodville; two daughters, Carol Hageman, of Cedar Hill, Texas, and Bonny McCray, of Thousand Oaks, California; and grandsons, James Knapp of Woodville, Chris Knapp, of Austin, Bob Knapp, of Hurst, Texas, and Loren McCray, of Bulah, North Dakota.

Evelyn Lorene Cole Pitts

Funeral service for Evelyn Lorene Cole Pitts, 71, of Bartlett, Tennessee, were held Tuesday, October 13, 1998, at 1 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Bobby Hoffpauir officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Monday, October 12, 1998, from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Mrs. Pitts died October 9, 1998 at Hamilton Care Center in Germantown, Tennessee.

A native of Ruston, Louisiana, she lived in Woodville before moving to Tennessee six years ago. She was a retired from Wheat Abstract Company in Woodville. She was a member of the American Auxiliary of P.O.W. Golden Triangle Chapter, The Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W. and a member of the Lindenwood Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. She is preceded in death by her husband, Red Pitts.

She is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Granger of Bartlett, Tennessee; brother, Carroll Cole of New Braunfels; sister, Jimmie Cole Goolsbee of Warren; two grandchildren, Kinney Granger and Katie Granger.

Pall bearers were Randy Davis, Kenny Pitts, Ronnie Pryor, Forrest Archer, Maxie Riley, and James Read.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Diane Phyllis Dineen Powell

Funeral services for Diane Phyllis Dineen Powell, 70, of Chester, Texas will be held Wednesday, October 28, 1998, at 1 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Mark Martin and Brother George Standley officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester.

Visitation was held Tuesday, October 27, 1998, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

Mrs. Powell died October 24, 1998 at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, she lived in Houston before moving to Chester 15 years ago. She was a retired secretary for the University of Houston. She was a member of Caney Creek Baptist Church. She was a very giving, compassionate person, well loved by her community.

Survivors include her husband, Leroy Powell of Houston and Scott Powell of Ohio; daughters, Barbara Wilcox of Kyle, Wendy Rossi of Houston, and Janet Powell of Houston; sister, Carole Bradley of Colorado; three grandchildren, Graig Powell, Brian Powell, and Michelle Wilcox.

Pallbearers will be Kenny Richardson, Ken Powell, Billy Joe Connell, Don Cryer, Josh David and John Martin.

Honorary pallbearers will be Frank Handley, Rusty Hughes, Robert Moore, Royce Standley, Leroy Toney, and J.L. Howell.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Gary Leon Raimer

Gary Leon Raimer, 59, of Warren, Texas passed away October 24, 1998 at his residence.

Funeral was held Tuesday October 7, 1998 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Warren with Brother Kenneth Cauthen, pastor of Warren First Baptist Church, officiating. Internment followed at Allison Cemetery with members of Mr. Raimer’s lodge serving as pallbearers.

Graveside Masonic rites were conducted at Allison Cemetery by Myrta Lodge #658 AF & AM in Warren.

Visitation was held Monday from 3-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Wharton, Texas he lived in Warren most of his life. He was a retired pipeline welder for construction Pipe Liner Union # 798 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Crouch Raimer of Warren; brother Kenneth W. Raimer and wife Janell of Hull, Texas; sister, June Poole and husband Clyde of New Orleans, Louisiana; nieces, Shelly Jo Bubenik and Teresa Lynn Raimer, both of Houston; and Lisa Annette Crump of St. Rosa, Louisiana; aunt, Johnny Ruth Wilson of Warren; and three great nieces.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Maylon W. Massey

Maylon W. Massey, of Canyon Lake, Texas went to live with the Lord he served on October 26, 1998. M.W. was born April 25, 1921 in Woodville, Texas. He served his country in the Army Air Corps during WW II and his community as a San Antonio Police Officer and a Comal County Sheriff deputy. He was a former member of the Bexar County Sheriff’s Mounted Posse and a member of numerous trail ride clubs. M.W. was a faithful member of AF&AM Pagosa Springs Lodge #114.

M.W. was preceded in death by his son, William Guy Massey. He is survived by his wife, Christie A. Massey; sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Karen Massey, Kenneth and Mary Massey, Erick Rhodes; grandsons, Jeff Massey (Shannon), John Massey (Brandi), Sean W. Massey, Christopher Massey, and Eric Rhodes. He is also survived by five brothers, Bill and Frances Massey, Doyle and Mildred Massey, Marvin Jr. and Gladys Massey, Leroy and Mary Massey, Otis and Gloria Massey; one sister, Hazel and Charles Rumby; numerous nieces and nephews and countless close friends.

The family will receive visitors Thursday, October 29, 1998 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Porter Loring North Mortuary. A viewing will also be held Friday, October 30, 1998 from 7 to 8 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services will be at Shady Grove Assembly of God with Sister Lila Brown Officiating at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 31, 1998 with a Masonic graveside service at Shady Grove Cemetery near Woodville.

Local arrangements under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Eugene McKenzie

Funeral service for Eugene “Gene” McKenzie, 71, of Colmesneil, Texas was held Friday, October 30, 1998, at 3 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel of Homer, Louisiana with Fulton Deluki officiating. Burial followed at the McKenzie Cemetery near Homer. Visitation was held Thursday, October 29, 1998, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. McKenzie died October 26, 1998 at his residence in Colmesneil, Texas.

Mr. McKenzie was born July 8, 1927, the son of Clarence and Vinie Smith McKenzie, descendants of one of the pioneer families of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. He was a graduate of Homer High School.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers and sisters, and one son, Terry McKenzie.

Mr. McKenzie is survived by his wife of 49 years, Blanche McKenzie of Colmesneil; daughter, Kathy Delaney and husband, Gerald; son, Michael McKenzie; five grandchildren, Spencer McKenzie, Ian McKenzie, John Delaney, Cameron Delaney and Michelle Whiteley; and two sisters Ruth Long
and Willie Holland. Pallbearers were his nephews. Honorary pallbearer was W.J. Mecura. Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Linda Lou Fisher Jackson**

Funeral service for Linda Lou Fisher Jackson, 57, of Colmesneil, Texas was held Thursday, October 29, 1998 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Colmesneil with Brother David Miller officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil Cemetery. Visitation was held Wednesday, October 28, 1998, from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home. Mrs. Jackson died October 26, 1998 at the Diagnostic Hospital in Houston. A native of Grand Tower, ILL., she lived in Port Arthur most of her life before moving to Colmesneil three years ago. She was a retired registered nurse and a member of the First Baptist Church in Colmesneil. Mrs. Jackson is survived by her husband, Walter R. Jackson of Colmesneil; sons, Sean Jackson of Port Arthur and Terry Wayne Jackson of Colmesneil; brother, Charles Wayne Fisher of Kountze; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were James Mercer, Jamie Davis, Milton Jackson, Robert Fisher, Dale Fisher, and Chuck Fisher. Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Pearl Gardner Hargraves**

Funeral service for Pearl Gardner Hargraves, 87, of Woodville, Texas was held Thursday, October 29, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Dwayne Freese officiating. Burial followed at Peebles Cemetery in Livingston, Texas. Visitation was held Wednesday from 4 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Mrs. Hargraves died October 27, 1998 at Lindbergh Health Care Center in Beaumont. A native of Warren, she lived in Woodville most of her life. She was a retired nurse and bookkeeper and a member of the First Baptist Church in Woodville. She is survived by her son, Harmon Eugene Powers of Doucette; daughters, Doris Thompson and Lois Evaline Powers Chambless both of Beaumont; sisters, Lerela Stackpole and Ola Nolen, both of Warren; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Jim Mahan, James Kimbrough, Dr. L. Gayle Burton, Lawrence Rainey, Jerry Grimes, and Lloyd Fortenberry. Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Elmer L. Jernigan**

Elmer L. Jernigan, 91 of Port Arthur died Saturday, October 31, 1998 at St. Mary Hospital in Port Arthur, Texas. A native of Carmona, Texas, he was a lifelong resident of Port Arthur. He was retired from Texaco, Inc. in Port Arthur. He was manager of the Lube Oil Division for 45 years. He was also a member of the United Methodist Temple in Port Arthur, and a member of the Cullen Hamilton Bible School Class. Services were held Monday, November 2, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Port Arthur with Rev. John Newsome officiating. Services will be under the direction of Levingston Funeral Home in Groves. Visitation was held Sunday 6 - 8 p.m. at Levingston Funeral Home. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Carol Moffett of Woodville; two brothers, Vic Jernigan of Carmona, Texas and Revis Jernigan of Houston, Texas; three grandchildren, Milton Moffett III, Suzan Moffett, and Frank Moffett; and one great granddaughter, Sara Ann Moffett.

**Helen Versa Lockhart Richardson**

Funeral service for Helen Versa Lockhart Richardson, 94, of Colmesneil, Texas was held Thursday, October 29, 1998, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Colmesneil with Brother David Miller officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil Cemetery.
Visitation was held Wednesday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Richardson died October 27, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital.

Mrs. Richardson was a native and lifelong resident of Colmesneil. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Colmesneil.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cason A. Richardson in April 1962.

Mrs. Richardson is survived by her daughters, Avanell F. Quimby of Tulsa, OK., and Margurite L. Holder of Port Arthur, Texas; sons, James F. Richardson of Colmesneil and Robert A. Richardson of Woodville; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mike Collier, James Collier, Elmer Ewings, Ronnie L. Richardson, John F. Richardson, E.N. Richardson, Jr., William Hock, and Doyle Cowart.

Service were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lottie Joanne Conner Hammonds

Funeral services for Lottie Joanne Conner Hammonds, 54, of Chester, Texas will be held Wednesday, November 4, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Bobby Dagnell officiating. Burial will follow at Seamans Cemetery near Chester, Texas. Visitation was held Tuesday, November 3, 1998 from 1 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Hammonds died November 1, 1998 at her residence in Chester.

A native of Woodville, she lived in Nederland most of her life before moving to Chester four months ago. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Hammonds is survived by her husband, Arthur Hammonds of Chester; son, Chip, and wife Teresa Hammonds of Port Neches; daughters, Debra and husband John Svoboda, of Japan, and Tamara and husband Chuck Land of Beaumont; father, Loy and wife Irene Conner of Woodville; sister, Dianne and husband John Allan Gilchrist of Chester; brothers, Nolan and wife Brenda Conner, of Chester, and Lamar and wife Lilla Myrl Conner of Woodville; grandchildren, Kaleb Svoboda, Kamden Svoboda, Chelsea Hammonds, and Chloe Land.

Pallbearers will be Jacob Conner, Jamey Conner, Justine Gilchrist, Jeremiah Gilchrist, Johnny Hammonds, and Stuart Austin.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mattie Rymer

Mattie Rymer, 64, of Wright City, passed away Monday, October 26, 1998, at St. Joseph Hospital in Paris, Texas. She was born July 23, 1934, in Emmitt, Arkansas. Mattie was a homemaker, a member of First Assembly of God Church of Wright City, enjoyed fishing and hunting, and had lived in this area most of her life.

Mattie was preceded in death by her husband, Lawerance Rymer. She leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Joe Rymer and Lyle Rymer, both of Wright City; two daughters, Lois Yancey of Woodville, Texas, and Sadie Cajero of DeQueen, Arkansas; one brother, Norman Theral of Lake City, Florida; one sister, Pat Roberts of Houston, Texas; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, October 29, 1998, at First Assembly of God Church of Wright City, with Brother Robert Stuart and Brother Eddie Schlinker officiating. Burial will be in Slater Memorial Cemetery in Wright City.

Services were under the direction of Brumley McCurtain Funeral Home in Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Clara S. Cockerham

Clara S. Cockerham, 75, of Woodville, Texas died Tuesday, November 3, 1998 at Huntsville Memorial Hospital in Huntsville, Texas.

Funeral services were Friday, November 6, 1998 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the service was Rev. W.C. Haynes. Serving as pallbearers
were Sydney J. Martindale III, James A. Riley, Samuel E. Shepherd, Robert Grimes, Bobby Birdwell, and John B. Harvey. Honorary pallbearers were Jiggs Kenneson, James Best and John Alexander Duke.

Visitation was held on Thursday, November 5, 1998 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Cockerham was a native of Ft. Worth and a long time resident of Woodville. She had worked for J.B. Best Department Store for twenty-two years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Roy Cockerham, Sr. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Lee R. and Jane Cockerham, Jr. of Huntsville and John W. and Melissa Cockerham of Woodville; brother R.B. Stewart of Houston; and sister, Ellen Powell of Burleson.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

James Wayne Litton

Graveside service for James Wayne “Daddy Wayne” Litton, 83, of Gilmer was held Monday, November 9, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Enoch Cemetery in Gilmer under the direction of Grubbs-Loyd Funeral Home in Gilmer, Texas.

Mr. Litton died November 7, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Windfield, Louisiana, he lived in Gilmer many years. He was a retired Boilermaker and member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He is survived by his daughter, Norma Caldwell of Woodville, Dixie Posey of Woodville, Sally Thompson of Kountze, and Betty Hopkins of Longview; brothers, Glenn Litton of Texarkana and Moe Litton of Bridge City; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Wanda L. Handley

Funeral services for Wanda Lou Handley, 70, of Barnes Community were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 3, 1998 in the Caney Creek Baptist Church of Chester, Texas with the Rev. George Standley and Rev. Mark Martin officiating. Interment will follow in the Feagin Cemetery in Polk County, Texas.

She was born on Thursday, January 26, 1928 in New Willard, Texas and died Saturday, October 31, 1998 in a Lufkin Hospital. She was a housewife, co-worker, mother and grandmother. She also was a member of the Caney Creek Baptist Church in Chester, Texas.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, John Handley of Barnes Community; son and daughter-in-law, John C. “Bubba” and Sandy Handley of Barnum; daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Lynn Tombrook of Westville, Florida, Eva and Bob Barrett of Anahuac, Texas; brothers, Thurman L. Gulley of Zavalla, Hunter Gulley of Gilmer; sisters, Doris Willson of Nacogdoches, Grace Turner of Huntsville, Jane Rogers of Winterhaven, Florida and sister-in-law, Betty Gulley of Camp Ruby in Polk County; 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Luke Barrett, Trvis Handley, Coty Handley, Seth Handley, Joel Handley and Erin Wagner.

Honorary pallbearers were Deacons of the Caney Creek Baptist Church.

Arrangements were made by the Corrigan Funeral Home, Inc.

Henry Kirby Priest

Henry Kirby “Buck” Priest, 82, passed away November 5, 1998. He was born in Midway, Texas to Albert and Willie Polk Parten. After his mother died, he went to live and was adopted by his Aunt Frankie and Uncle Henry Priest at Peach Tree Village. He was the captain of his Chester High School basket ball team and married Julia Aline Robertson, who preceded him in death after 56 years of marriage.

He lived in Port Arthur - Groves area 32 years and retired from Texaco where he was a crane operator. Buck was Past Worthy Patron of the Groves Order of Eastern Star #953 and affiliated wit Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495. He lived in
Ivanhoe 22 years where he was very involved with the IPOA, serving as Chairman of the Road Commission and Board Member. As a tribute for all of his volunteer road work and love of Ivanhoe, the civic center was named the Buck Priest Civic Center on his 80th birthday. He was a faithful member of Hillister Baptist Church.

He is survived by two daughter, Sheila Spikes Bergeaux, wife of Russell Bergeaux, and Frankie Jeter, wife of Lonnie W. Jetaer; also six grandchildren, Debbie Broussard, Kathy Guidry, Patricia Savoy, Gwen Jeter, all of Groves, Texas, Dana Aycock of Nederland, and Michael Jeter of Dallas. He had ten great-grandchildren, Deedra and Kimberly Guidry, Blair and Ashley Savoy, Kristie, Brett and Bryce Broussard, all of Groves, Caitlyn Davis of Nederland, and Amanda and Michael Savoy of Georgetown, Texas.

Services were held at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville at 10 a.m. November 7, 1998 with Rev. Jerry Kelly of Hillister Baptist Church officiating. Graveside services will be held at Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery in Hope Mausoleum in Groves at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 7, 1998 with Rev. Joe Worley of First Baptist Church, Groves, officiating.

Lillie B. Irvine Wheaton

Lillie B. Irvine Wheaton, 74, died Wednesday, November 4, 1998 at Beaumont Medical and Surgical Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Graveside service will be held on Friday at 2 p.m. at Bethany Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas under the direction of Broussard’s Mortuary in Beaumont. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the Mortuary. She was a native of Jasper and lived in Beaumont most of her life.

She is survived by sons, Roy E. Irvine of Beaumont, Jimmy Mack Ezell of San Jose, California, Clint Williams of Houston; daughters, Mary B. Ruth of Beaumont, Bonnie S. Smith of Doucette, Texas, and Reba G. Ogletree of Beaumont; 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Leo M. McBride

Leo M. McBride, 79, of Colmesneil, Texas died Friday, November 6, 1998 at Silsbee Doctors Hospital in.

Funeral services were Monday, November 9th at 2 p.m. in the Katy Baptist Church in Colmesneil with burial at Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating at the services was Brother Durl Patrick.

Serving as pallbearers were Mack Anthony, Elbert Sheffield, Jr., John Knox, James Broussard, Sonny Martin, and Herman Patrick. Honorary pallbearers were Henry Whitehouse and Thomas Belt.

Visitation was held Sunday, November 8, 1998 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. McBride was a native of Mt. Vernon, S.D. and had lived in Colmesneil and Tyler County since 1966 and had worked as a clerk for several convenience stores in Woodville and Colmesneil. He was a WW II Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth McBride. He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-laws; Mary and Andy Andrews of Tyler, and Ina and Terry Heislen of Dallas; sisters, Helen Pacheco of California, Lois Moffett of Bellingham, WA., and Mildred McBride of New York; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

J.W. Marshall

J.W. Marshall, 88, of Rockland, Texas died Tuesday, November 5, 1998 at the Memorial Medical Center in Lufkin, Texas.

Funeral services were Thursday, November 5, 1998 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Rockland Cemetery in Rockland. Officiating at the services were Brother Ben Gibbs and Brother Andy Rogers.


Visitation was held on Wednesday, November 4, 1998 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.
Mr. Marshall was a native of Sacul, Texas and was a long time resident of Rockland. He was a retired dragline operator with Angelina County and was a member of the Rockland Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his son, Charles “Tuffie” Marshall. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ruth Marshall of Rockland; sons and daughters-in-law, Joe and Sue Marshall and Gary and Sandra Marshall all of Rockland; eleven grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Margrae Gaines

Margrace Gaines, 81, of Huntsville, Texas passed away on November 3, 1998 in Huntsville.

Services were held Saturday, November 7, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Huntsville Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Ken Huggins officiating. Burial was held at Oakwood Cemetery in Adickes Addition.

Visitation was held at the Huntsville Funeral Home on Friday evening from 6 - 8 p.m.

Mrs. Gaines was preceded in death by her husband W.A. Gaines. Survivors include, her nieces, Thyra Mize of Huntsville, Beth Vice of Mobile, Alabama, Elaine Hickey of Eagle Lake, Linda Janice of Santa Fe, Grace Houston of Augusta, Kansas, Ruby Plaster of Vidor, Nell King of Lake Jackson, Marceline Crouch of Madisonville, and Judith Ann Beene of Thibodeaux, Louisiana; nephews are Johnny Wayne Corley of Grangerland, Wesley Corley, Jr. of Vidor, Standley Plaster of Humble, Jerry Plaster of Vidor, and Monte Lawlis Nephew of Jasper.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ellen Cordelia Woodward Messer

Funeral service for Ellen Cordelia Woodward Messer, 71, of Woodville, Texas was held Friday, November 6, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Lakeside Apostolic Church in Town Bluff with Brother James Stevens officiating. Burial followed at Daniels Cemetery in Kountze, Texas. Visitation was held Thursday, November 5, 1998 at 2 p.m. at the church.

Mrs. Messer died November 3, 1998 at Timberlakes Health and Rehabilitation Center in Jasper.

A native of Broken Bow, OK., she lived in Kountze before moving to Woodville 44 years ago.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jake Douglas Messer.

Survivors include her husband, L.C. Messer of Woodville; sons, David Messer of Orange, Thomas H. Messer of Etoille, John Charles Messer of Spurger, and Curtis D. Messer of Lufkin; daughters, Ellen L. Callaway of Spurger, Shirley Jenkins of Vidor, and Pearl Ann Ward of Lufkin; brothers, Danie L. Woodward of Evadale and Fred Woodward of Lovelady; sisters, Corabell Self of Lovelady, Odesa Mitchell of Woodville, and Dorothy Howard of Livingston; twenty-one grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Thomas Messer, John Messer, David Messer, Curtis Messer, Daniel Lee Woodward and Christopher Messer.

The grandsons served as honorary pallbearers.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Elma Biggar Pepper

Services for Elma Pepper, 88, were held November 20, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Brother Byron McWilliams officiating.

Burial followed at Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Woodville, Texas

Mrs. Pepper died November 18, 1998 at Dubuis Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A native of Center, Texas, she lived in Athens, Alabama before moving to Spurger 11 years ago.

She was a retired School Teacher.

Survived by her daughter and son-in-law Margaret and Jim McWilliams of Spurger; one sister Maggie Harris of Houston and one granddaughter Holly McWilliams of Spurger.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Loving, Lockey Hicks, Aden Jordan, Thurman Levins, Robert Mott and Walter Stiffen.

Services were under the direction of Riley
Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Jerry Len Shird, Sr.**

Graveside services were held for Jerry Shird, Sr., 56, November 20, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas, with Brother Durl Patrick officiating.

Mr. Shird died November 17, 1998 at Hermann Hospital in Houston, Texas.

A native of Shelby County, he lived in Woodville most of his life. He was a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife Pauline Matthews Shird of Woodville; parents, Dee and Coraleen Shird of Woodville; sons, Jerry Shird, Jr., of Zavalla, Clinton Shird of Vidor, Gordon Bucklighter of Ivanhoe and Jerry Bucklighter of Colmesneil; daughters, Dolly Wolfe of Town Bluff, Lisa Burch of Doucette, Valerie Cravey of Warren and Nell Patrick of Colmesneil; brothers, Monty Shird, Lester Shird, and James Shird all of Woodville; sister, Shirley Powell of Woodville; 21 grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Jane Elizabeth Byram**

Memorial services for Jane Byram, 70, were held November 18, 1998 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Colmesneil with Brother David Miller officiating.

Cremation was held November 17, 1998 at Wilbert Crematory in Beaumont, Texas.

Mrs. Byram died November 16, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

She was a native of Decatur, Michigan. She lived in Highland, IND. before moving to Colmesneil in 1975. She was a homemaker.

She was a volunteer in the Library at the school and also for the doctors and hospital. She was very active in the community.

Survivors include her husband Dr. Dan Byram of Colmesneil; daughter and son-in-law, Susy and Jim Smith of LaPorte; step-daughter, Mary Feldman of Philadelphia, PA.; step-son, Bud Byram of Port Arthur; two granddaughters, Stephanie and Melissa Smith both of LaPorte, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Irene Bruce McDade**

Irene Bruce McDade, 81, of Woodville passed away November 21, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, November 23, 1998 at the Chapel of the Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with her son-in-law Don Boler officiating. Eulogy was given by her grandson, Jeffrey Boler. The music was provided by Mozelle Dickens and Ken Dickens. Interment followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Visitation was held from 4 - 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Survivors include daughter, Jean McDade of Houston, and daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Don Boler of Livingston; two grandchildren, Karen and Jeff; three great-grandchildren, Kari, Courtney and Ryan; one sister, Lucy Daniel, and one brother and sister-in-law Charles and Helen Bowers; two sisters-in-law, Madeline Bowers and Mary Bowers.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Kenneth Ovie Davis**

Kenneth Ovie Davis, 74, of Dam B, died Friday, November 20, 1998 from injuries received in an automobile accident at Dam B.

Memorial services will be held in the Shiloh Community at a later date.

Mr. Davis was a native of Liberty and had lived in Dam B for fifteen years. He was a retired machinist.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

**Fannie Alena Vinson Henry**

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 3, 1998 at Colony Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home in Ranger, Texas.

Born on August 4, 1975 in Ranger, Texas to Perry and Roberta Calvert Vinson. She attended school in Texas City, Texas. She married Albert Henry on February 22, 1996 in Jasper, Texas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Woodville, Texas. She was a housewife and an artist.

She is survived by her husband, Albert Henry of Jasper, Texas; parents, Perry and Roberta Vinson of Carthage Mississippi; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Calvert of Strawn, Texas; brother, Patrick Vinson of Marble Falls, Texas; sisters, Tabitha Harlow and Lachelle Moss both of Carthage, Mississippi, Tammy McCartney of Alexandria, Louisiana, Angelica Wood of Denham Spring, Louisiana, Roberta Bagwell of Dallas, Texas, and numerous aunts and uncles.

Roberta Juanita Wylie

Roberta Juanita Wylie, 81, of Santa Fe, Texas passed away November 25, 1998 at her residence. She was born in Rock, Kansas to Harry and Nanie Bird on October 30, 1917. She was a registered nurse and for many years was employed by U.T.M.B. and Mainland Center Hospital.

Mrs. Wylie was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Dale Wylie, long time employee of Santa Fe Railroad. Survivors include her daughters and their husbands, Linda and Bobby Alcala and Elena and George Kassler; seven grandchildren, Taryn Miller, Ken Kassler, Dana Payne, Tracy Alcala, Tim Alcala, Raymond Kassler, Scott Kassler and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held in the chapel of James Crowder Funeral Home in Dickinson, Texas on Saturday, November 28, 1998 between 4 - 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held Sunday, November 29, 1998 at the White Tail Ridge Baptist Mission in Woodville, Texas with Rev. Robert Hargrave officiating at 2 p.m. Interment will be at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Pallbearers will be Mrs. Wylie’s grandsons.
Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Joyce Marie Snider Renfro

Services for Joyce Marie Snider Renfro, 58, of Lufkin, were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 25, 1998 in the Gipson-Hunter-Metcalf Chapel with Brother John Williams officiating. Interment will follow in the Whitehouse Cemetery.

Mrs. Renfro was born November 1, 1940, in Loeb, Texas to the late James Thomas and Hazel Snider. She died Monday, November 23, 1998, at her daughter’s home near Warren, Texas.

Mrs. Renfro was a homemaker, mother and grandmother. Formerly of Hardin, Texas, she resided in Lufkin for the past 10 years.

Survivors include her daughters, Cora Harris of Warren, Melissa Wells of Burke, Kathalene Norman of Lufkin; son, Herbert Renfro, Jr., of Lufkin; stepson, Eddie Ewing of Silsbee; sister, Maxine Welch of Hardin; brothers, W.T. Snider of Cut-N-Shoot, Frank Snider of Lumberton, Freddie Snider of Hardin, Robert Snider of Bryan, Donald Ray Snider of Liberty; eighteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Gipson-Hunter-Metcalf Funeral Directors.
Local Arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Beauford Martin Hatton

Funeral service for Beauford Martin “Boo Boo” Hatton was held Wednesday, November 25, 1998, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Spurger, Texas with Brother David Nugent officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Visitation was held Tuesday, November 24, 1998, from 5 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home and Wednesday, November 25, 1998, from 9 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Mr. Hatton died November 23, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Tyler County. He was a retired self-employed logger and
farmer.

He was preceded in death by his son, Carroll B. Hatton and a grandson, Billy Hatton.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Dolores Irene and Dan Jordan of Spurger; son and daughter-in-law, Frank E. and Donna Hatton of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, David and Pam Hatton of Hillister; daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Hatton of Silsbee; sister, Allavee Mullins of Rowlett, Texas; grandchildren, Keith Hatton, Carroll Hatton, Kyle Hatton, Daniel Jordan, Jr., Rodney Jordan, Rusty Hatton, Connie Hatton, and Michael Hatton; and eight great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were his grandsons.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Herschel Wayne Tucker, Sr.

Funeral service for Herschel Wayne Tucker, Sr., 63, of Woodville, Texas was held Friday, November 27, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother John Spanhanks and Brother Troy Richardson officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Visitation was held Thursday, November 26, 1998 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Tucker died November 24, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital.

A native of Colmesneil, he lived in Tyler County all of his life. He was an accountant and owner of Tucker Book Keeping and Tax Service in Woodville. He was a member and deacon at Dogwood Hills Baptist Church in Woodville.

He was survived by his wife, Angie Lee Tucker of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Felicia Jalynn and Michael D. Thompson of Colorado Springs, CO.; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Darrell Gardner of Whitehouse, Texas; son and daughter-in-law, Herschel Wayne, Jr. and April Lannon of Woodville; brothers, Adrian Tucker of Doucette, and Preston Tucker of Woodville; sisters Vivian McKeen, Lounell Hayes and Carolyn Childs all of Woodville; grandchildren, April Michelle Thompson, Michael Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson, Jacob Ryan Gardner, and Kaitlin Gardner.

Pallbearers were the Deacons at Dogwood Hills Baptist Church, Russell C. Lewis, Jerry Rains, Charles McGovney, Otis Reynolds, James A. Riley, Chester Cartwright, Lee Nerren, Johnny Lummus, and Billy Wood.

Service under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Kyle Blanton Swearingen

Funeral service for Kyle Blanton Swearingen, 21, was held Saturday, November 28, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Rev. Barbara Clemmons officiating. Burial was held at Shiloh - Kirkland Cemetery near Woodville, Texas. Visitation was held Friday, November 27, 1998, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Swearingen died November 26, 1998 in Woodville.

A native of Nederland, he lived most of his life in Tyler County. He was a grader for Champion International Corp. in Corrigan, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Amy Couey Swearingen of Woodville, Texas; daughter, Chelsea Swearingen of Woodville; parents, John and Lillie Swearingen of Doucette; grandmothers, Delores Kirkland of Woodville and Bobbie Rogers of Dayton; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Laveinia and William Couey of Woodville; and a host of family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Kenny Whitney, Rogar Chrisjohn, Alan Bell, Paul Berryman, Tommy Bell, Brian Bell.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Kenneth F. Lannon

Kenneth F. “Scoogie” Lannon, 70, of Jasper, Indiana, died Friday, November 27, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

At the request of the family his body was donated to The University of Texas Medical Science Center in Galveston under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Lannon was a native of Jasper, Indiana and had lived in Tyler County for the past year with
his son and family. He was proud to have become the “Paw-Paw" of the Warren Boy’s Varsity Basketball Team, which was headed by his son. He was a retired foreman with 45 years of service with Indiana Desk Manufacturing Company, and a U.S. Army Korean Conflict veteran. Mr. Lennon also served as an umpire for the Indiana Girls Softball Association for 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Alma Lannon, daughter, Sarah Lannon Miller and granddaughter, Lindsay Miller. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Suzan Lannon of Woodville; sister and brother-in-law Ruth and John Crowder of Jasper, Indiana; grandchildren, Sean, Kelsey, Jennifer, Melissa, Andrew, Jason and Heather.

Memorial services will be announced later.

Chester Read

Services for Chester “Sam” Read, 76, of Jasper, Texas were held at 10 a.m. Monday, November 30, 1998, in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper, Texas. Burial followed in Townsend Cemetery. Visitation was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, November 29, at the Funeral Home.

Mr. Read died November 28, 1998 at his residence in Jasper. He was a native and longtime resident of Warren, Texas, and a former resident of Brookland and Beaumont. He had resided in Jasper for the past five years. He was a WW II Army Veteran and was a retired carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, Nellie Raye Read of Jasper; two sons, Ron Read and Sammy Read both of Jasper; one brother, Gene Read of Vidor; three sisters, Pauline Townsend of Silsbee, Claudia Lee Bowen of Rockland, and Geneva Broom of Warren; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jimmy Ross Chapman

Funeral service for Jimmy Ross Chapman, 61, will be held Wednesday, December 2, 1998 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Troy Richardson and Brother Jimmy Dean officiating. A full military graveside service will follow at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Visitation was held Tuesday, December 1, 1998 from 2 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Chapman died November 30, 1998 in Killeen, Texas.

William Roy Moore

Funeral service for William Roy Moore was held Sunday, November 29, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland, Texas with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves. Pastor Walter Snyder officiated the services. Visitation was held Saturday, November 28, 1998, from 5 - 9 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home and Sunday from 11 a.m. until time of the service at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. Moore died November 27, 1998 in Austin, Texas.

A native of Port Arthur, he lived in Deer Park before moving to Woodville, Texas two years ago. He was a retired tug boat captain and an employee at Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County for the Mission Plan. He was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Woodville, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Bruning Moore of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Sean Chambee of Pasadena and Stacey and Todd Greene of Deer Park; grandson, Zack Chambee of Pasadena; mother Wyona Dillon of Houston; step-mother, Ella Moore of Austin; brothers Ralph Moore of Nederland, Glenn Moore of Austin, and Tommy Lassiter of Houston; sister, Lynn Pena of Katy.

Serving as pallbearers were Mike Farmer, Melvin Hintzel, John Chupp, Ed Quade, Hugh Bruning, and Herb Wukasch.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
A native of Tyler County, he lived in Woodville most of his life. He was a retired Lt. Colonel for the regular Army and a teacher at Chester I.S.D. He was a member of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church in Woodville, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Lawilda McAlister Chapman of Woodville; son, Marcus Chapman of Killeen; son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Heather Chapman of Spurger; granddaughter, Jasmine Chapman of Killeen; grandson, Nathaniel Chapman of Longview; sisters, Jo Ann Norris of Spring and Margie Minter of Woodville; brothers, Robert Chapman, William Chapman and James Lee Chapman all of Spurger, Texas; and a host of family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be the U.S. Army Military Guard.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**James A. Jones**

James A. Jones of Chester died Friday, December 4, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services were held Wednesday December 9, 1998 at the Palestine Baptist Church in Chester, Texas with burial at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas.

Visitation was held from 4 - 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 1998 at the funeral home chapel.

Survivors include wife, Botley Jones of Chester; daughters, Bridgett Jones of Chester, and Tracy Criswell of Livingston; son, Keith Jones of Chester; two sisters, Sadie Holt of Beaumont, and Virgil Mae Jones of Houston.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

**Sam Houston Tubb, Sr.**

Sam Houston Tubb, Sr., 82, of Woodville died Friday, December 11, 1998 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Masonic graveside services were Sunday, December 13, 1998 at 2 p.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the service was Dr. Raymond A. Parker with the Masonic service being conducted by Magnolia Lodge #495.

Mr. Tubb was born August 24, 1916 in Woodville, Texas. He resided in New Mexico for several years before returning to Woodville in 1976. He was retired from Civil Service as a supply agent and was a WW II veteran. He was a member of the Houston Masonic Lodge #1189.

He is survived by his four sons, Sam H. Tubb, Jr. of Albuquerque, NM., Charles W. Tubb of Rosenberg, Jon R. Tubb of Mission Hills, CA., and George T. Tubb of Birmingham, AL.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

**Billy W. McMillan**


He was a native of Carthage, Texas and resident of Hillister for 6 years and previously of Port Arthur, Texas. He was retired as Superintendent of Maintenance for Chevron. He was appointed to the Tyler County, Texas Farm Bureau Board of Directors serving as Vice President for the past 2 years.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 10, 1998 at Levingston Funeral Home in Groves, Texas with Rev. Patrick Gahan, pastor of St. Stephen Episcopal Church of Beaumont, officiating. Burial was held at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Open visitation was held Wednesday, December 9, 1998 at 5 p.m. at Levingston Funeral Home in Groves.

Survivors include wife, Polly McMillian of Hillister; daughter, Linda Walsh of The Woodlands; sons, Billy D. McMillan of Beaumont and Jim W. McMillan of Elgin, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the directions of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Ina Evelyn Prince

Ina Evelyn Prince, 77, a retired nurse for Park Place Hospital, where she worked for many years, died Saturday, December 12, 1998 at Memorial Specialty Hospital in Lufkin, Texas. Mrs. Prince lived in Rockland, Texas and was previously from Port Arthur.

She is survived by her husband James Prince of Port Arthur; daughter, Antoinette Prince of Rockland; sister, Ida W. Powell of Rio Rancho NM; nieces, Carmon Joann McCumbee of Corrales, NM., Linda Curtis of Lumberton, Texas and Gail Taylor of Rio Rancho, NM.; a number of great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Dee Powell, Sr., her mother Clem Havard.

She was born March 6, 1921, in Texas, the daughter of John and Clem (Havard) Powell.

Visitation was held at Riley Funeral Home on Monday from 5 - 9 p.m.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 15, 1998 at 12 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel. Brother Andy Rogers and Brother Mike Drake officiated. Burial was held in the Dunk Havard Cemetery in Zavalla, Texas.

Pallbearers were Elmer Adaway, Scott Umfrid, Charles Marshal, James Robbins, James Michael Duncan and Tommy Curtis.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Louise Furby

Louise Furby, 86, of Port Arthur, Texas died December 10, 1998 at Gulf Health Care, Port Arthur, Texas.

Graveside services were held at Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger, Texas on Saturday, December 12, 1998 at 11 a.m. under the direction of Pat A. Riley Funeral Home, Nederland, Texas.

Visitation was held on Friday, December 11, 1998 from 6 - 8 p.m.

She was a native of Ben Lomond, Arkansas and a resident of Nederland area since 1939.

She was employed by the Fair Store in Retail Sales.

She was a member of St. Paul Methodist Church, Beaumont, Texas.

Survivors include brother, Floyd Mize and wife Donna of Longview, Texas; sisters, Emily Mize Howell of Beaumont and Hazel Carter and Husband Bob of Wichita, Kansas; sisters-in-law, Joy Beth Mize of Colmesneil and Bell Mize of Bon Wier, Texas.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Brett Dean

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 12, 1998 in the Delhomme Northside Chapel for Brett Dean, 27, who died Friday, December 11, 1998 in an automobile accident.

Rev. William L. Powell, pastor, Gospel Hour Fellowship Church of God officiated.

Interment took place at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 13, 1998 in the Ebenezer Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Brett was a native of Houston, and had been living in Lafayette for many years. He was employed for the past 3 years as a Conversion Coordinator for the Lafayette Cajun Dome.

Survivors include his mother Mary Sheffield Dean of Lafayette; his father, Jack Dean of Houston; and his paternal grandfather, Ralph Dean of Diboll, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Angela Dean.

Honorary pallbearers were David Guilbeaux, Kevin Short, Jerry Racca, Phil Ashurst, Brian McGrath, and Greg Davis.

The family requests that visiting hours be observed from 10 a.m. to service time.

The Delhomme Funeral Home, were funeral directors in charge of the arrangements.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Carla Earlene McBryde Steagall

Funeral services for Carla Steagall, 58, were held December 21, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Colmesneil with Brother David
Miller and Brother Bill Anderson officiating. Burial followed at Egypt Cemetery in Colmesneil.

Mrs. Steagall died December 18, 1998 at his residence in Colmesneil, Texas.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Colmesneil. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church of Colmesneil and O.E.S #1068, Colmesneil.

Survivors include her husband, John Lawrence Steagall of Colmesneil; two daughters, Michelle Hoefler of Nacogdoches and Pamela Sanderson of Pasadena; mother, Sara Elizabeth McBryde Munday of Woodville; step-daughters, Carol Sue Sheffield of Plano and Cindy Poynter of Sugarland; brother, Royce A. McBryde of Gig Harbor, WA.; sister, Glenda L. Duellman of Colmesneil; step-brothers, Howard Munday, Jr. of Buffalo and Roy Munday of Conroe; step-sisters, June McKinney of Buffalo and Kathy Ruley of Conroe and five grandchildren; John Howard Hoefler, Zoe Alissa Hoefler, Jacquelyn Sheffield, Kristen Sheffield and Reed Poynter.

Pallbearers were V.E. Rogers, Don Patillo, Michell Allen, Keneth Stanley, Bob Harmon and Kenny Williams.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

J.D. Pomikal

J.D. “Jay” Pomikal, 74, of Spurger, Texas died Sunday, December 13, 1998 at the Veterans Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Graveside services were held Monday, December 14, 1998 at 1 p.m. in the Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the service was Brother Walter Cowart.

Mr. Pomikal was born February 14, 1924 in Bellville, Texas. He was a former resident of Beaumont and had lived in Spurger for the past seventeen years. He had worked as a truck driver with Regant Chemical and was a WW II Army Air Corps veteran.

He is survived by his wife Jean Pomikal of Spurger; son, Charles “Chuck” P. Pomikal of Houston; daughter, Sharon Jones of Austin; Step-sons, Billy Barbo of Jasper, Larry Barbo of Baytown, and Bobby Barbo of Vidor; sisters, Evelyn Zajicek of Bellville and Irene Mikeska of Houston; eighteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Nancy Lou Hatton Page

Nancy Lou Hatton Page, 75, of Lumberton, Texas passed away Tuesday, December 1, 1998 in Lumberton.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 3, 1998 in Farmer’s Funeral Chapel with burial to follow in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Visitation began at 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, 1998 in Farmer’s Funeral Home, Silsbee, Texas.

Mrs. Page was a native of Elba, Alabama and lived in Lumberton for the past 12 years.

Survivors include four daughters, Doris Neubauer of Dickinson, Texas, Judy Ferguson of Lumberton, Texas, Brenda Allen of Lumberton, Greta Whitlock of Silsbee, Texas; four brothers, James Jones of Livingston, Montana Napoleon Jones of Kirbyville, Charles Jones of Kirbyville, and John Jones of Kirbyville; four sisters, Laura Jackson of Kirbyville, Verla Smith of Newton, Eva Yates of Gilmer, Texas, and Kat Davis of Gilmer; twelve grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Duel Ray Stuart

Duel Ray Stuart, 73, of Silsbee, Texas passed away on December 3, 1998 at Silsbee Doctors Hospital.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 5, 1998 at Farmer’s Funeral Home with burial in Resthaven Cemetery. Visitation started at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Mr. Stuart was a native of Zavalla, Texas and lived in Silsbee for 30 years.

Mr. Stuart was a retired truck driver for Robertson Truck Line; supervisor for Livingston Shipyard, and an Army Veteran.

Survivors include his sons, Ray Stuart of Honey Island, Texas, Dewey Wayne Stuart of
Woodville; daughters, Betty Jean Tarkinton of Silsbee and Pennie Jill Whiteside; brother, James Edward Stuart of Silsbee; sister, Emma Joyce Pevey of Orange; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Catherine M. Irvine

Catherine M. Irvine, 82, a homemaker, died Sunday, December 13, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. Mrs. Irvine lived in Hillister, Texas for 18 years and previously lived in Port Arthur, Texas.

She is survived by her husband Vernon; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Bob Logan of Brownsboro, Texas; son and daughter-in-law, Eugene and Lyndda Irvine of Nacogdoches, Texas; brothers, A.M. Bonnette, Jr. of Lockport, Louisiana and Alfred Bonnette of Port Neches, Texas; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, A.M. Irvine, Sr., her mother, Leonise Riviere.

She was born October 26, 1916 in Port Arthur, Texas to A.M. and Leonise (Riviere) Irvine, Sr.

Visitation was held at the funeral home on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 15, 1998 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home chapel with Pastor Richard Eifert of Woodville United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was held in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Pallbearers were her grandsons.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ocie George Fitzgerald

Ocie George Fitzgerald, 82, a retired contractor, died Wednesday, December 9, 1998 at Dubuis Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. He was a member of Fairview Baptist Church, Town Bluff, Texas.

Mr. Fitzgerald lived in Woodville, Texas for 30 years and was previously from Port Arthur where he lived for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife Lillian Lumpkin Fitzgerald of Town Bluff, Texas; son and daughter-in-law Jerry and Carol Fitzgerald of Nederland, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Janell and Gayle Reeves of Silsbee; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Walter Fitzgerald and his mother, Nellie Barnes.

He was born December 23, 1915 in Oakhurst, Texas the son of John and Nellie Barnes Fitzgerald. He was a member of the Army and served during World War II.

Visitation was held at the funeral home chapel on Thursday from 4 - 8 p.m. and on Friday from 5 - 9 p.m.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 12, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Fairview Baptist Church with Brother Dan McKee officiating. Burial was held in the Pedigo Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Pallbearers were Bryan Swindel, Charles Gray, Kent Brown, Bryan Fitzgerald, Robb Stair and Kim Brown.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Gladys Sirmons Jeffcoat

Gladys Sirmons Jeffcoat, 85, of Spurger, Texas, died Tuesday, December 2, 1998 at Silsbee Doctor’s Hospital in Silsbee, Texas.

Funeral services were Friday, December 4, 1998 at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel, with burial in Turner’s Branch Cemetery near Spurger, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother John Spanhanks. Serving as pallbearers were Paul Boudreaux, Ray Brown, Jeremy Jeffcoat, Carlton Ray Jeffcoat, Brian Romero, and Duane Romero.

Mrs. Jeffcoat was a native of Village Mills, Texas and has been a long time resident of Spurger. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Spurger, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Edward Jeffcoat. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas Edward and Beatrice Jeffcoat and Bobby G. and Wanda Jeffcoat all of Spurger. David L. and Sharon Jeffcoat of Pt. Neches, and Gary J. Jeffcoat of Natchitoches, Louisiana; daughters and son-in-law,
Ruby Fae and Raymond Brown of Dam B, and Gladys Marie Romero of Jeanerette, Louisiana; brother, James Sonny Sirmons of Silsbee; 23 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Curtis Raymond Thompson

Funeral service for Curtis Raymond Thompson 17, of Porter, Texas was held Tuesday, December 8, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Rosewood North Funeral Home with Brother Larry Trest officiating. Burial will follow at Rosewood Memorial Park North. Visitation was held Monday at the funeral home.

Curtis died December 5, 1998 in Porter, Texas.

A native of Woodville, he lived in Porter many years and was an Eleventh Grade Student at New Caney High School.

Survivors include his parents, Charles and Lavonne Thompson, Jr. of Porter; brother, Chuck Thompson of Porter; grandparents, Gladys Thompson of Chester and Eunice Bohannon of Porter; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives.

Edolia Harrington

Funeral service for Edolia "Mom" Harrington, 92, was held Monday, December 7, 1998, at 10 a.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland, Texas with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation was held Sunday, December 6, 1998 from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home with a Rosary recited at 7 p.m.


A native of Cow Island, Louisiana, and a former resident of Port Arthur, she lived in Woodville 13 years.

She is survived by her sons, Daniel Harrington of Port Acres and Norris Harrington of Woodville; daughters, Lillian Bergeron of Port Neches and Lillia Gary of Lebelle; 20 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Earl E. Butcher

Earl E. Butcher, 81, a retired electrician for Armco Steel, died Saturday December 5, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas. Mr. Butcher lived in Chester, Texas for 21 years and was previously from Cleveland.

He is survived by sons, Jewel Butcher of Madisonville, and David Butcher of Chester; daughter, Pauline Mitchell of Dayton; brothers, Raymond Butcher of Nacogdoches, Pat Butcher of Liberty, Otto Butcher of Woodville, Issac Butler of Channelview and Johnnie Butcher of Houston.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lennie Butcher, his father, Thomas Van Butcher, his mother, Margret Phillips, son, Ben Butcher and sister, Callie Nut.

He was born July 25, 1917 in Dalemont, Texas the son of Thomas and Margret Phillips Butcher.

Visitation was held at Riley Funeral Home on Monday from 12 noon till 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 8, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Linn Flat Cemetery. Burial will be in the Linn Flat Cemetery in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Catherine Ann Warren

Catherine Ann Warren, 47, a homemaker, died Wednesday, December 2, 1998 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas. Mrs. Warren lived in Warren, Texas for many years.

She was preceded in death by her father Frank Pete Mayer.
She was born November 1, 1951 in Winnie, Texas, the daughter of Frank and Shirley Craigen Mayer.

Visitation was held at the funeral home on Friday from 4 - 8 p.m.

Funeral services were held Friday December 4, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Ken Cauthen officiating. Burial was in the Broussards Cemetery in Fannett, Texas.

Pallbearers were Keith Browne, Terry Mayer, Otis Mayer, Mark Browne, Danell Warren and Harold Yawn.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Alice Louise Ratcliff

Alice Louise Ratcliff, 82, a retired nurse, died Wednesday, December 2, 1998 in McKinney, Texas, where she had lived for four months. She was previously from Fort Worth and Cedar Creek.

She is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Kally and Ron Kitchings of McKinney; son and daughter-in-law, Rusty and Kathy Ratcliff of Irving; daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Semore Taylor of San Antonio; sisters, Bonnie Allen of Williams Port, MD., and Audrey Riddle of Malakoff; brother, Harold McNaughtan of Chicago, IL., and numerous grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charlie, her mother, Ella Flo Etta Loomis, and daughter, Sherry.

She was born February 1, 1916 in Dresser Junction, Wisconsin the daughter of Kenneth and Ella Loomis Ratcliff.

Visitation was held at Riley Funeral Home on Friday from 5 - 8 p.m.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 5, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Beech Creek Baptist Church with Brother Tom Ratcliff officiating. Burial was in the Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger, Texas.

Pallbearers were Wayne Addkison, David Kitchings, Paul Kitchings, Pete Hilton, Wayne Geiger and Arliss Bingham.

Wesley Jones

Wesley (Coony) Jones, 48, of Woodville, Texas died Saturday, December 19, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. Funeral service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville, Texas. Burial at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Jones was a life long resident of Woodville, Tyler County, Texas.

Survivors are, step-father, Eugene Abrams of Woodville, Texas; sons, Christopher Taylor and Willie McNeal both of Woodville, Texas; daughters, Shelina M. Jones and Roxanne S. Jones both of Oakland, California, Rochelle Taylor and Jessica Taylor both of Woodville; grandmother, Marinda Barclay of Woodville, sisters, Anna Marie Abrams of Jasper, Texas, Belva Lanell Land of Huntsville, Texas, Shelia Yvonne Wright of Baytown, Texas; brothers, David Steans of Killeen, Texas, Henry Allen Steans of Beaumont, Texas, Eddie Gene Abrahams of Humble, Texas, Mark Allen Abrams of Houston, Texas, Raymond Demarco Abrams of Woodville, Texas; two grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Nathan Paul Barclay

Funeral service for Nathan Paul Barclay, 44, were held Sunday, December 27, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Robert Sharpton officiating. Burial followed at Hart's Mill Cemetery near Woodville. Visitation was held Saturday, December 26, 1998, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Barclay died December 10, 1998 in New Mexico.

Mr. Barclay lived most of his life in Beaumont before moving to Albuquerque, New Mexico 12 years ago. He was a Carpenter.

Survivors include his son, Paul Anthony Barclay of Woodville, Texas; father and step mother, C.M. “Buddie” and Ruth Barclay of Warren; mother, Wilma Barclay of DeQuincy, Louisiana; sisters, Pamela Sharpton of DeQuincy, Louisiana and Charlene Deleon of Beaumont; step-brother,
James Swearingen of Kountze; step-sisters, Dutch Swearingen of Silsbee and Selesta Webb of Buna, Texas.

Serving as pallbearers were Robert Sharpton, Gilbert Deleon, Lanny Kirkland, Ross Kennett, Corey Weeks, and Paul Saunders.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Rhoda Kay Griffin**

Funeral service for Rhonda Kay Griffin, 35, were held Tuesday, December 29, 1998 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Chester, Texas with Brother James Brock officiating. Burial was held at Ivie Cemetery near Kennard, Texas. Visitation was held Monday, December 28, 1998, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ms. Griffin died December 24, 1998 t the Tyler County Hospital.

A native of Livingston, she lived in Chester ten years before moving to Woodville one year ago. She worked as a home-sitter.

Survivors include her husband, James M. Griffin of Cleveland, Texas; son, James Matthew Griffin of Woodville; sisters, Stephanie Griffin of Chester, Carolyn Sims of Woodville and Cindy Simons of Livingston; brothers, James Simons of Chester and Clifford Simons of Livingston; uncle and aunt, David and Louise Currie of Corrigan; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**James Alfred Collins, Sr.**

Funeral service for James Alfred Collins, Sr., 68, was held Tuesday, December 29, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Vicar Barbara Barth officiating. A Masonic graveside service was held at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery under the Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495. Visitation was held Monday, December 28, 1998, from 5:30 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Collins died December 26, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A native of Indianapolis, IN., he lived in San Antonio before moving to Woodville 25 years ago. He was the former owner of Collins Paint and Decorating Center in Woodville. He was a member of the Triune Masonic Lodge in San Antonio, the Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495 in Woodville, the Scottish Rites and St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Woodville.

He is survived by his wife, Madeline Wise Collins of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Betty McCulley of Woodville; sons, James Alfred Collins, Jr. of Austin and David Collins of Corpus Christi; brother, Roger Miller of San Antonio; two grandchildren, Tiffany McCulley and Angela Grant.

Pallbearers for Mr. Collins were Brian Ingham, Randy Hartwick, Tim Drake, Darryl Rose, Billy Rose, and Jesse Lazenby.

Honorary pallbearers were Don Forse, Frank Isaacs, Bob Gibson, Richard O’Bregon, Carl Bruton, and Kevin Hammer.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Wayne B. Williams**

Funeral service for Wayne B. Williams, 69, were held Monday, December 28, 1998 at 1 p.m. at Hampton Vaughn Crestview Chapel in Wichita Falls, Texas. Visitation was held Sunday, December 27, 1998 from 5 - 6 p.m. at the funeral home in Wichita Falls.

Mr. Williams died December 24, 1998 at his residence in Colmesneil, Texas.

A native of Drumwright, OK., he lived most of his life in Wichita Falls before moving to Colmesneil. He was a retired deliveryman.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Williams of Tulsa, OK.; son, Belva Williams, of New York; daughter, Kathy Williams of New York; brothers, Lezell Williams of Wichita Falls, Jimmy Williams of Colmesneil and Percy Williams of Rosewell, New Mexico; sisters, Ruth Sweeny of Longview and Deloise Webb of Vidor.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Ferman Chess Estes

Ferman Chess Estes was born August 25, 1917 to Jennie and Chess Estes in Van Zandt County, Texas. Attended school in Edgewood, Texas and graduated in 1936. After graduation he attended East Texas S.T. College in Commerce, Texas on a football scholarship.

He moved to Houston and worked for Anderson Clayton until 1940 when he joined the 36th Division of the Texas National Guard, stationed in Brownwood, Texas. The day after Pearl Harbor his regiment, the 144th Infantry Div. was sent to the West Coast for patrol and troop training. He was later sent to the East Coast for patrol duty. From there he was sent to England to join the 79th Infantry to prepare for the D-Day invasion of France. They landed on Omaha Beach and he was wounded three times. He was later attached to Gen. Patton's Army before crossing the Rhine River into Germany. He was discharged in August 1945. He received the following medals and certificates for his service in WW II: Bronze Star, Silver Star, Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, WW II Victory Medal and Combat Infantrymen Badge. After his discharge from the Army he worked for Exxon in Baytown, Texas.

He married Maurie Dickens in 1946 and lived in Houston until he retired in 1975 when he moved to the Midway Community, near Livingston, Texas and raised cattle. He served one year as President of the Exxon Annuitants Club of East Texas in Livingston, and later in many other capacities. He served as chairman of the Midway Cemetery Assn. for many years, he was active in the annual homecoming at Midway and active in the Midway United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Livingston VFW and life-time member of the DAV.

He was preceded in death by his father, Chess Estes and mother, Jennie Estes; brothers, Wynn Estes, Jack Estes, Dicke Estes and John Estes.

Survived by his wife, Maurie Estes of Livingston; brother, Bill Estes and wife Mary of Wills Point, Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 24, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Robert Smith officiating.

Pallbearers were: Steve Estes, Scott Estes, Bob David, Jake David, Paul Poe and Larry Dean Polk.

Edward Hestal Brandin

Funeral Service for Edward Hestal “Eddie” Brandin, 85, was held Thursday, December 31, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Dwayne Freese officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas. Visitation was held Wednesday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

Mr. Brandin died December 29, 1998 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native and lifelong resident of Tyler County, he was a typewriter repairman and a WW II Army Veteran. He was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church in Woodville.

Survivors include his wife, Robbie H. Brandin of Woodville; sisters, Ruby Brandley of Dallas and Corine Davis of Port Arthur; brother Gerald Brandin of Houston; numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were C.S. O'Neal, Kenneth Elliott, Dr. G. Burton, Elton Allison, Robert Carl and Maxie Young.

Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Isaac Carter Brown

Funeral services for Isaac Carter Brown, 80, of Woodville, Texas were held at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Houston on Monday, December 28, 1998, at 11 a.m. Officiants at the service were the Rev. Michael Hadnot of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church of Woodville and Rev. Alan Brown, pastor of the Mt. Carmel Baptist. Burial followed at the Paradise North Cemetery.

Mr. Brown died on Thursday, December 24, 1998, at Park Plaza Hospital in Houston, Texas. Born on January 16, 1918 in Waller County,
Mr. Brown’s early education began in Houston at Burrus Elementary School and continued at Phillis Wheatley Senior High. He furthered his education by attending Houston College for Negroes and Langston University in Oklahoma City for a brief time prior to his call to the military in 1941. After his basic training he served prestigiously in the East Indies Papuan and New Guinea. He later received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal and three Bronze Stars and the American Defense Service Medal along with the Distinguished Unit Badge. He was honorably discharged July 12, 1945.

He was baptized at a young age in the St. Paul C.M.E. Church where he was actively involved. He was an ordained steward in the A.M.E. Church and later became a Deacon in the Baptist Church. He faithfully served as Co-chairman of the Deacon Board, President of the Brotherhood and was a strong supporter of the youth group of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mayme of Woodville; and five children, Dr. Jacqueline Brown, of Houston, Mrs. Johnnie L. Yero, of Houston, Mrs. Jocelyn Garrett, of Texas City, Isaac Brown, Jr., of Houston, and Brian Keith Brown, of Houston; and eight grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were McKinley Jackson, J.L. Barlow, Tim Amacker, Richard Taylor, Marvin Coleman and John Murcheson. Honorary pallbearers were the Mt. Carmel Deacons.

Services were held under the direction of Carl Barnes Funeral Home of Houston, Texas.

Will Roy Dorell

Funeral service for Will Roy Dorrell, 88, was held Friday, January 1, 1999 at 10 a.m. at the Wildwood Baptist Church with Brother Charles Debney and Brother Don Mitchell officiating. A Masonic service was held at the church under the direction of Snowdrift Lodge #385. Burial was held at 3 p.m. at the Whitehouse Cemetery in Whitehouse, Texas. Visitation was held Thursday from 3 - 6 p.m. at the church.

Mr. Dorrell died December 28, 1998 in Wildwood.

A native of Whitehouse, Texas, he lived in Port Arthur 50 years before moving to Wildwood 16 years ago. He was a retired Welding Supervisor for Texaco Oil Company. He was a member of the Wildwood Baptist Church. He was a 50 year member of the Cosmopolitan Lodge # 1264 in Port Arthur, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian Nichols Dorrell of Wildwood; son, Don Roy Dorrell of Beaumont; daughter, Lana Jean Dorrell of Wildwood; grandson, Don Weston Dorrell, and Glen Chadwick Dorrell; great-grandchildren, Joshua Blake Dorrell and Amber Joy Evans; four nieces and a great niece and great nephew.

Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Fay Lou Campbell

Fay Lou Campbell, 85, of Lufkin, died Sunday, January 3, 1999 at Parkwood Place Nursing Home in Lufkin, Texas.

Funeral services were Tuesday, January 5, 1999 t 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Sand Hill Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services were Brother Raymond Butts and Brother John Collins.

Mr. Campbell was born November 2, 1913 in Rockland, Texas. He was a long time resident of Tyler County and had lived in Lufkin for the past two years. He had been a machinist with Continental Can Company and was a member of the Rocky Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Milton and Ernestine Campbell of Lumberton, Kenneth and Vickie Campbell of Clute, and Dennis and Linda Campbell of Silsbee, daughters and sons-in-law, Sherryl and Willie Wigley and Lydia and Glenn Cook all of Lufkin and Laura and Richard Scroggins of Douglass; eighteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Daisy Tubbs

Daisy Tubbs, 80, of Chester, Texas died Sunday, January 3, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 6, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester, Texas. Officiating at the services will be Rev. Luis Tubbs and Rev. James Loving. Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons, Dorman Tubbs, Kelly Tubbs, Wayne Winters, Earl Burns, Michael Tubbs, Glenn Hughes, John Allen Hughes, and Richard Westbrook.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, January 5, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Tubbs was born January 19, 1918 in Saratoga, Texas. She was a long time resident of Chester and was a member of the Hampton Hill Full Gospel Church.

She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Luis E. and Frances Tubbs of Chester, Ernest and Shirley Tubbs of Dodson, Louisiana and Troy and Carolyn Tubbs of Moscow, Texas; daughters and sons-in-law, Evelyn and Richard Littlejohn of Fruitvale, Evon and Alvin Lilley of Saratoga, and Lois and Jackie Hilton of San Augustine; twenty eight grandchildren, thirty-eight great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Billy Martin King

Funeral service for Billy Martin King, 74, was held Tuesday, January 5, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church near Warren with Brother Ray Quinn officiating. Burial followed at New Hope Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday, January 4, 1999, from 4 - 8 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. King Died January 2, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A native of Canton, North Carolina, he lived in Pasadena for years before moving to Warren 12 years ago. He was retired Railroad Switch Operator for Champion Paper in Pasadena and a U.S. Marines Veteran of WW II and the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Burnette King of Warren; daughters, Keitha King and Jennifer King Moody both of Pasadena; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers were Jerry Moody, Jermy Moody, C.T. Mooneyham, Taylor King, Steven Gognat, and Merle Remmert.

Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Beulah Pickett

Memorial service for Beulah (Tippey) Pickett, 75, will be held Wednesday, January 13, 1999 at 11 a.m. at First Christian Church in Woodville, Texas, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, with Rev. Barbara Clemmons and Edward Allen officiating.

Mrs. Pickett died January 10, 1999 at her residence. She donated her body to U.T.M.B. in Galveston.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Pickett of Chester, daughter, and son-in-law, Amy and Michael Williams of Chester; sister, Gladys Meahl of Indiana; two granddaughters, Ashley and Kyla.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Calvin Carlee Lassiter, Jr.

Funeral service for Calvin Lassiter, Jr., 70, were held January 12, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Andy Rogers, pastor of Rocky Springs Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Lassiter died January 9, 1999 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Brassfield, Arkansas, he lived in Tyler County most of his life. He was a retired Seaman from The Seamans International Union with 41 years of service.

Survivors include his wife Delphia Dickerson Lassiter of Doucette, Texas; daughters, Dorothy

Pallbearers were Roy James, John James, Robert James, Bryan Shirley, and Jason Shirley. Honorary Pallbearers were Justin and Jessie James.

Service were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Allie Owens

Funeral services for Allie Owens, 93, were held January 12, 1999 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel at 10 a.m., with Dr. Raymond Parker officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Owens died January 9, 1999 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A native of Zavalla, and former resident of Beaumont, she had resided in Woodville for many years. She was a retired school teacher in Tyler County with 20 years of service. She also taught at Beaumont for several years in the Beaumont City Schools. She was a 68 year member of the Woodville Chapter Order of the Eastern Star #462, Retired Teachers Association, First Baptist Church of Woodville, and Fidelis Sunday School Class. She was loved by all her students and many friends in Tyler County.

Survivors include son Samuel Brunson “Sonny” Owens of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Joann Owens Darden and Robert F. Darden of Waco; brothers, Lloyd Barge and W.D. Barge, Jr. both of Jasper; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bill Barge, Ronald Barge, Douglas Phillips, Dan Mayfield, Shane Barge, and Dr. Gayle Burton.

Serving as Honorary Pallbearers were Tryon Phillips, Robert F. Darden III, and Steven L. Darden.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Hazel Ashworth

Hazel Ashworth, 86, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday, January 14, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital of Woodville.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 16, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Mr. Tommy Qualls

Serving as pallbearers were David Ashworth, Sid Ashworth, Christ Ashworth, Gary Wakefield, Seth Wakefield, and Carlton Fain. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Orlando Castillo, Doyle Alan Barton, and Tommy Hensarling.

Mrs. Ashworth was born July 16, 1912 in Pennington, Texas. She was a long time resident of Woodville and had been self-employed. She was a member of the Woodville Church of Christ.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, John and Eva Gay Ashworth and Webb and Nonice Ashworth all of Woodville; brothers, Vernon Lowrie and Robert Lowrie, Jr. both of Pennington; seven grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Kenneth Ray Conner


Funeral services were Tuesday, January 19, 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Brother Kenneth Cauthen.

Serving as pallbearers were Jerry Chaffin, Jack
Gazelle, Dick Gonzales, Max Schramme, Gilbert Barelas, and Melvin Voight, Jr.

Visitation was held Monday, January 18, 1999 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Conner was born July 26, 1945 in Woodville, Texas. He was employed as a salesman for Tackaberry. He served in the U.S. Air Force in San Antonio, Wichita, Kansas and Taklee, Thailand and moved to Houston, Texas in 1969.

He was preceded in death by his father, Chesley Conner; brothers, Ray Conner and Guy Conner.

He is survived by his mother, Irene Williams Conner of Warren; brothers, Loy L. Conner of Woodville, Leo Conner of Groves, J.T. Fox of Groves, Carrol Conner and Harold Conner both of Warren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Edward Doyle Chandler

Funeral services for Doyle Chandler, 64, will be January 20, 1999 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Corrigan, Texas with Brother Donnie Crump officiating. Burial will follow at Union Spring Cemetery in Corrigan.

Mr. Chandler died January 17, 1999 at his residence.

A native of Munday, Texas, he lived in Corrigan most of his life before moving to Woodville five years ago. He was retired from M.C.S.A. Railroad with 44 years of service.

Survivors include his step-son Robert Greenwood of Woodville, step-sister; Thelma Kay Horton of Denison; brother, Gary Chandler of Crowley; step-mother, Lucille Chandler of Weatherford; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Holton; son, David Greenwood; daughter, Sue Ann Robbine; and parents, Ernest Doyle Chandler and Mary Jo Philips.

Pallbearers were Robert Moore, Anthony Page, Frank Kraus, Jerry Stutts, Jerry Cockrell and Rich Kerth.

Honorary pallbearers were Dewayne Peterson, George Honea, Russell Tedder, John Robinson, Fred Lunsford, Swep Armour, J.C. Kyle, Cloyce Reinhardt, George Schoeneman and David Ray.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Bill W. Dietrich

Bill W. Dietrich, 61, of Woodville, Texas died Monday, January 18, 1999 at Diagnostic Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Funeral services were Thursday, January 21, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Bob Morris, Jerry Spurlock, Butch Herring, Jimmy Spurlock, Mark Wise and James Watts. Serving as honorary pallbearer was Haywood Laird.

Visitation was held Wednesday, January 20, 1998 from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Dietrich was born December 18, 1937 in Woodville, Texas. He was formerly of Houston and a long time resident of Woodville. He was employed with Fluor Daniel Corporation as a construction manager and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

He is survived by his wife, Elwis Dietrich of Woodville; sons, Billy Wayne Dietrich, Jr. of Evadale and James Benjamin Dietrich of Woodville; daughters, Danette Keiffer of Dallas; father, Norman Dietrich of Hemphill; and sister, Reba Swan of San Antonio, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Herbert Dean

Herbert Dean, 84, of Woodville, Texas died Wednesday, January 20, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were Friday, January 22, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese.
Serving as pallbearers were Kevin Dean, Greg Walker, Kane Dean, Doug Bonnette, Bobby Albrecht, Todd Allen, Keaman Zenos and Jerry Hanks.

Visitation was held on Thursday, January 21, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Dean was born June 11, 1914 in Manning, Texas. He was a long time resident of Woodville and was retired from Keller Industries as a supervisor. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

He is survived by his wife, Etta Dean of Woodville; sons and daughters-in-law, James H. and Janet Dean of Woodville, Dwight and Fredia Dean of Silsbee, and Larry and Waneta Dean of Orange; daughters and son-in-law, Joyce and Lamar Peevy of Woodville, and Lettie Dell Harrison of Satellite Beach, FL.; eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

**W. L. Norton**

Funeral services for W.L. “Lee” Norton, 85, was held Thursday, January 21, 1999, at 10 a.m. at the Hillister Baptist Church with Brother Jerry Kelley officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Wednesday, January 20, 1999, from 4 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Norton died January 19, 1999 at Dubuis Hospital in Beaumont.

Mr. Norton was a native and long time resident of Hillister. He was retired from Temple Inland and was a self-employed timber producer. He was a member of the Hillister Baptist Church and a World War II Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Cleo Moran Norton of Hillister; daughter, Nancy Norton of Tyler; and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were Trey Allison, Michael Allison, Jay Kenesson, Bill Johnston, Alfred Prichard, and B.A. Smith.

Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Rebecca Anne Jones**

Funeral service for Rebecca Anne Jones, 47, was held Thursday, January 21, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother James Stephens and Brother Burbe Cherry officiating. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Visitation was held Wednesday, January 20, 1999, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Miss Jones died January 19, 1999 at her residence.

A native of Warren, she lived in LaPorte most of her adult life before moving to Woodville, Texas. She was a Pharmaceutical Tech with Eckerd’s, Inc.

Survivors include her father, Clifford Houston Jones, Jr. of Woodville; mother, Audre Faye Ainsworth Jones of Woodville; sisters, Patricia Jackson of Kirbyville, Joyce Haynes of Village Mills, Karen Norton of LaPorte, and Debbie Jones of Woodville; brother, Michael Jones of Woodville; grandmother, Ella Mae Jones of Simms; two nephews, five nieces, three great-nephews and three great-nieces.

Pallbearers were Clifford Woods, Scott Vaughn, Ernest Haynes, Jr., Burt Moore, Timmy Moore, Denny White, and Brant Norton.

Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Barbara Ann Tarver Barnes**

Funeral service for Barbara Ann Tarver Barnes, 97, was held Saturday, January 23, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Cade Memorial Methodist Church in Chester with Pastor Bufford Finley officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester, Texas. Visitation was held Friday, January 22, 1999, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Barnes died January 20, 1999 at Corrigan Nursing Home.

A native of Barnum, she lived in Chester, Texas most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of Cade Memorial Methodist Church in Chester.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Barnes, and a daughter, Maureen Barnes Brooks.
She is survived by her sister, Pearl Platt; nephews, W.F. Tarver and Barney B. Tarver both of Chester, and other nieces and nephews. Serving as pallbearers were Bruce Tarver, Mike Tarver, Lynn Tarver, Al Tarver, Joe Breaux, and Lloyd Richardson. Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Betty Mae Christofferson Casper

Betty Mae “Betsy” Christofferson Casper, 44, died on Sunday, January 17, 1999 at Columbia Medical Center in Kingwood, Texas. A graveside service was held on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Felps Cemetery in Thicket, Texas. Visitation was from 5 - 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was born February 11, 1954 in LaMarque, Texas. She is preceded in death by her father, Ernest Ray Christofferson, Sr., and her brother, Ernest Ray “Chris” Christofferson, Jr.

Survivors include her husband Jerry Casper of New Caney, Texas; step-children, Chance and Ashley Casper; sons, Rick Kaufman of Alaska and Tommy Kaufman and his wife Donna of Savanna, GA.; mother and step-father, Bryan and Joan Froust of Liberty, Texas; brother, John Everette Thomas and his wife Brenda of Thicket, Texas; sisters, Linda Sue Huffman of Alvin, Texas, and Joan Lorraine Brohawn and her husband George Brohawn of Cleveland, Texas; and many nieces and nephews who will miss her dearly, Micah, Sarah, Rebecca, Johnathan, and David Brohawn, Aaron Thomas, Jeff, and Brian Davis, Angie Davis Moran, and Mark, Rachael, and Matthew Huffman, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Eddie Lee Franks Steel

Eddie Lee Franks Steel, 89, of Dies Community, Tyler County, Texas died January 20, 1999 at Herman Hospital in Houston, Texas. Funeral services were held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Pine Grove Baptist Church in Dies Community.

She was a life long resident of the Dies Community, Tyler County, Texas. Visitation was Friday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Survivors: daughters, Mary Rowe, Hattie Benford, Louise Punca and Betty Agee, all of Houston, Texas, Alma Coleman of Los Angeles, California; sons, Mack Arthur Steel and Arthur L. Durham, both of Houston, Texas; sister, Pearl East of Houston, Texas.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Saddie B. Gill Frazier

Saddie B. Gill Frazier, 86, of Dies Community, Tyler County, Texas died Saturday, January 23, 1999 at Northeast Medical Center in Humble, Texas.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Pine Grove Baptist Church in the Dies Community. She was a life long resident of the Dies Community, Tyler County, Texas. Visitation will be Friday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Survivors: Ethel Jackson (Mathie Lee), Creola Langley (Melvin), Olar Dean (George), Freddie Frazier (Francis), Curtis Frazier (Vanestine), Sadie Hamilton, and Rosa Winn(Morris); sisters, Rosie Barlow and Ruby Kirby; brother, Hiawata Gill, Sr., and other relatives and friends are also left to cherish her memory.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Titus Gill

Titus Gill, known to family and close friends as Tite, was born in Woodville, Texas on April 12, 1943 to Hiawatha Sr. and Cressie Gill. At an early age, he gave his life to Christ, and was baptized in Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church by the late Rev. Maud Frazier, Pastor.

Titus, a native of the Dies Community, lived in Houston, Texas most of his adult life. During that time he united with the Greater North East Antioch Missionary Baptist Church under the Pastorship of
Rev. V.L. Parker. Those of us who knew him from the Dies Community Choir, knew that he loved and had a voice for singing. He used that voice to help lead the Male Chorus in songs at Greater North East Antioch Baptist Church.

Upon graduating from Scott High School in 1961, he moved to Houston and worked with the railroad for several years. After becoming disabled due to an accident on the railroad, he worked as a self-employed carpenter.

He leaves to cherish his memories his parents, Hiawatha, Sr. and Cressie Gill of the Dies Community; six brothers and their families, Arthur Gill, Dies Community, Jonathan Gill, Sr., Matthew Gill, Howard Gill, Hiawatha Gill, Jr., and Lou Gill, all of Houston, Texas; one sister and her family, Ollie Johnson of Lake Charles, Louisiana; thirteen nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Hiawatha Gill, Sr. and Cressie Gill lost their son Titus, January 24, 1999 in Houston, Texas. Services were Wednesday, January 27, 1999 in the Dies Community.

Jewel Duvall Houston

Jewel Duvall Houston, 89, of Woodville, Texas died January 24, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, January 26, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Paradise Cemetery North in Houston, Texas.

A native of Kirbyville, Texas, she lived in Houston and Beaumont many years before moving to Woodville in 1991. She was a retired apartment supervisor.

Survivors include her niece Mary Ann Moore and her husband Charles E. Moore of Doucette, Texas.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

John Kermit Parker

Funeral service for John Kermit Parker, 85, was held Saturday, January 30, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Charles Haynes and Brother Larry Trest officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Friday, January 29, 1999, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Parker died January 28, 1999 at his residence in Doucette, Texas.

Mr. Parker retired from Dupont in Orange, Texas after 28 years of service. He also worked for Oil City Brass Works in Beaumont with 13 years of service. After retirement he moved to Doucette 30 years ago where he enjoyed years of service at First Baptist Church in Doucette. He was ordained a Deacon at Daundale Baptist Church in Beaumont. Mr. Parker was also a member of the Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495 in Woodville.

Mr. Parker was preceded in death by a brother, Wallace Parker and Wayne Parker and a sister, Juanita P. Marshall.

Mr. Parker is survived by his wife, Mildred Parker of Doucette; daughters, Glenda Brack of Silsbee and Johnnie Kay Andrus of Vidor; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and a host of other family members and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Robert Wayne Parker, Wayne G. Parker, James H. Knight, Bill Knight, Malcolm Andrus and Brad Durant. Honorary Pallbearers were the men of First Baptist Church in Doucette, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lewis Cass Messer

Funeral service for Lewis Cass Messer, 70, was held Thursday, January 29, 1999 at Lakeside Apostolic Church in Town Bluff with Brother Hershell Lott officiating. Burial followed at Daniels Cemetery in Kountze.

Visitation was held Wednesday, January 28, 1999 at the church.

Mr. Messer died January 27, 1999 at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

A native of Saratoga, Mr. Messer lived in Woodville, Texas many years. He was self employed in the Pulpwood and Timber Industries.

Mr. Messer is survived by his brother Frank Messer of Arizona; foster mother, Maude King of

Serving as pallbearers were Chris Messer, J.C. Wilson, Danny Billeau, Tim Wilson, Steve Messer, Flint Messer, Shane Duggan, Curtis Messer, Jason L. Messer, and Jacob Messer.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Iyone Russell Ryman

Funeral service for Iyone “Rusty” Russell Ryman, 82, of Woodville, Texas was held Sunday, February 7, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Raymond Parker officiating. Burial was held Monday, February 8, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches, Texas. Visitation was held Saturday, February 6, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Ryman died February 5, 1999 at Holiday Pines manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Port Arthur, Mrs. Ryman lived in Nederland most of her life before moving to Woodville 19 years ago. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Ryman of 62 years; sons, Howard Wayne Ryman of Irving and Tommy Gene Ryman of Nederland; daughter, Wanda Wade of Houston; six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Jesse Lazenby, H. Martin Odom, Earl Overstreet, Harold Pemberton, Lloyd Walker, Danny McGranahan.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Erick Zwirnmann, Sr.

Cremation service for Erick Zwirnmann, Sr., 66, was handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County. Mr. Zwirnmann’s ashes will be scattered over the mountains of Colorado at a later date by his family.

Mr. Zwirnmann died February 8, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

A native of South America, he traveled the world with the military before settling in Woodville one year ago. He was a mechanic in the military.

Mr. Zwirnmann was survived by his wife, Nona Zwirnmann of Woodville; sons, Erick Zwirnmann, Jr. of Blevins, Arkansas, Mark Pevy of South Lake, Texas, Rudy Zwirnmann of Texarkana, Texas, Neils Zwirnmann of Arkansas; daughters, Paula King of Hillister, Danita Futch of Shreveport, Louisiana, Heidi Henson of Blevins, Arkansas, Linda Kimbriel of San Diego, California, and Lisa Serano of Hooks, Texas; sisters, Evie Fluesminner of Couperville, Washington, and Gerry Davis of Keithville, Louisiana; twenty-four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Samantha Nicole Sheffield

Funeral service for Samantha Nicole Sheffield, 8, was held Tuesday, February 9, 1999 at 1 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Eddie Sunday officiating. Burial followed at Mr. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Monday, February 8, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Samantha died February 4, 1999 from injuries received in an auto accident.

A native of Killeen, Samantha lived in Warren, Texas four months and was a third grade student at Warren Elementary School.

She is survived by her parents, J.T. and Starlie Ann Vaughan Sheffield of Denver, Colorado; grandmother, Francis Jones of Warren; grandfather, James Allen Sheffield and grandmother, Mary Ann Sheffield both of Lafayette, Louisiana; sisters Morgan Sheffield, Cheyenne Sheffield and Kess Sheffield all of Warren and Chenelle Sheffield of Denver, Colorado; and one brother, Jacob Sheffield of Denver, Colorado; and a host of other family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Foxworth, Bert Foxworth, Paul Foxworth and John Sheffield.

Services were under the direction of Riley
Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James Harley Crews

James Harley Crews, 76, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Friday, February 12, 1999 at Woodland Heights Hospital in Lufkin.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 14, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Colmesneil with burial in the Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating, at the services, were Brother Ben Gibbs, Brother David Miller and Carl Mullins.

Serving as pallbearers were Wyatt Walsh, Warren Walsh, Raymond Desardier, Albert Crank, Tommy Svatek and Murvel Lee Hopson. Honorary pallbearers were Jim Crews, Micah Crews, Pete Scalise, Gary Hopson, Leon Harris, E.C. Dean, James Richardson and Leon Fowler.

Visitation was held Saturday, February 13, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native and life long resident of Colmesneil, Texas, he was a retired teacher from Spurger ISD, and served as Tyler County, Precinct #3 Constable for 33 years as well as having served as manager of Lake Tejas for 12 years. He was a US Army Air Corps World War II veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Minnie Crews, brother, Ray Crews, and sister Mildred Crews. He is survived by the mother of his children and wife of 48 years, Margarete Crews of Colmesneil; sons and daughters-in-law; Jimmy and Ruthie Crews, Duane and Renee Crews all of Colmesneil; daughter, Carolyn Crews Walsh of McAllen; sister, Claudene Pool of Nacogdoches, Texas; six grandchildren, Jim Crews, Kayla (Pete) Scalise, Wyatt (Rebecca) Walsh, Julie Walsh, Brittnie Crews, and Micah Crews; two great-grandchildren, Cody Tucker Walsh, and Katie Lee Scalise.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Juanita Hamilton Shaw

Juanita Hamilton Shaw, 80, of Woodville, died Friday, February 12, 1999 at the Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were Monday, February 15, 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services were grandson, Brother Todd Shaw and son, Larry Shaw.

Serving as pallbearers were John David Risinger, Will Shaw, Alva Cook, Jr., Jerry Tolbert, and George Jarrott.

Visitation was held on Sunday, February 14, 1999 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Shaw was born April 10, 1918 in DeKalb, Texas. She had lived in Woodville for the past seven years having come from Morton and Cross Plains, Texas. She was a retired school teacher and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Blanche Shaw of Duncanville, Texas; five grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Rachel Phillips Sirmons

Funeral services for Rachel Sirmons, 96, were held February 16, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Spurger United Methodist Church in Spurger, Texas with Rev. James Jones and Brother Byron McWilliams officiating.

Mrs. Sirmons died February 13, 1999 at her residence.

She was a life long resident of Spurger. She was a homemaker and she was a member of Spurger United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther.

She is survived by her daughter, Sammie Reynolds of Spurger; one sister, Ruby Jordan of Spurger; three granddaughters, Kris Harris of Jasper, Melissa Kerl of Spurger and Amanda Arnaud of Fred; four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Claude Sirmons, Everette Smart, Shane Smart, Buddy Crumpler, Raymond Hutto and Jeff Arnaud.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Ralph Dean

Service for Ralph Dean, 100, of Diboll, Texas, was held at 3 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 1999 at the Rockland Baptist Church with Rev. Tom Owens officiating. Interment followed in the Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas.

Mr. Dean, better known to most as “Brother Ralph”, was born on January 10, 1899, in a log cabin on Rawls Creek in Mt. Carmel, Texas (near Rockland) to Mr. and Mrs. Serm Pierce Dean. Mr. Dean remained in Tyler County most of his life until relocating to Diboll in 1981. He was married to Carmen Ozema Daniels (Oda Dean) until her death in 1969.

They had seven children, five of whom survived him. They are his daughters and sons-in-law, Lottie and Arthur Temple, Betty and Harvey Baskette, all of Diboll, and Christine and Everett Franks of Lumberton; his sons and daughters-in-laws are Max and Vernie Dean of Jasper, and Jack and Clara Dean of Cypress.

Mr. Dean was preceded in death by two sons, Wayne Dean and Willard Dean.

Mr. Dean is also survived by twenty-four grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

During his long life, Mr. Dean tried his hand at several different occupations. Among them a barber and salesman, but the last was as a logging contractor for Temple Industries.

Mr. Dean was very strong in and dedicated to his faith. He was, until his passing, a Deacon of the Rockland Baptist Church. His favorite pastime was fishing. He had many great tales about fishing in South Boggy Slough.

Services were under the direction of Gipson-Hunter-Metcalf Funeral Directors, Lufkin, Texas.

John D. Young

John D. Young, 61, of Warren, Texas died Sunday, February 14, 1999 at his residence.

Funeral services were Tuesday, February 16, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Warren, with burial in Allison Cemetery near Warren. Officiating at the service was Brother Kenneth Cauthen.

Serving as pallbearers were Bill Burks, Ralph Boe, John Van Zandt, Clifford Castilaw, Harold Hatton and R.L. Mitchell.

Visitation was held on Monday, February 14, 1999 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Young was born January 22, 1938 in Austin, Texas. He had lived in Warren for 28 years. He was retired from Warren ISD Maintenance Department. He was Constable of Precinct #1 for three terms, and also worked as an ironworker.

He is survived by his wife, Birline Young; two sons, Cary B. Young and Phillip Young both of Warren; one daughter, Christi Haygood and daughter-in-law, Brandi Young both of Warren; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Don and Gisela Webb; mother-in-law, Charline Webb; four grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Nora Whittington Parker

Funeral services for Nora Whittington Parker, 88, of Jasper, Texas will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 17, 1999, in the Jasper Church of Christ, with burial to follow in Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation was from 5 - 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 16, 1999, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Parker died Monday, February 15, 1999, at her residence. A native of Glenmora, Louisiana and a former resident of Port Arthur, Nederland and Woodville, she had lived in Jasper over 25 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Ann Hall and son-in-law Robert of Jasper; sister, Cora Nelson of Glenmore, Louisiana; grandchildren, Dianne Palmer, Stuart Parker Hall, Kitty Wasemiller, Shannon Hall; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper, Texas.

Winnie Hultquist Allen

Funeral services for Winnie Allen, 85, of Canton, were held February 4, 1999, at the First
Winnie Allen died February 1, 1999 in Athens, Texas. She was born March 29, 1913, in Ganado, Texas to the late Albert and Lydia Oakes Hultquist. She was a graduate of Ganado High School and attended Victoria High School. She married Darrell Robert Allen on June 1, 1949 in Ganado, and he preceded her in death on June 4, 1983. She was a homemaker and former resident of San Antonio, Beeville, Wharton and Woodville before moving to Canton. While in Wharton she was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She also volunteered many hours in nursing homes.

Survivors include her daughters, Patsy Ruth Weber and husband Reverend Bob Weber, of Canton, Betty Jo Baker and husband, Ron Baker, of Houston; sisters Jessie Mae Clements, of Louise, and Adena Good, of Edna; brother, Paul Hultquist, of La Porte, Texas; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond and Clifford Hultquist.

Pallbearers were Tracy Dayne Weber, Brandon Eugene Baker, Trent Allen Baker, Vance Michael Baker, Jesse Reagan Baker, grandsons and Rick Good, a nephew.

Lorene Hattie Glenn

Funeral for Lorene Glenn, 74, were held February 20, 1999 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Woodrow Wilson and Gerald Read officiating. Burial followed at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Lorene died February 18, 1999 at Timberwood Nursing Home in Livingston, Texas.

A native of Warren, she lived in Cleveland, Texas for 15 years before moving to Livingston seven years ago. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church in Warren, Texas.

Survivors include her sister, Alice Grissom, of Cleveland; brothers; Horace E. Glenn of Houston and Nemmie Glenn of Silsbee; numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were, Craig B. Grissom, Charles B. Grissom, Lane E. Glenn, Clay Gossage, John W. Gibson and Robert Glenn.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Donald Eugene Gardner

Donald Eugene Gardner, 70, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday, February 18, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A graveside service was held Saturday, February 20, 1999 at 4 p.m. in the Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the service were Rev. R.C. Tillery and Rev. Rick Eifert.

Visitation was held on Friday, February 19, 1999 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Gardner was born April 1, 1928 in Woodville, Texas. He was a life long resident of Woodville and had owned and operated the J.E. Gardner Oil Company for 50 years.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Betty Jo Gardner of Woodville; daughters and son-in-law, Ladonna Rae Gardner of Tulsa, OK., and Lisa Jo and Otis Ray Fortenberry of Woodville; sister, Odessa Smithey of Vidor; and two grandchildren, Tena Raquel Fortenberry and Thomas Donald Fortenberry both of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

James Travis Spurlock

James Travis Spurlock, 58, of Warren, Texas died Friday, February 19, 1999 at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services were Sunday, February 21, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Frank’s Branch Cemetery in Fred, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother Kenneth Cauthen.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Phillips, Billy Fondren, Omer Lee Hall, J.H. Hall, Ken Cauthen, and Harold Hatton.

Visitation was held on Saturday, February 20,
1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Spurlock was born October 20, 1940 in Warren, Texas. He was a life long resident of Warren and was a building contractor.

He is survived by his mother, Hester Spurlock of Warren; brother, Carl Spurlock of Warren; sisters, Lois Wills and Jewel Inman both of Warren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Jerry Ottis Best

Funeral service for Jerry Ottis Best, 90, will be held Wednesday, February 24, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Richard Eifert officiating. A Masonic graveside service will be held at Magnolia Cemetery under the direction of Magnolia Masonic Lodge # 495 in Woodville. Visitation will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, February 24, 1999 until time of the service.

Mr. Best died February 21, 1999 at Columbia Medical Center in Katy.

A native of Woodville, he lived in Katy many years and was the former owner of an Exxon Service Station in Woodville for many years.

Mr. Best is survived by his daughters, Betty Letney of Houston, Stella Bonnette of Katy and Jerry O’Mealey of Florida; son, J.O. Best of Germany and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The members of the Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495 in Woodville will serve as the pallbearers.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Martha Alice Price Baxter

Martha Alice Price Baxter, 56, of Warren, died Tuesday, February 23, 1999 in Houston, Texas.

Funeral services were Thursday, February 25, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Warren with burial in Village Mills Cemetery in Village Mills, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother Kenneth Cauthen, pastor of First Baptist Church of Warren.

Serving as pallbearers were Truett Kennard, Jerald Adams, J.H. Hall, Allen Mitchell, Ed Barry and Grady Hatton. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Jay Disler and Sydney Frazier.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, February 24, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Baxter was born September 4, 1942 in Pt. Arthur, Texas. She was a former resident of Silsbee and had lived in Warren for the past twelve years.

She is survived by her husband, James D. Baxter of Warren; daughter and son-in-law, Pamela C. and David R. Baker of Houston; brother, Bennett C. Price of Sour Lake, Texas; stepson, Kevin Baxter of Sour Lake; and one granddaughter, Alyson Nicole Baker of Houston, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Charles Dale Sturrock, Sr.

Charles Dale “Shorty” Sturrock, Sr., 67, died Friday, February 26, 1999 at his residence in Chester, Texas.

Graveside services were Sunday, February 28,1999 at 2 p.m. in the Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester. Officiating at the service was Brother Mark Martin, pastor of Caney Creek Baptist Church of Chester.

Visitation was held on Saturday, February 27, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Sturrock was born on January 25, 1932 in Corrigan, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Chester having come from Beaumont where he was a retired heavy equipment operator with Local 450.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Phoebe Sturrock; sister, Joyce Barclay; and two brothers, Spurgeon and Wayne Sturrock.

He is survived by his wife, Willie Jo Sturrock of Chester; sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Cathy Sturrock of Huntsville, Mark and Angie Sturrock of Parrish, Alabama; daughter, Cynthia D. Sturrock of Chester; brother, Henry Sturrock of Houston, two sisters; Violet Willis of Cripple Creek, Colorado, Lois Moore of Spring, Texas; and grandchildren, Charles R. Sturrock and Christin Sturrock of Huntsville, Cecily Sturrock, Hayley
Sturrock, Luke Sturrock, and Justin Sturrock all of Parrish, Alabama.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

**Enoch Leavings**

Enoch “Andy” Leavings, 71, of Colmesneil, died Sunday, February 28, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 3, 1999 at 3 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Gregory Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services will be Brother Durl Patrick.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 2, 1999 from 2 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Leavings was born January 28, 1928 in Loeb, Texas. He was a former resident of Houston and had lived in Colmesneil for the past sixteen years. He was a retired oil field equipment truck driver and was a member of the Katy Baptist Church in Colmesneil.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Leavings of Colmesneil; sons, Horace Leavings of Newton, and Robert Ferguson of Colmesneil; daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jerry Sneed of Huffman, and Nelda and Steve Simmons of Newton; brothers, Robert “Gage” Leavings and J.W. “Dick” Leavings both of Kirbyville and Cecil Leavings of Roganville; sixteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

**Willis Jackson Read**

Funeral service for Willis Jackson Read, 94, was held Sunday, February 28, 1999 at 2 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church in Warren with Brother Kenneth Hicks officiating. Burial followed at Swearingen Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Visitation was held Saturday, February 27, 1999, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Read died February 26, 1999 at Dogwood Trails Manor nursing home.

A native and life long resident of Tyler County, Mr. Read was a self-employed farmer. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church and the Fred Lions Club.

Mr. Read is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Dallas and Myrtle Read of Warren, brother and sister-in-law, Frenchy and Jo Read of Weatherford; sisters, Esma Owens of Austin and Mae Overstreet of Baytown; sister-in-law, Etoile Read of Port Neches; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Mel Carter, Billy Gober, W.A. Read, Ronald Read, Eddy Owens, and Gerald Caskey.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Odna Inez Butler Ogden**

Odna Inez Butler Ogden, 91, of Colmesneil, Texas died Sunday, February 28, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 3, 1999 at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Colmesneil with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating at the services will be Brother Jimmy Jones and Brother David Miller.


Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Ogden was born February 1, 1908 in Colmesneil, Texas. She was a life long resident of Colmesneil and was the former owner of Ogden Chevrolet for forty years in Colmesneil. She was a charter member of Colmesneil OES # 1068 and a member of First Baptist Church of Colmesneil, Texas.

She is survived by her brother, Cecil Butler of Pt. Neches; sisters, Iva Gray of Colmesneil and Hallie M. Jones of Austin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and
Allen L. Hickson

Allen L. Hickson, 78, of Port Acres, died February 25, 1999 at his home. A native of Cottonport, Louisiana, he lived in Port Acres the past 23 years. He previously lived in Bridge City and was a retired carpenter for Bo-Mac Construction and a World War II Marine veteran, including Iwo Jima.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Sis Thibodeaux Hickson of Port Acres; daughters, Nancy M. Davis Greaux of Woodville, Barbara Mouton Butler of Mon’t Belvieu, Charla Mouton Cupit of Goodyear, AZ., Janice Chance of Hornbec, Louisiana and Annie Calvall of Colorado; sons, Art Thibodeaux of Port Acres, Marshall Thibodeaux of Port Neches, Glenn Hickson of Racine, Wis., Royce Hickson and Robert Hickson of Houston, John Hickson of Pasadena and Timothy Hickson of Dallas; sisters, Selma Belle of Campi, Louisiana, Jeanne Jones and Linda Yates of California; brothers, Walter Brown of Port Acres, Robert Hickson of California and Lawrence Brown of Heacham, England; 25 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Mary Beatrice Wagnon Foxworth

Funeral service for Mary Beatrice Wagnon Foxworth, 77, was held Monday, March 1, 1999, at 10 a.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland, Texas. A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren. Visitation was held Sunday February 28, 1999 from 2 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Foxworth died February 27, 1999 at Christus St. Mary’s Hospital in Pt. Arthur, Texas. A native of Warren, she lived in Sheldon for 32 years before moving back to Warren 23 years ago. She was a retired manager for Sheldon School Cafeterias and a member of Hillister Baptist Church.

Mrs. Foxworth was preceded in death by her husband, Victory Hester, Sr. on July 27, 1992. She is survived by her son, Victor Hester, Jr., of Houston; daughters, Merline Archer and Sue Jackson both of Houston; eight grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be John Stuart, Mark Jackson, Bobby Modisette, Vance Nevdomsky, Bill Johnston, and Bart Dean.

Funeral services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Marley Craig Blankenship

Funeral services for Marley Blankenship, 61, were held at 1 p.m. March 8, 1999 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating at the services were Brother Robert Bozeman and Kenneth Blankenship.

Masonic graveside rites were held by Snow River Lodge #385 AF & AM of Spurger at Turner’s Branch Cemetery in Spurger, Texas.

Mr. Blankenship died March 5, 1999 at his residence.

A native of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, he lived in Beaumont most of his life before moving to Spurger 27 years ago. He was a rigger, Union Stewart and
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Safety Coordinator for Bethlehem Steel, Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Reitha Blankenship of Spurger; son, Terry Blankenship of Spurger; daughter, Odethela McKinley of Warren; step-sons, Donald Barber, Mark Barber and Mike Barber all of Vidor, Texas; sisters, Ada Sexton and LaJuna Petre both of Alexandria, Louisiana, and Patricia Minton of Elmer, Louisiana; brother, Milton Wayne Blankenship of Louisiana; two grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bob Rawls, Roger Davis, Roy Drake, Kozum Mott, Robert Mott and Author Gilchrist.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Violet Allene McClure

Funeral services for Violet McClure, 77, were held at 2 p.m. March 4, 1999 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Dan MaGee officiating.

Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas.

Mrs. McClure died March 2, 1999 at Holiday Pines Manor in Woodville.

A native of Arkansas, she lived in Groves before moving to Woodville 25 years ago. She was a cashier for Spears Grocery Store in Groves. She was a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, L.M. McClure of Woodville; daughter, Sherry Procelle of Woodville; son, Larry McClure of Bridge City and one sister, Rose Pruitt of Clifton; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James R. Smith, O.B. Butcher, Sam Baker, Les Lanier, Bo Willis and W.R. Holtby.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Velma Spurlock

Funeral service for Velma Spurlock, 85, were held at 11 a.m. March 1999 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Troy Richardson officiating.

Burial followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester, Texas.

Mrs. Spurlock died March 3, 1999 at Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

A native and life long resident of Tyler County, she was retired from Keller Industries in Woodville.

Survivors include her son, Gerald Spurlock of Woodville; daughter, Barbara Bales of Jasper; brother, Joel S. Davis of Colmesneil; sister, Angie Bulay of Dayton; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were, Jimmy David Spurlock, Shayne Spurlock, Jimmy Fortenberry, Wayne Tucker, Jerry Raines and John Kenner. Honorary Pallbearer was Ray Bulay.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Aaron Michael Allen

Memorial services for Aaron Michael Allen, 27, were held at 2 p.m. March 7, 1999 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Robert Hargrave and Brother Bill Sweasington officiating.


A native of Chula Vista California, he lived in Woodville many years. He worked at Jasper New Direction Inc.

Survivors include his mother, Kay Powell of Woodville; step father, Kenneth L. Powell of Woodville; brother and sister-in-law, Timothy R. and Wendy Allen of Nacogdoches, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Todus of San Diego, California, and grandmother, Mrs. Joann Allen of Houston and many friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Billie Lorimer Martin

Funeral services for Billie Lorimer Martin, 82, were held at 12 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 1999, at Earthman Hunters Creek Chapel with Brother David Nugent, of Jasper, Texas, officiating.

Burial followed with graveside services held at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Born in Ordway, Co., in 1916, he graduated from John H. Reagan High School in Houston,
Texas. He served his country in war and peace. He joined the Army in 1941 and spent more than three years in India. After the war he became a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service where he worked until 1976. He was a member of the Veterans’ of Foreign Wars and the National Rural Letter Carriers Association. While living in Tyler County in Town Bluff, Martin became the Circulation Manager for many years at the Tyler County Booster Newspaper until moving back to Houston. He was very active in several Southern Baptist Churches.

He is survived by his wife, Maurice Sargent Martin; children, Larry M. Vandaveer, Jerry D. Martin and Robin Mazeikas; a brother, Glenn H. Martin; sisters, Oble C. Foley and Helen L. Spriggs; grandchildren, Lela Davidson, Jerry Vandaveer, Ashley Martin, Erin Martin and Kyle Mazeikas; great-grandchildren, Morgan Blaine and Cameron Reagan, all of Houston, Texas.

Pallbearers included nephews, Ralph Martin, Jr., William G. Foley, Ronnie L. Shipp, Daniel W. Ayres, Brian R. Spriggs and Travis L. Ayres and close friends John Clark and Claude Deats, all of Houston, Texas.

Robert Melvin Burton

Cremation service was handled by Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mr. Robert Burton died March 3, 1999 at his residence.

A native of Bell, California, he lived in Woodville before moving back to Port Arthur six months ago. He was retired.

Survivors include his wife, Wynona Burton of Woodville; son, Robert W. Burton of St. Petersburg, FL.; daughters, Laura Trinidad and Dana Jo Johnson both of California; and six grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Benjamin Whiteker

Funeral service for Benjamin Whiteker, 84, were held at 2 p.m. March 11, 1999 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, Texas, with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger, Texas.

Mr. Whiteker died March 9, 1999 at Dubuis Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A native of Jasper, County he lived in Hillister most of his life. He retired as a self-employed Logger and Woods Foreman. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Warren.

Survivors include his daughter, Dally Bean of Port Neches; two sons, Gary Whiteker of Livingston and Kenneth Whiteker of Pleasanton; step-son, Glenn Youngblood of Tyler; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Keith Youngblood, Lance Youngblood, Russell Youngblood, Timmy Bean, Mike York and Benjamin Whiteker.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Maggie Lillian Bumstead Courts

Funeral service for Maggie Courts, 93, were held March 12, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother John McKee and Brother James Stephens officiating.

Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Courts died March 8, 1999 at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of Fletcher, Texas, she lived in Saratoga most of her life before moving to Woodville 20 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, W.P. (Pete) and Loune ll Courts of Kountze; daughters and sons-in-law, Blanch and Leo Lowe of Woodville, Julia Anderson of Benton, Arkansas, June and Ralph Gurney of Elkton, Or., Lillian and Harold Westmoreland of Silsbee and Vivian and Steve Stanley of Kountze; 37 grandchildren and 86 great-grandchildren and 68 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were, Randy McKee, Charles Stephens, Matt Frazier, William Pierson, Jr., James Pierson and Thomas Pierson.

Services were under the direction of Riley
Rosabelle Lott

Funeral services for Rosabelle “Bell” Lott, 74, of Port Arthur will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 17, 1999 at Clayton-Thompson Funeral Home with Rev. Anthony Mozhikuzhy officiating. Burial will be held at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Nederland, Texas. Visitation was held from 4 - 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 1999 with a Rosary at 7 p.m. at Clayton-Thompson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lott passed away Monday, March 15, 1999 at Christus St. Mary’s Hospital in Port Arthur, Texas.

Mrs. Lott was born in Port Arthur, Texas, and was a life long resident of Port Arthur. She was a homemaker.

She was survived by her mother, Marie Smith of Port Arthur, Texas, daughter, Sheila Birchfield of Port Arthur; son, Rex Lott of Bridge City, Texas; sister, Eula Mae Powell of Nederland, Texas; brother James Smith of Port Arthur, Texas; three grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Clayton Thompson Funeral Home.

Doris O. Kirkgard

Funeral services for Doris O. Kirkgard, 67, of Port Arthur were held at 2 p.m., Monday, March 15, 1999 at Clayton-Thompson Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Adams and Rev. Shane Norcross officiating. Burial was held at Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches, Texas. Visitation was held from 4 - 8 p.m., Sunday, March 14, 1999 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Kirkgard passed away Saturday, March 13, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Mrs. Kirkgard was born in Ratcliff, Texas and was a resident of Port Arthur for 65 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Lowell Kirkgard of Port Arthur; sons, Bruce Kirkgard of Nederland, Craig Kirkgard of Port Arthur, Randy Kirkgard of Port Arthur, and Rodney Kirkgard of Woodville; daughters, Bridette Kirkgard of Port Arthur, and Jennifer Kirkgard of Port Arthur; brother, J.T. Musick of Beaumont; sisters, Irene Philyaw of Port Arthur, and Helen Powell of Spring; eight grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Clayton Thompson Funeral Home.

Mary Helen Miller

Funeral services for Mary Miller, 78, were held at 1 p.m. March 19, 1999 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Dan Magee officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas.

Mrs. Miller died March 16, 1999 at her residence.

A native of Galveston, Texas, she lived in Beaumont most of her life before moving to Town Bluff four years ago. She was a retired store manager for O’Banions in Beaumont.

Survivors include her husband, Harold F. Miller of Town Bluff; two daughters, Judi Beard McGrew of Willis, Texas and Vivian Luke Mitchell of Colony, Texas; one brother, Edward Grear of Fayetteville, Arkansas; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her two sons, John and James.

Pallbearers were Joe McGrew, Dennis Mitchell, Hugh Reeder, Jay Peterson, Roger Hanson, Sr., and Roger Hanson, Jr.

Robert E. Lancaster

Robert E. Lancaster, 75, of Woodville, died Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at the Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 18, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were Jimmy Hanks, Harold Dean Hanks, James Dean, and Robert Carl. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Ray...
Shepherd, Lloyd Hendrix, Jim Gainey, Adrian Tucker, Andy Anderson, Lamar Peevy, and Arthur Davis.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, March 17 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Lancaster was born March 10, 1924 in Brownwood. He was a former longtime resident of Silsbee and had lived in Woodville for the past sixteen years. He was a retired statistician with Temple Inland and he was a U.S. Army WW II veteran. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice Lancaster of Woodville; brother and sister-in-law, Virgil and Marie Lancaster of Santa Anna; nephew, Robert Oaks of Midland; niece, Lenda Oaks of San Antonio; and four great nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mary Davis Rolls

Funeral services for Mary Davis Rolls, 89, of Palestine, Texas and formerly of Woodville, were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 1999 in Bailey and Foster Chapel with Rev. Robert Hargrave officiating. Burial followed at 3:30 p.m. in Calvary Cemetery in Trinity County.

Mrs. Rolls died early Thursday morning at Memorial Mother Frances Hospital. She was born on December 25, 1909 in Possom Walk, Texas to the late Romelza Mericle and Minerva Hollis Mericle.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Clint Davis in 1976, and two daughters, Sybil Franklin in 1969 and Mary Fay Bryan in 1990.

Mrs. Rolls was a member of Westwood Baptist Church and was also a charter member of Whitetail Ridge Baptist Church in Woodville. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Fremont T. Rolls of Palestine; two daughters, Mrs. Ben(Angela) Starr of Palestine and Mrs. Paul (Merle) Mitenberger of Neches; three sons, Clinton Davis, Jr. of Palestine, Joe Ed Davis of Hampton, VA., and Marcell Davis of Woodville; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her grandsons served as pallbearers.

Services under the direction of Bailey and Foster Funeral Home of Palestine, Texas.

Robert Earl Morrell

Robert Earl Morrell, 81, died Thursday, March 25, 1999 at Sunrise Care and Rehabilitation Center in Corrigan, Texas.

Graveside services were Saturday, March 27, 1999 at 3 p.m. in Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester, Texas. Officiating at the service was Brother Mark Martin, pastor of Caney Creek Baptist Church in Chester.

Visitation was held on Friday, March 26, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Morrell was born in Groveton, Texas on January 3, 1918. He was a longtime resident of Chester and was employed as a timber spotter for Champion Paper Company.

He is survived by two brothers, Luther P. Morrell of Moscow and Taylor Morrell of Chester; two sisters, Emma Lee Toney, and Willie Joy Sturrock both of Chester; and fourteen nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Frenchie Vee Yawn Martin

Graveside services for Frenchie Martin, 81, were held March 29, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. at Village Mills Cemetery in Village Mills, Texas with Brother Kelly Burch officiating.

Mrs. Martin died March 26, 1999 at her daughter’s residence in Deweyville.

A native of Silsbee, she lived in Warren most of her life before moving to Deweyville one year ago. She was a homemaker.

She was survived by her daughter, Melody L. Martin of Deweyville; one son, Kenneth Martin of Orange; one sister, Vernice Schultz; one brother, L.C. Yawn both of Warren; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Margrette Winters Givens

Funeral services for Margrette Winters Givens, 62, of Woodville will be held Friday, April 2, 1999 at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Riley Funeral Home of Woodville with Brother Robert Hargrave officiating.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 1, 1999 from 3 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Mr. Pisgah Cemetery with the Whitetail Ridge Volunteer Fire Departments serving as pallbearers.

Mrs. Givens died March 26, 1999 at her residence due to a house fire.

She was a life long resident of Tyler County.


Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Kirby Lee Jordan

Funeral services for Kirby Lee Jordan, infant son of Lindy and Charlene Jordan, were held March 27, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Franklin Battles and Brother David Jordan officiating.

Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger, Texas.

Survivors, other than parents, include grandparents, W.O. and Vicky Jordan of Warren and Archie and Dorothy Corn of Warren; grandmother, Vera Jordan of Spurger; brothers, Christopher Jordan of Shepherd and Ronnie Morris of Mauriceville.

Pallbearers were, Timothy King and Robert C. Chandler.

Edith Viola Welch

Funeral services for Edith Viola Welch, 86, were held March 26, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Brother Troy Richardson officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Mrs. Welch died March 23, 1999 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home.

A native of Dallas, she lived in Woodville 51 years. She was a retired dietician from the Tyler County Hospital Cafeteria and was the retired owner of Woodville Washateria and Laundry service. She was a member of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

She is survived by daughters, Sherrie Rains of Woodville and Charlotte Olenbush of Houston; step-son, O.D. Welch of Quinlan, Texas; sisters, Eva Chapman of Cedar Hill and Stella Smith of Grand Prairie; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mike Minter, Bob Swearingen, David M. McAlister, James A. Riley, Chester Cartwright and Sam Gallier. Honorary pallbearers were, Otis Reynolds, Leroy McGovney, Lee Nerren, and Johnny Lummus.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Oscar Earlon Skinner

Funeral service for Oscar Earlon Skinner, 82, were held March 26, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Mark Sloan and Brother Edwin Smith officiating. Burial followed at Pine Grove Cemetery in Polk County, Texas.

Mr. Skinner died March 23, 1999 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A native of Polk County, he lived in Woodville 20 years. He was a retired electrician for Mobil Oil Company and was a member of Woodville Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Davis Skinner of Woodville, numerous nieces and
nephews.
Pallbearers were B.F. Davis, Robert Brock, Dennis Carter, Johnny Fortenberry, Ray Russell and Roger Russell.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jeanita Ruth Griffin

Funeral services for Jeanita Ruth Griffin, 100, were held March 29, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. at Hilcrest Baptist Church in Nederland. Graveside service followed at 2:30 p.m. at Justice Cemetery near Warren.

Mrs. Griffin died March 26, 1999 at Mid-Jefferson County Hospital in Nederland, Texas.
A native of Round Rock, Texas she lived in Nederland most of her life. She was a honorary member of V.F.W. #101457 in Winnie, member of Senior Co-eds S.S. Class at Hillcrest Baptist Church, former member of the Primitive Baptist Church in Warren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Edward M. Griffin and Husband Thomas Byrd Griffin.
She is survived by her two daughters, Sue King of Nederland and Bobbie Sanderfer of California; three sons, Franklin Fred Griffin, Melvin Gentry Griffin both of Nederland and Thomas Jean Griffin of Houston; one sister, Peggy Williford of Beaumont; 12 grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

John Cullen Thompson

John Cullen Thompson, 88, of Woodville, died Wednesday, March 24, 1999 in Webster, Texas.
Masonic graveside services were Sunday, March 28, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the service was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

He was a native of Rosboro, Arkansas and a longtime resident of Woodville, Texas. He was a retired mechanical engineer from Texas Eastern.

He is survived by his daughter, Shirley Greenwood, of Seabrook; two granddaughters, Connie Davis of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Carol McCants of Webster; and two great granddaughters, Ashley and Elizabeth Davis.
Services were under the direction of Forest Park East Funeral Home of Webster, Texas. Local arrangements were handled by Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

John A. Handley III

Services for John A. Handley III, 72, of Barnes Community, was held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 23, 1999, in Caney Creek Baptist Church with Rev. George Standley and Rev. Mark Martin officiating.
Interment was held at Feagin Cemetery in Polk County, Texas.
Mr. Handley was born July 15, 1926, in Moscow, Texas, and died Sunday, March 21, 1999 at his residence. He was a member of Caney Creek Baptist Church and he served during WW II in the U.S. Navy. He retired as Equipment Operator for United Gas Pipeline after 42 years of service. He and his wife operated Barnes Grocery for a number of years in the Barnes Community.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, John C. and Sandy Handley of Barnum; 2 daughters and sons-in-law, Eva and Bob Barrett of Anahuac, and Debbie and Lynn Timbrook of Westville, Florida; brother and sister-in-law, Franklin and Marilyn Handley of Barnes; sister and brother-in-law, Iris and Burleigh Bozant of Coldspring, Texas; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
Pallbearers were Bill Handley, Les Handley, David Handley, Steve Havis, Hint Havis and John Martin. Honorary pallbearers were the Deacons of Caney Creek Baptist Church.
Services entrusted to Corrigan Funeral Home.

Wanda May Sheffield

A graveside service for Wanda May Sheffield, 78, was held Saturday, April 3, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren, Texas, with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating. Visitation was
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Bernice Garland Ward

Funeral service for Bernice “Bill” Garland Ward, 92, was held April 3, 1999, Saturday, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Mark Sloan officiating. A graveside service was conducted by the V.F.W. Post #2033 at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Visitation was held Friday, April 2, 1999, at the funeral home.

Mr. Ward died March 31, 1999 at the Houston Medical Center in Houston.

A native of Texarkana, Arkansas, he lived in Beaumont before moving to Woodville 25 years ago. He was self-employed in the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Industry. He was a member of the Woodville Church of Christ and the V.F.W. Post #2033.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha Ellen Ward of Woodville; sons, Cecil Wesley Ward of Phoenix, AR., and Charles Ward of Burlington, N.C.; daughter, Jacqueline Markgraf of Spring, Texas; sister, Lucille Rushing of Garland; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Mathew Markgraf, Michael Markgraf, Jimmy Markgraf, Jim Markgraf, Jack Markgraf, Dominique Hebert, Wesley Estilette, Michael Ward. Honorary pallbearers were James Kimbrell, Edward Lee Fitzgerald, Ray Russell, Allen Read and Roger Russell.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Alice Gamblin

A cremation service for Alice Gamblin, 80, was handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gamblin died April 2, 1999 in Jasper Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Texas.

A native of Quanah, Texas, she lived most of her life in Austin before moving to Jasper.

She is survived by her granddaughters, Melinda A. Farris and Cynthia K. Jenkins of Dam-B; one grandson, Kenneth Wayne Gamblin of Houston, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mildred Pearline Bickerdike Wilson

Funeral service for Mildred Pearline Bickerdike Wilson, 80, was held Saturday, April 3, 1999, at 3:30 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Lewis Tubbs officiating. Burial followed at Rest Haven Memorial Park in Silsbee, Texas. Visitation was held Friday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Wilson died April 1, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of Troup, she lived in Silsbee before moving to Woodville 5 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of New Shiloh Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Brenda Minyard of Woodville and Rita John of New Waverly; sons, Bob Audas of Jones Creek, Texas and Doug Wilson of Orangefield; sister, Eva Sapp of Conroe; brothers, Tommy Bickerdike, George Bickerdike and Barney Lee all of Gilmer, Texas; 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Craig Hughes, Jeff Mashaw, Melvin John III, Rusty Minyard, John David Sapp, Douglas Wilson, and W. Wayne Morgan.

Taletra Chantar Gray

Funeral services for Taletra Chantar Gray will be held at The Little Baptist Church in Hillister, Texas Saturday, April 17, 1999 at 1 p.m. She was a 1993 graduate of Woodville High School. Final
arrangements by Robinson Funeral Home, Jasper, Texas.

George Brown Grafton

Funeral service for George Grafton, 84, were held April 13, 1999 at 5 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother David E. Miller officiating.

Graveside service will be held April 14, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Pine Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Bernice, Louisiana, with Brother Mike Smith officiating.

Mr. Grafton died April 10, 1999 at his residence.

A native of Bernice, Louisiana, he lived in New Orleans, Lafayette and Houston before moving to Colmesneil. He is the retired owner of Marlin Drilling Company, and he was a pioneer of Off Shore Drilling off the Louisiana coast during the early 1950's.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Brenda Grafton and Leslie Wellmeyer of Spring; son and daughter-in-law, Michael Brown and Victoria Grafton of Jackson, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Leslie Wellmeyer Schoeck, Christina Grafton Smith and Keith Grafton Wellmeyer; and one great-grandson, Shelby Arnold Schoeck

Nancy Barlow Hicks

Funeral service for Nancy Hicks, 88, were held at 2 p.m. April 8, 1999 at First Baptist Church in Spurger, Texas, with Brother Byron McWilliams, pastor of First Baptist Church in Spurger, officiating.

Eastern Star graveside service followed at Turner's Branch Cemetery by Spurger Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star # 315.

Mrs. Hicks died April 5, 1999 at Doctors Hospital in Groves, Texas.

A native and lifelong resident of Spurger, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her two daughters, Betty Sheffield of Spurger and Maudry Williams of Nederland; five grandchildren, Victor Jordan, Stuart Sheffield, Bryan Sheffield, Melissa Newman, Sharon Marcantel and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Blufford Hicks, Lockey L. Hicks, Eugene Hicks, Earl G. Hicks, Oliver Ross Griffith and Buck Hudson.

Honorary pallbearers were her grandsons and great-grandsons.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mae Stella Scott

Mrs. Mae Stella Scott, 66, of Hillister, Texas died Wednesday at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 17, 1999 at the Little Baptist Church in Hillister, Texas with burial at the Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister, Texas. The Rev. Bobby Cruse officiated.

Mrs. Scott was a housewife and a faithful member of the Little Baptist Church where she served as a devoted usher for many years.

Mrs. Scott leaves to cherish her loving memories, a devoted husband of 50 years, Harvester Scott, Sr. of Hillister; two sons, Stephen Scott, Sr. (Deanna) of Hillister, Texas, and Harvester Scott, Jr. (Special friend, Lisa Phillips) of Beaumont, Texas; two sisters, Elmma Hadnot (Freeman) and Myra Lee Cruse both of Hillister; sister-in-law, Emma Telford (Floyd Graham) of Doucette, Texas; four grandchildren, Devin Smith, Devon Smith, Stephen Scott, Jr., and Drew Scott, all of Hillister. A very special friend, Carrie Barclay of Hillister, Texas, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Services entrusted to Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home Woodville, Texas.

Cleo Fry

Cleo Fry, 74, of Warren, Texas, died Saturday, April 24, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were held Monday, April 26, 1999 at 11 a.m. in the Gardner Cemetery near Warren. Officiating at the service was Brother Kenneth Cauthen, pastor of the First Baptist
Church of Warren.

Mrs. Fry was born May 7, 1924 in Hicksbaugh, Texas. She was a life long resident of Warren.

She is survived by her husband Charles Ray Fry, Sr. of Warren; son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Kathleen Fry of Warren; two grandchildren, Charles Adrian Fry of Warren and Billy Andrew Fry of Weatherford, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Jean Weaver West**

Funeral service for Jean Weaver West, 64, were held April 23, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Kenneth Cauthen and Brother Ken Lewelling officiating. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Mrs. West died April 21, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A native of Port Arthur, she lived in Warren most of her life. She was a homemaker. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Warren and a member of Spurger Chapter #315 Order of the Eastern Star in Spurger.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 45 years R.W. “Bobby” West of Warren; son, R.W. “Rusty” West, Jr. and wife, Leslie of Warren; daughters, Anglea Richardson and husband Doug of Madisonville and Amber West of Madisonville; mother, Annie Thomas Weaver of Woodville; sister, Gloria Weber and husband Gerald of Port Arthur; 11 grandchildren, Aryn, Matthew and Carson Middlebrook, Bobby III, Jessica, Zachary and Levi West, Aric, Aaron, Jaz and Kiyoshi Richardson; one great-granddaughter, Raven Angela Middlebrook.

Pallbearers were Harold Hatton, Grady Hatton, R.L. Mitchell, Billy Fondron, Carol Conner and J.H. Hall.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Marguerite Casady McKissick**

Memorial service was held for Marguerite Casady McKissick, 84, were held April 22, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home, with Walter P. Snyder, minister of Faith Lutheran Church in Woodville, officiating.

Cremation was under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mrs. McKissick died April 20, 1999 at Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

A native of Swea City, Iowa, she lived in Harlingen, Texas before moving to Woodville. She was a retired bookkeeper for B.F. Goodrich Tire Company.

She is survived by her son, Terry McKissick of Woodville; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Martha Lenora Cone**

Martha Lenora “Locket” Cone, 69, of Woodville, Texas, died Tuesday, April 20, 1999 at the Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 22, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother Wayne Walley, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were Wayne Morgan, Trent Paschel, Glenn Anderson, Jimmy Hanks, Charles Morgan and James Herbert Dean.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, April 21, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Cone was born August 10, 1929 in Pineland, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andy Moody Cone and her son, Andy Milton Cone. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Donna Cone of Houston, Paul E. and Gina Cone of Woodville, and Steve H. and Tewanna Cone of Vidor; sisters, Jeanette Morgan of Kennard and Joann Shafer of Alabama; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
Funeral services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**William Thomas Hart**

William Thomas “Bill” Hart, 60, of Port Arthur, Texas died Saturday, April 24, 1999 at Christus St. Mary’s Hospital in Port Arthur, Texas.

He was a native of Wyandott Wayne County, Michigan and a resident of Port Arthur for 25 years. He was retired from the Shipping Department at P.D. Goycol in Beaumont with 37 years service and a member of the Port Neches Masonic Lodge #1163.

Services were held Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Levingston Funeral Home in Groves, Texas with Rev. Jo Cato officiating. Burial followed at Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches with Masonic graveside rites conducted by the Port Neches Masonic Lodge #1163.

Survivors include Wife, Kay Barnes Hart of Port Arthur, Texas; daughters, Judy Elizabeth Hart of Warren, Texas, Janet Leigh Hart Brown of Warren, Texas; sisters, Candy Hart of Richmond, Texas and Charlotte Durham of Port Neches, Texas; brothers, Charlie A. Hart of Fred, John E. Hart of Dayton, and Robert E. Hart of Crosby, Texas; and four grandchildren.

**Regina LaNae Linscomb**

Regina LaNae Linscomb, 15 of Colmesneil, Texas passed away April 24, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with burial in Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Pineland, she lived in Colmesneil most of her life. She was a student at Colmesneil Junior High School.

She is survived by her parents, Beebe Greene of Colmesneil and Gerald Neely of Merryville, Louisiana; paternal father, Curtis LeBouef of Sulphur, Louisiana; brother, A.J. Linscomb of Colmesneil; sisters, Evie Jo Evans of Warren, Mandy LeBouef and Kelly Stewart both of Sulphur, Louisiana; grandparents, Angie Olsen of Mauriceville, Ima Olsen of Merryville, Louisiana, and Mary Jane LeBouef of Sulphur, Louisiana; nephews, Michael-Jay, Steven and Bryce; nieces, Hannah and Lexie.

**Gilbert E. Hamric**

Gilbert E. “Coach” Hamric passed away on May 2, 1999 at the Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville, Texas

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 7, 1999, at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Woodville. The Rev. Richard Eifert will officiate the service.

Born May 4, 1920 in Framtown, West Virginia, he lived most of his life in Houston, Texas before moving to Ivanhoe near Woodville.

He was a retired teacher and coach in the Houston I.S.D. He was an Alumni of the University of Houston. He belonged to the Southwest Football and Basketball Association in Houston. He was a member of Elk’s Lodge 151 also in Houston. His love was the many years he spent in the U.S. Air Force Reserves as a Sr. Master Sgt. He retired in 1980.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, George McKeever of Portland, OR.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Cecile Hamric; two sons, Clifford E. Hamric of Conroe, Texas and Johnny McKeever of Birmingham, Alabama; two daughters, Susan Phelps of Lumberton and Georgette Lawson of Conroe; four sisters, Martha Moore and Gladys Taylor of Akron, Ohio, Genevia Beatty of Columbus, Ohio and Ressie Cook of Sutton, West Virginia; fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A brother, Jim Hamric, also died on May 2, 1999 in Afrien, Ohio.

Military service will be held at a later date in the Veterans Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

Cremation service was held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Mabel Lee Freeland Pitts

Mabel Lee Freeland Pitts (Mrs. E.M. Pitts, Sr.) of Kruse Village, Brenham, Texas, a longtime resident of Woodville, Tyler County, Texas, died May 3, 1999 at age 91.

She was born October 5, 1907 in Leesville, Louisiana, the middle child of seven born to H.M. and Melissa Belle Freeland. After graduating from “home schooling” in farming and cooking with her parents, and formally from the Rosevine public schools, she married Enoch M. Pitts, Sr. (Deceased) September 7, 1927 in Woodville, Texas where they would later live permanently, moving back there in 1943 where they established several businesses, the last of which was the ever popular Pitts Drive-In and Cafe, which specialized in Home-made pies and rolls by Mabel. Pizza Hutt and McDonald’s in Woodville now occupies the site of the infamous Pitts Drive-In and Cafe.

In addition to her family and many friends, she was also very active in the First Christian Church of Woodville and other civic organizations. After retiring from the “cafe” business, she later would return to “help out” at the J.B. Best Dept. Store in Woodville. After many years of “helping out” at Best Store, she again retired so she could fish more, cook more and enjoy her kids, grandkids and great grandkids.

“Mammy” or “Grandma”, either of which she would answer to, was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Enoch M. Pitts, Jr.; grandson, Jeffrey Lee Pitts; five sisters; and a brother. She is survived by two sons and their wives, Hugh L. and Aniela Pitts, Sr., formerly of Houston and now of Brenham, Texas and Paul R. and Carol Pitts, formerly of Conroe and now of Ingram, Texas; sister, Mrs. Frank Mayfield of Elgin; numerous nephews, nieces, cousins. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Linda Pitts and special friend Eddie Gondeck of Brenham; grandson, Hugh Pitts, Jr. and Leslie Pitts of Paso Robles, California, grandson, Frank Pitts of Bryan, grandson Doug and Denise of Spring, grandson Davis and Lyndi Pitts of Fort Worth, granddaughter Stephanie Granger and Ronnie of Bartlett, Tennessee, granddaughter, Shannon Murphy and Sean of Wichita Falls, granddaughter, Debbie St. John of Dallas; and 11 great-grandchildren. Also surviving her are many friends at Kruse Village in Brenham and Woodville and a “special” nephew, H.K. Pitts and his wife, Robbie, of College Station.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 1999 at Memorial Oaks Chapel, Brenham, Texas with Rev. Glen Moore and Rev. J. R. Johnson to officiate. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Woodville, Texas in Magnolia Cemetery.

Grandsons and nephews will serve as pallbearers.

Vertis H. Conner

Funeral services for Vertis H. “Doll” Conner, 61, of Roganville, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial to follow in Woods Cemetery in Burkeville.

Mr. Conner died Monday, April 26, 1999, in Newton, Texas. A native of Tyler County, he was a longtime resident of Roganville. He was a cement finisher.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Woods Conner of Roganville; sons, Jamie Conner of Jasper, Danny Conner of Silsbee; daughters, Mary Williams and Martha Sparks both of Jasper; brothers, Bub Conner of Woodville, Albert Grimes of Colmesneil; sisters, Bette Joe Davis of Colmesneil, Ettie Hales of Houston; 5 grandchildren, Brian Williams, Chad Williams, Keri Conner, Matthew Conner, and Jacob Conner.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

Judy Jean Pace

Funeral service for Judy Jean Pace, 48, was held Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Johnny Creasong officiating. Burial was held at Gay Cemetery in Polk County. Visitation was held Tuesday, April 27, 1999, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Judy Jean Pace died April 26, 1999 at her residence.

A native of Woodville, Texas she lived in
Beaumont before moving to Village Mills. She was a Hair Dresser.

She is survived by her father and step-mother, M.M. and Leah Pace of Chester; mother and step father, Ouida and James Daniels of Village Mills; daughters, Amy Thornton Comeaux of Sulphur, Louisiana and Emily Thornton Strickland of Lumberton; son, Fred Monroe Henry III, of Lubbock; grandmother, Mrs. J.M. Pace of Livingston; sister, Carolyn Bolton of Tyler; grandson, Kristopher Barrett Smith of Lumberton.

Serving as pallbearers were Jimmy Pace, Ron Grimes, Jim Boyd, Bobby Pool, James Rogers, and Tommy Pool. Honorary Pallbearers were Sidney Sanders, Larry Brown, Tommy Pitts, and Doug Phillips.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Eileen Maude Griffin**

Eileen Maude Griffin passed away in a local Snyder nursing home on Thursday morning, April 29, 1999. Mrs. Griffin was born on December 9, 1905 in Kirbyville, Texas, the daughter of Thomas Arthur and Ora Billingsley Lindsey.

She is survived by her sister, Willie D. Ashy of Beaumont; two sons, Dr. Timothy Jay Griffin of Snyder and Dr. David Lindsey Griffin of New York City, and a beloved daughter-in-law, Donna Sabin Griffin of Snyder. Mrs. Griffin was preceded in death by her husband Jay Carlton Griffin, Jr.; a sister, Miriam Hennessey and a brother Thomas West Lindsey.

Mrs. Griffin was reared in East Texas, mostly around Woodville, where her father Thomas Arthur Lindsey served as Sheriff of Tyler County in the 1920's. Mrs. Griffin graduated from Beaumont High School, went to Stephen F. Austin College and graduated with a BA from Texas A & I in Kingsville, Texas.

She and her husband Jay Carlton Griffin, Jr. moved to Corpus Christi during the depression. He worked for American Smelting during World War II and later for Sinclair Refining Co. Their two sons David and Tim graduated from W.B. Ray High School and Texas Christian University. In 1961 the family moved to Pasadena, Texas. After her husband’s death in 1981, Mrs. Griffin moved to Snyder in 1993.

Mrs. Griffin was an excellent second grade teacher, a dyed-in-the wool Democrat and a devoted member of the Disciples of Christ. Mrs. Griffin taught until retirement in both the Corpus Christi and Pasadena school systems.

Mrs. Griffin was a descendent of Captain Jesse Billingsley, who served at San Jacinto with Sam Houston. J. Frank Dobie, famous Texas historian, gave Billingsley credit for originating the battle cry, “Remember the Alamo, Remember Goliad”. Her grandfather David Suddoth Lindsey served in Hood’s Texas Brigade during the Civil War.

Survivors also include her grandchildren, Marcella Sabin Griffin Whitney of Crandall and Lindsey Elizabeth Griffin of Lubbock; two great granddaughters, Elizabeth Sabin Whitney, and Destiny Rene Whitney.

Services will be held at First Christian Church in Woodville at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 15,1999. Internment will be at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

**Eddie D. Wise, Jr.**

Eddie D. “Buck” Wise, Jr., 44, of Warren, Texas died Sunday, May 2, 1999 at his residence. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, 1999 at the Warren Chapel Baptist Church in Warren, Texas with Rev. Willie Gill, Sr. officiating. Burial followed at the Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister, Texas. Visitation was held on Friday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home chapel.

Eddie Wise was a native of Deadwood, Louisiana. He lived in Warren, Texas for over 40 years. He was a loyal employee of Spurlock Logging Company of Woodville, Texas.

He leaves to cherish his memories, a devoted wife, Joyce Thrower Wise of Warren, Texas; step-daughters, Michele Murchison of Doucette, Texas; and Audrea Chatman of Woodville, Texas; step-sons, Larry Chatman of Los Angeles, California and Kevin Thrower of Doucette, Texas; sisters, Shirley Wise Menefee of Warren, Texas, Ethel Sue
Harris, Garner Perry, and Ruby Daniels all of Woodville, Texas; brothers, Eddie Wise, Jr. of Hillister, Texas and Gerald Wyatt of Atlanta, Georgia; and six grandchildren.

Services entrusted to Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Robert Gilbert Belinge

Funeral services for Robert Belinge, 59, were held May 7, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Gardner officiating.

Graveside service followed at 4 p.m. at Dry Creek Cemetery in Dry Creek, Louisiana.

Mr. Belinge died May 5, 1999 at his residence in Colmesneil, Texas.

A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, he lived in Vidor before moving to Colmesneil four years ago. He was an insulator for Insultherm Co.

Survivors include his wife, Emma Belinge of Colmesneil; daughter, Debbie Stewart of Delaware; sons, Terry Belinge of Dallas and Shawn Belinge of Delaware; step-children, Lydia Whitmire, Eddie Kondos, Linda Ocasio, Louis Kondos and Mary Haslitt all of Vidor, Dawn Stone of Beaumont and George Kondos, Jr., of Florida; brother, Terry Kramer of LaPorte; sisters, Sandra Smith of Livingston and Yvonne Lee of LaPorte; 23 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Service were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

LaVenia M. Phillips

Funeral services for LaVenia Phillips, 87, were held May 5, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Richard Eifret officiating.

Burial followed at Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas.

Mrs. Phillips died May 3, 1999 at the Holland Lake Nursing Center in Weatherford, Texas.

A native of Sporo, Oklahoma, she lived in Port Arthur before moving to Colmesneil 25 years ago. She was retired from the Bookkeeping and Home Construction Business.

She is survived by her two daughters, Deane Barrois of Orange and Marilyn Sanderson of Weatherford; 12 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Crally Sanderson, Michael Barrios, Jim Barrios, Wes Sanderson, Billy Sanderson and Jeff Sanderson.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Sherry Lynn Ryall

Sherry Lynn Ryall, 42, died May 8, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

A graveside service was held Monday, May 10, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Ferrell Cemetery near Dam-B. Visitation was held Sunday, May 9, 1999, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Jasper, she lived in Woodville most of her life. She served in the U.S. Navy between 1980 and 1993 as a Naval Intelligence Officer. She served Duty Post in California and New York and in Spain for seven years. She was a veteran of the Gulf War.

She is survived by her parents, Erma and step-father, Walter Conner of Colmesneil, Joseph and step-mother, Patsy Ryall of Woodville; sister, Melody Ryall of Colmesneil.

Serving as pallbearers were Kenneth Conner, Michael Marshall, Joe Marshall, Walter Cowart, Bob Rawls, and Joe Conner.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Elsie Hanley

Funeral services were held for Elsie Hanley, 82, of Nederland, Texas on Tuesday, May 18, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland, with burial being held at Oak Bluff Memorial Park of Port Neches, Texas. Visitation was held on Monday, May 17, 1999 from 5 - 8 p.m.

Mrs. Hanley passed away on May 15, 1999 at Crest Haven Nursing Home in Groves.

Mrs. Hanley was a native of Melder, Louisiana and a resident of Jefferson County for 54 years. She was a nurse’s aide at Golden Triangle Nursing Home for 3 years. She retired from Nederland I.S.D.
Survivors include sons, Bobby Hanley of Fannett, Kelly Hanley of Woodville, Tim Hanley of Nederland; daughters, Deloris Laird of Port Arthur, Dorothy Bernard of Nederland, and Sharon Pujol of Nederland; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Pat A. Riley Funeral Home of Nederland.

LaFrances Pittman Manning

LaFrances Pittman Manning, 83, of Woodville died Wednesday, May 12, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Memorial services were held Saturday, May 15, 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Dr. Dwayne Freese, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

Mrs. Manning was born December 14, 1915 in Stephenville, Texas. She had lived in Woodville for the past three years and was formerly of Godley. She was a retired registered nurse with Johnson County Memorial Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband John B. Manning. She is survived by her son, Johnny Manning of Corsicana; daughters Ann Mackey of Woodville, and Sara Brown of Shalimar, Florida; brother, Robert Pittman of San Augustine, Florida; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Joseph Russell Lehman

Funeral services were held for Joseph Lehman, 80, were held May 14, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Assembly of God Church, with Rev. Robert Wilson, Rev. Fred Hill and William Stockstill officiating. Burial followed at Midway Cemetery in Polk County, Texas.

Mr. Lehman died May 11, 1999 from injuries received in an auto accident in Polk County.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, he lived in Port Neches before moving to Woodville 20 years ago. He was a retired Operator for Texaco Refinery and a World War II Army Veteran.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Gary Adams of San Antonio; son and daughter-in-law, Bobby L. and Billie Lehman of Port Neches; brother, Bud Lehman of Tipp City, Ohio; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

S.D. Huntsinger

Funeral service for S.D. Huntsinger, 80, were held May 14, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Brother Larry Trest officiating.

Masonic graveside service followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester, Texas by Mt. Hope Lodge in Chester.

Mr. Huntsinger died May 11, 1999 at his residence in Chester.

A native of Lorena, Texas, he lived in Buras, Louisiana before moving to Chester, Texas 26 years ago. He was a retired Gauger for Gulf Oil Company and was an World War II Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Huntsinger of Chester; step-daughter, Gale Williams of Chester; step-sons, Benny Johnson and Dennis Johnson both of Chester, Dooley Johnson of Corrigan, Andy Cannatella of Golden Meadow, Louisiana, and Joe Cannatella of Woodville and 22 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Cox, Johnny Huntsinger, Kenneth Baker, O.Z. Foxworth, Drew Cannatella and Robert Cannatella.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Catherine Lee Lehman

Funeral service for Catherine Lehman, 77, were held May 14, 1999 at 10 a.m., at Trinity Assembly of God Church, with Rev. Fred Hill and William Stockstill officiating. Burial followed at Midway Cemetery in Polk County.

Mrs. Lehman died May 11, 1999 from injuries received in an auto accident in Polk County.

A native of Bullard, Texas, she lived in Port
Neches before moving to Woodville 20 years ago. She was a retired office manager for Sabine Propeller and Marine, and she was secretary at Trinity Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Gary Adams of San Antonio; son and daughter-in-law, Bobby L. and Billie Lehman of Port Neches; brothers, Roy Dean Lee of Rowlett and Clyde H. Lee of Conroe; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers for Mr. and Mrs. Lehman were Jeff McLear, Sonny Miller, Clyde Hicks, Carnell Wright, Don Guidry, Donald Dickey, Preston Tucker, Donnie Gulley, Billy Griffin, Neal Elliott, John Gilbert, Bim Johnston and R.Q. Reider.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Keith Ray Read

A graveside service for Keith Ray Read, 33, was held Sunday at 4 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Brother Norman Turner and Brother Keith Hatton officiated. Visitation was held Saturday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Read died May 14, 1999 in Orange, County, Texas.

A native and life long resident of Woodville, he was a truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannie Read of Woodville; children, Destiny Read, Dezirae Read, and Dakota Read, all of Woodville; parents, Allen and Mary Lee Read of Woodville; grandmother, Mary Riley Hudson of Woodville; brothers, Jerry Lee Read of Woodville and Billy Read of Fort Worth.

Serving as pallbearers were Rory J. Primm, Kenny Ray Tubbs, Mark Turner, and Duane Turner.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Virgie Cowart Anderson

Funeral services for Virgie Cowart Anderson, 79, was held Sunday, May 16, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home chapel with Brother Don Knox and Brother Melvin Holifield officiating. Burial was held at Ferrell Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas. Visitation was held Saturday from 1 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Anderson died May 13, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center. A native of Woodville, she lived in Houston before moving to Cleveland 13 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Anderson, parents, Grover and Bessie Cowart; daughter, Virgie Ann Anderson; two infant sons; sisters, Marie Cryer and Betty Lou Reed; brothers, Jim Cowart, Waymon Cowart, R.L. Cowart, Charlie Cowart, Doyle Cowart and Doug Cowart.

She is survived by her daughter Mary Jane Anderson Hummel of Cleveland; sons, James Anderson of Boise, Idaho and John Wesley Anderson of Smithville; brothers, Lewis Cowart of Colmesneil and John F. Cowart of Mississippi; sister, Lavelle Brown of Rockland; grandchildren, Dorothy Jane Walker, Cathy Jones, Donna Lynn Smith, Kerrie Anderson, Dewina Todd, Daniel Edward Hummel, Kimberly Rose, Kristina Catron; great-grandchildren, Samantha, Cody, Christopher and Kaley.

Serving as pallbearers were Daniel E. Walker, Chad Catron, Walter R. Cowart, Gary Brown, Daniel E. Hummel, Doyle Cowart.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Anna Nosarev

Anna Nosarev, 24, of Woodville, Texas died Monday, May 17, 1999 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Funeral services were Thursday, May 20, 1999 at 5 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church in Town Bluff, Texas with burial in Fairview Cemetery. Officiating at the services was Brother Thomas Martin, pastor of Victory Baptist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were Irvin Mott, Don Head, Sombo Callaway, Port Callaway, Bud Crandall, and Bill Seale.

Mrs. Nosarev was born February 19, 1975 in Khabarovsk, Russia, USSR. She had lived in
Woodville for a short time and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Dimitri Nosarev of Woodville; son, Pavel Nosarev of Woodville; daughter, Ekaterina Nosarev and Viktoria Nosarev both of Woodville; mother and step-father, Olga and Vladimir Selukov of Russia; grandparents, Anna and Grigority Evstratiev of Russia, USSR; and brother, Alexiy Selukov of Russia.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Leon E. Dartez, Jr.

Leon E. “Jimmy” Dartez, Jr., 79, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday, May 20, 1999 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were held Saturday, May 22, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, with Dr. Raymond Parker officiating.

Mr. Dartez was born May 28, 1919 in Orange, Texas. He had lived in Woodville for the past fifteen years. He was a retired Field Superintendent with Oasis Oil Company.

He is survived by his wife, Elma “Snookie” Dartez of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Boyd and Brenda Dartez of Bridge City; daughter and son-in-law, Bobbie and James Watts of Woodville; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Bobby John Manning

Funeral service for Bobby John Manning, 64, was held Sunday, May 23, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Robert Hargrave officiating. A graveside service was held Monday, May 24, 1999, at 3 p.m. at Bryan City Cemetery in Bryan, Texas. Visitation was held Sunday starting at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Manning died May 21, 1999 at Lufkin Memorial Health Systems.

A native of Bryan, he lived in Houston before moving to Woodville, Texas seven years ago. He was a retired painter and sandblaster and an Army Veteran.

Mr. Manning is survived by his wife, Norma Manning of Woodville; daughter, Charlotte Gates of Fairbanks, Alaska; sons, Phillip Manning of Houston, Robbie Manning of Woodville and Todd Manning of Plano; brother, H.C. Manning of Flint; step-daughters, Gloria Simon, Judith Marek, and Pat Lambert all of Houston; step-son, Charles Thomas of Houston; five grandchildren.

Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mary Virginia O’Brien

A memorial service for Mary Virginia O’Brien, 78, was held Tuesday, May 25, 1999, at 6 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with pastor Bob Fosburg officiating. Visitation was held Tuesday beginning at 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. O’Brien died May 22, 1999 at the Dogwood Trail Manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Mangham, Louisiana, she lived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana before moving to Warren, Texas 21/2 years ago. She was a retired Purchasing Director for Our Lady of the Lake Medical Center.

Mrs. O’Brien is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and D.B. Thompson, Jr., of Warren; brother, Claude Stokes McConnell of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; grandchildren, Kimen Fondren and Heath Thompson; great-grandchildren, Jacob Brody Thompson and Chase Hunter Fondren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Alton Marshall Woodrome

Funeral services for Alton Woodrome, 71, were held May 22, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Geneva Burwell officiating. Burial followed at Mount Hope Cemetery near Chester, Texas.

Mr. Woodrome died May 19, 1999 at Holiday Pines Manor in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Chester, he lived in the Golden
Triangle before moving back to Chester 27 years ago. He was retired from the Maintenance Department of Temple Inland. He was a member of Chester Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Carl Woodrome of Chester, daughters, Kathy Gibson of Humble, Carolyn Gonzales and Sherrie Ewings both of Woodville and Gwen Woodrome of Houston; sister, Ona Marie McAlister of Woodville, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were George Vinson, Menlo Klingman, James Carl, J.T. Toney, David M. McAlister and Robert E. Carl.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Annie Amanda Weaver

Funeral services for Annie Amanda Weaver, 91, was held Wednesday, May 26, 1999, at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating. Burial followed at Village Mills Cemetery. Visitation was held Tuesday, May 25, 1999, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Weaver died May 25, 1999 at the Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

A native of Buna, she lived in Port Arthur before moving to Warren, Texas 49 years ago. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Warren and a member of the Spurger Chapter #315 order of the Eastern Star. She was a fifty year member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otis Weaver; daughter, Jean West.

She is survived by her daughter, Gloria Weber of Port Arthur; son-in-law, Bobby West of Warren; sisters, Jimmie Gordon of Orange and Vernie Williams of Kountze; sixteen grandchildren and thirty-seven great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Clint Weber, Jeff Weber, Bobby West, Rusty West, Carl Guidry and Brian Guidry.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Leroy Jackson

Funeral services for Leroy Jackson, 86, were held June 5, 1999 at 4 p.m. at Hillister Pentecostal Church with Rev. Ray Quinn, Rev. David Clark and Rev. Earl Gamblin officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Jackson died June 3, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A native of Ratcliff, he lived in Bridge City before moving to Woodville 20 years ago. He was a self employed painter with Local #1008.

Survivors include his wife, Una Pearl Jackson of Woodville; sons, James Ray Jackson and Johnnie Robert Jackson both of Woodville; daughters, Bonnie Kelly and Bernce Sajjad both of Woodville and Hellen Marie Clark of Bridge City; brother, Johnny B. Jackson of Pasadena; ten grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Steve Menard, Johnny Jack Jackson, Jr., Jeremy Jackson, Kiney Wayne Broom, James Allen Jackson, and Andrew Roy Menard.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Malinda Butcher Windle

Funeral services for Malinda Windle, 93, were held June 9, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Forkland Methodist Church in Forkland, Alabama, with Brother Jack Lewellen officiating.

Burial followed at Forkland Cemetery in Forkland, Alabama.

Mrs. Windle died June 6, 1999 at Jasper Convalescent Center in Jasper, Texas.

A native of Corley, West Virginia, she lived in Forkland, Alabama before moving to Colmesneil fifteen years ago. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Jack Lewellen of Colmesneil; sisters, Sylvia Harper of Fairmont, West Virginia and Edeline Malcomb of Heaters, West Virginia; three grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Michael Lewellen, Joe Henderson, Joe Graham, Brent Swanzy, Heath
Henderson.

Honorary pallbearers were Shawn Lewellen, Steven Lewellen, Gregory Lewellen, Lance Graham and Zachery Graham.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Donald Anders Anderson

Donald Anders Anderson, 85, of Bethany, Louisiana will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, 1999 at Rose-Neath Southside Chapel with Rev. Daryl Miller, pastor of Bethel Assembly of God Church, officiating. Visitation was held form 5 - 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 1999

Mr. Anderson died June 7, 1999. He was a native of Ironwood, MI., and a former resident of Woodville, Texas and Homewood, Illinois. He was a retired office manager for Republic Steel Company for 30 years.

He was survived by his wife, Jeanette T. Anderson of Bethany, Louisiana; daughter, Rita Anderson of Bethany, Louisiana; three grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Rose-Neath Southside Chapel of Shreveport, Louisiana.

David T. Pate, Jr.

David T. Pate, Jr., 76, of Woodville, Texas, died Tuesday, June 1, 1999 at his residence in Woodville.

Funeral services were Thursday, June 3, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were J.D. Spurlock, Ted Borowski, Chuck Comte, Randy Durham, Will Warren, and Keith Hays. Honorary pallbearers were Howard Riley, Jamie Pike and Harold Allison, Jr.

Mr. Pate was born June 29, 1922 in Beaumont, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Woodville and was retired with 41 years of service with Gulf State Utilities as a line foreman. He had been a deacon and former Sunday School teacher in First Baptist Church of Woodville. He was a former scoutmaster of Troop 37 for 1959 - 1967 and was currently serving as assistant scoutmaster of Troop 54. He received the “Good Scout Award” in 1996. He was affiliated with the Lalinda Dance Studio and for over the past three decades voluntarily built floats for the Dogwood Parade and stage scenery for the dance recitals.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Evelyn Pate of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Tim Elrod of Woodville; sister, Marie Oliver of Beaumont; and two grandsons, Brad and Brent Elrod of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Jessie Mae Daniels

Jessie Mae Daniels, 87, of Woodville, Texas, died Wednesday, June 2, 1999 at her residence in Woodville. Funeral services were Friday, June 4, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Robert Shivers, Justin Hartwick, Fred Butler, Otis Fortenberry, Kevin Upshaw, and Mike Shivers.

Visitation was held on Thursday, June 3, 1999 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Daniels was born November 16, 1911 in Tyler County. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a retired school teacher from the Doucette and Rockland schools. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her daughter, Rutha Hartwick Stepehnson of Beaumont; brother and sister-in-law, Jerry F. and Lila Shivers of Conroe; sister, Rutha Trull of Woodville; granddaughter, Brandy Upshaw of Evadale.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
**Norman W. Dietrich**

Norman W. Dietrich, 82, of Hemphill, died Tuesday, June 1, 1999 at Memorial Medical Center of East Texas in Lufkin, Texas.

Funeral services were Friday, June 4, 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester, Texas. Officiating at the service was Brother Robert Shaddock.

Serving as pallbearers were Mark Wise, Jimmy David Spurlock, Jerry Spurlock, Wayne Dietrich, Lenord Vinson, and Rick Kiesser.

Mr. Dietrich was born August 5, 1916 in Humble, Texas. He was a former resident of Woodville and had lived in Hemphill for the past ten years. He was retired welder and was a WW II U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his daughter, Reba Swan of San Antonio; sister, Norma Whitlow of Nederland; and six grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

**Heather Fay Stephenson**

Services for Heather Fay Stephenson, 18, of Kountze, Texas were held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 14, 1999 in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Hubert Cemetery near Midway between Livingston and Woodville. Visitation was at 3 p.m. Sunday June 13, 1999 at the funeral home.

She was born November 11, 1980 and died June 11, 1999 in an automobile accident in Buna, Texas. She was a native of Beaumont and former resident of Jasper and Lumberton. She had lived in Kountze for the past three months. She was a 1999 graduate of Lumberton High School where she never missed a day of school. She enjoyed water skiing, the telephone, house work, and family members, especially the older ones. She believed in the Power of the Lord.

Survivors include her great grandfather, I.D. Hyden of Jasper; grandparents, Edith and Syble Hubert of Livingston, Royce Stephenson of Jasper; Dennis and Mary Margaret Hyden of Jasper; father, Reagan Stephenson and wife Paula of Jasper; her mother Kalinda Adams of Kountze; one brother, Aaron Stephenson of Jasper; and a number of aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandmother, Wilma Stephenson and her grandmother, Fay Stephenson.

Arrangements were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper, Texas.

**Tom Curry Cappel**

Funeral service for Tom Cappel, 81, were held June 10, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Masonic service by Magnolia Lodge #495. Officiating at the funeral service was Brother Jerry Kelley. Graveside service was held at 2 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves, Texas.

Mr. Cappel died June 7, 1999 at Memorial Health System of East Texas in Lufkin, Texas.

A native of Forest Hill, Louisiana, he lived in Port Arthur most of his life before moving to Woodville 25 years ago. He was a Pipefitter for Local #195. He was a Deacon at Hillister Baptist Church and a member of Magnolia Lodge #495.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Cappel of Hillister; daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Clyde Adams of Grand Prairie, Beth and Jim Darnell of San Marcos; son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Teri Cappel of Laurel, Montana; two step daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl and Rick Bryant of Beaumont, Janet and Larry Jordan of Fort Worth; nephew, Bill Cappel of Lake Jackson; 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife Arlene.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Greg Martin, Rodney Martin, Terry Darnell, Tim Darnell, Josua Jordan and Bill Paschall. Honorary pallbearers were Deacons and Joy Sunday School Class of Hillister Baptist Church.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Wayne Roland Spore

Cremation was held for Wayne R. Spore, 72, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. Mr. Spore died June 10, 1999 at his residence in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Waterloo, Iowa, he lived in Patton Village before moving to Tyler County nine years ago. He was a retired Long Shoreman with Maritime Association, and he was a U.S. Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Sue Spore of Woodville; sons, Mark Spore of Waterloo, Iowa, Adam Spore and Allen William Spore both of Livingston, Texas, Perry James Spore of Splendora, Texas, and Robert Edward Spore of Huntington; sisters, Lois Lewis of Dakota City, Iowa, Carolyn Bagley and Beverly Varnell both of Jefferson; brothers, Kenny Spore of Waterloo, Iowa and Richard Wiltse of Marshall; and eight grandchildren.

Cremation services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Nanette Perryman

Nanette “Nannye” Perryman, 91, of Woodville, Texas, died Monday, June 14, 1999 at Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville.

Funeral services were Thursday June 17, 1999 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger. Officiating at the services was Brother Tom Owen.

Serving as pallbearers were Luke Satterwhite, Huntley Kenesson, Jim Hays, and Dr. Gordan P. McCluskey.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, June 16, 1999 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Perryman was born May 25, 1908 in Earlboro, Oklahoma. She had lived in Woodville for the past 28 years coming from Beaumont. She had worked for Kelly Services in Beaumont and had been a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Herschel H. and Virginia Perryman of El Dorado, Arkansas; nephew, Bill Stites of Dallas; four step grandchildren, eight step great-grandchildren, and six step great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Dorothy Camp Wilson

Funeral service for Dorothy Camp Wilson, 93, of Woodville, Texas was held Monday, June 21, 1999 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Woodville. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Visitation was held Sunday, June 20, 1999 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Wilson died June 18, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital.

A native of Lumberton, Mississippi she lived in Houston before moving to Ivanhoe 19 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.

She is survived by her sons, Fred C. Wilson and Robert L. Wilson both of Tupelo, Mississippi, and Berry T. Wilson of Hillister; granddaughters, Stephanie Voth of Hillister and Christina Klucker of Penn; grandsons, Jeffery Wilson of Conroe, Thomas “Eddie” Wilson of Huntsville, David Wilson and Robert Wilson both of Tupelo, Mississippi, and Tom C. Wilson of Georgia; sister, Druetta Coon of San Antonio; ten great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers were Eddie Wilson, Al Prichard, Brad Voth, Jerry Bumstead, Patrick Voth, E.C. Bryant, and Jeff Wilson.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Velma J. Rivers

Velma J. Rivers, 80, of Colmesneil, died Monday, June 21, 1999 at the Green Acres Parkdale Living Center in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services were Wednesday, June 23, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Colmesneil, with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating at the services were Brother Mike Ledbetter and Brother David Miller.
Serving as pallbearers were Doyle Cowart, Jamie Davis, Joe Ball, Mark Palumbo, Larry Seamans, and Kenneth Johnson.

Mrs. Rivers was born January 9, 1919 in Laurel, Mississippi. She was a longtime resident of Colmesneil and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Colmesneil where she was active in all church activities.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Sam Rivers of Colmesneil; daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Tom Lowrance of Beaumont, Sammie and Larry Seamans of Colmesneil, and Debbie and Mark Palumbo of Beaumont; brother, Richard Johnson of Lufkin; and three grandsons, Kevin Lowrance, Lance Seamans, and Kyle Lowrance.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Viola Henderson

Funeral services for Viola Henderson, 89, of Chester was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 26, 1999 in the Corrigan Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. George Standley officiating. Interment followed in the Union Springs Cemetery.

Mrs. Henderson was born on Tuesday, August 24, 1909 in Corrigan and died Thursday, June 24, 1999 in Lufkin, Texas. She was a cook for numerous years in the Corrigan - Camden I.S.D. She was a member of the Caney Creek Baptist Church in Chester.

Mrs. Henderson was preceded by her husband John Henderson; sons, J.R. and Joe Henderson.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond and Virginia Hendeson of Cleveland, James D. and Mary Ann Henderson of Longview; daughters and sons-in-law, Eunice and Johnny Standley of Chester, Sadie and Don Woodrome of Chester, Daisy Barefield of Warren; brother, Archie Chandler of Georgetown; sister, Ponell Cockrell of Luling; daughters-in-law, Odessa Henderson of Rockland and Jan Henderson of Chester; 28 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were entrusted to Corrigan Funeral Home.

Jessie M. Mewborn

Services for Jessie M. Mewborn, 59, of Diboll, Texas will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 30, 1999 in the Gipson - Hunter - Metcalf Chapel with Rev. Bill Bailey officiating. Interment will follow in Ryan Chapel Cemetery in Diboll.

Mrs. Mewborn was born July 17, 1939, in Alto, Louisiana, and she died Sunday, June 27, 1999 at her residence.

Mrs. Mewborn was a mother, grandmother, homemaker and quilter. She was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas M. Mewborn of Diboll; sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas M. Mewborn, Jr. of Lufkin, Roy A. and Linda Mewborn of Nacogdoches, Charles R. and Stacey Mewborn of Diboll, Carl M. and Sharon Mewborn of Hudson, Dennis L. and Kay Lynn Mewborn of Diboll, and Christopher G. Mewborn of Galveston; daughter, Anella M. Mewborn of Lufkin; daughter and son-in-law, Cathy A. and Paul Freeman of Woodville; brothers and sisters-in-law, Marvin and Bobbie Froust, Lonnie and Debbie Froust, Jerry Froust and Daniel Froust, all of Louisiana; sisters and brothers-in-law, Rosa Blakely of Louisiana, Faye and Kenneth Glawson of Hudson, Jody and Ken Hill of Louisiana, Marilyn and Archie Thompson of Georgia and Tonya Denomme of Michigan; 14 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and special friends, Pat Bailey and Betty Wallace.

Mrs. Mewborn was preceded in death by her daughter, Rosey Christine Weathersby; her son, Gary Shane Mewborn; her father, Wallace Froust and her step-mother, Elizabeth Froust; and by her mother, Margaret Clark Froust Ramirez and step-father, Joe Ramirez.

Pallbearers will be Tony Sunners, David Mendez, Brae Jones, Terry Jones, Carlton Bounds and Kent Hannah.

Honorary pallbearers will be Wesley Parrish, Richard Capps, Jim Hess, Jimmy Fisher, Tim Allen and Bill Hardin.

The family will receive friends from 6 - 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday evenings at the funeral home.
Joe Elias Allen

Funeral service for Joe Elias Allen, 77, were held at 10 a.m. June 26, 1999 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Rev. B.A. Reeves and Rev. Bob Lewis officiating.

Burial followed at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil. The V.F.W. Post #2033 presented the flag to Mrs. Allen. Mr. Allen died June 24, 1999 at Woodland Height Medical Center in Lufkin, Texas.

He was born August 27, 1921 in Colmesneil, and lived in Onalaska for 9 years before moving to Lufkin, Texas 3 1/2 years ago. He was a retired supervisor for Keller Industries in Woodville. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of WW II.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ella Wayne Allen.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Alegre Allen of Lufkin; sons, Michael Joe Allen of San Angelo, Mitchell Wayne Allen of Colmesneil, Mark Dean Allen of Livingston and Mathew Stephen Allen of Vidor; step daughter, Karen Norton of Lufkin; step sons, Billy Wayne Howell, Jr. of Lufkin and Ricky Howell of Monroe, Louisiana; brother, Willie Allen of Spring; sister, Elizabeth Munday of Colmesneil; 18 grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were, Michael Joe Allen, Mitchell Wayne Allen, Mark Dean Allen, Mathew Stephan Allen, Jeffrey Allen and Gene Norton.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Tom German Die

Funeral services for Tom Die, 83, were held at 1 p.m. June 26, 1999 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Frank Williams and Rev. Tracy Rodrigue officiating. Burial followed at Big Sandy Cemetery in Dallardsville, Texas. Mr. Die died June 24, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

He was born September 5, 1915 in Saydell, Texas. He lived in Port Arthur, Austin, El Paso and Hot Springs, Arkansas before moving back to Port Neches. He was a retired teacher for Texas A & M, Purdue University and the El Paso School District.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of WW II.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Die of Hot Springs, Arkansas; daughter, Donna Doughtie of San Antonio, Gay Murphy of Petal, Mississippi, and Shary Allen of Lampasas, Texas; step daughters, Marjion Spillar and Ann Blaha both of Klamath Falls, OR., Pauline Kower of Tulelake, California, and Martha Bougeois of Many, Louisiana; sisters, Lena Beatrice Standley and Helen Die both of Port Neches; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Sam Die, Robert Earl Die, David Roy Die, Dennis Pellerin, Shawn Die and Craig Die.

Honorary pallbearers were Alex L. Pellerin, Ronald Murphy and Alex L. Pellerin III.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Norman H. Grine

Norman H. Grine, 73, of College Station, Texas, died Wednesday, June 23, 1999 at his residence.

A graveside service was held Monday, June 28, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville under the direction of Southwood Funeral Home of College Station. Officiating at the service was Rev. Matthew Drumheller.

Mr. Grine was born May 13, 1926 in Clayton, Missouri and had lived in College Station for 20 years and was a retired director of Institutional Purchasing for Texas A & M University. He was also a World War II and Korea U.S. Army veteran and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bryan.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Grine of College Station; daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Bill Rutherford of Odessa, Nancy and Allen Dorsey of San Antonio; sister, Dorthea Grine of Houston; and 5 grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Robert Fairchild

Funeral services for Robert Ferguson Fairchild, 48, of Houston, Texas were held at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 1, 1999 at Mangum Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Jimmy Jones and Brother Charles Boster officiating. Burial followed at Oaklawn Memorial Park in Center, Texas.

Mr. Fairchild died June 29, 1999 at Houston Northwest Medical Center after a brief illness.

He was born December 13, 1950 in Austin, the son of Robert Lewis Fairchild and Patsy Ferguson Fairchild, and grandson of the late R.C. and Dagma Fairchild of Chester and the late Billy Van and Jim Ferguson of Woodville. He was a salesman with Verde Environmental Inc. and a member of Cypress Creek Christian Church in Houston.

Mr. Fairchild is survived by his parents, Robert and Patsy Fairchild of Center; one daughter, Carrie Anne Fairchild of Houston; one son R.C. Fairchild of Houston; one sister, Jan Massey of Houston; one sister and brother-in-law, Karla O’Fiel and husband Hugh of Vidor; one brother and sister-in-law, David Fairchild and wife Kay of Center; aunt and uncle, Mary and James Neal of Woodville; three nephews, and one niece.

Pallbearers were John Lee Pigg, Rob Clifford, Ed McLeroy, Tim Morrison, Mark Cuculic, Philip Massey, Hugh O’Fiel, James Neal.

Marjorie Helen Carruth

Funeral service for Marjorie Helen Carruth, 82, was held Thursday, July 1, 1999 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Rick Eifert officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Visitation was held Wednesday, June 30, 1999, from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Carruth died June 28, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital.

A native of Port Arthur, she lived there most of her life before moving to Woodville, Texas 31 years ago. She was a retired secretary for E.W. Saybolt Oil Company and a member of Woodville United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Carruth is survived by her husband of 64 yers, N.P. “Steve” Carruth of Woodville; daughter, Beverly Gracey of Houston; sons, Jerry Carruth of Woodville and Richard Carruth of Canada; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Stephen Gracey, Rodney Townsend, J.C. Sanderson, Rick Carruth, Jr., Michael Bindhammer, Jr., Jeffrey Philen and James Carruth.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Paul E. Walker

Paul E. Walker, 81, of Woodville, Texas died Saturday, July 3, 1999 at his residence in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 5, 1999 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with a Masonic graveside rites in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. The presentation of the flag was conferred to the family by members of V.F.W. Post #2033. Officiating at the services was Reverend Rick Eifert, pastor of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were Clint Owens, Albin Comeaux, Willie Wilson, Wesley Ault, Jr., J.W. Sterling, and Mike Rogers. Honorary pallbearers were Allen Bell, Howard Riley, Elmer Ray Oates, and Donnie Walker.

Visitation was held on Sunday, July 4, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Walker was born December 29, 1917 in Jasper, Texas. He was a lifelong resident of Woodville and was a retired rural mail carrier with the U.S. Postal Services. He was a U.S. WW II Army Air Corps veteran, a member of the Rockland Masonic Lodge #960, and the Woodville United Methodist Church. He led the Western Weekend parade for 49 years carrying the American Flag.

He is survived by his daughters and son-in-law, Zora Lee and Kenny Phipps of Woodville and JoAnn Guillory of Colmesneil; sister, Marie King of Woodville; and five grandchildren, Lee and Caleb Phipps and Richard, Tony and Brian Guillory.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Rutha Mona Shivers Trull

Rutha Mona Shivers Trull, 91, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday, July 1, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Sunday, July 4, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the service was Dr. Raymond Parker.

Visitation was held Saturday, July 3, 1999 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Trull was born January 10, 1908 in Woodville. She was a former resident of Corpus Christi and Houston and a longtime resident of Woodville. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James T. Trull, and is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Lila Shivers; nieces, Martha Culpin, Azalea Butler, Judy Shivers, and Rutha Stephenson and nephews, Robert Shivers, and Mike Shivers.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Alberta Henrietta Flowers

Funeral service for Alberta Henrietta Flowers, 63, was held Monday, July 5, 1999, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Earl Robertson officiating. Burial was held at Bethany Cemetery near Colmesneil. Visitation was held Sunday, July 4, 1999 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Flowers died July 2, 1999 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Port Arthur, Texas.

A native of Neosha, Missouri, she has lived in Woodville, Texas since 1961. She was a homemaker and a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Warren.

She is survived by her husband, Alvin Flowers of Woodville; mother, Ruby Pruett Jones of Wilson, OK.; sons, Dale Lee Flowers of Chester, Gale Dee Flowers of Huntsville, and Jerry Smyth of Missoula, Montana; daughters, Anna Darlene Roth of Chester, Darlene Lowry and Beverly Reid both of Woodville, Cheryl Simmons of Tennessee, and Renee York of Washington; sister, Jewel Wright of Wilson, OK.; twenty-three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Norman Glass, Daniel Johnson, Clifton Flowers, Randy Miller, Mike Miller and Sam Taylor.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Bernice Page Odom

A graveside service for Bernice Page Odom, 76, was held Saturday, July 3, 1999 at 3 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville with Brother Charles Haynes officiating.

Visitation was held Friday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Odom died July 2, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital.

A native of DeRidder, Louisiana, she lived in Woodville, Texas most of her life. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lara Odom and a daughter, JoAnn Jones.

She is survived by her daughters, Ruth Winters of Woodville and Betty Odom of Chester; sons, Prentie Odom of Doucette and Charles Odom of Houston; twelve grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Eddyth Sindle

Eddyth Sindle, 80, of Doucette, Texas died Friday, July 9, 1999 at her residence.

Funeral services were Sunday, July 11, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was her son-in-law, Dr. Dennis Cliborn, Sr., assisted by Rev. Charles Haynes pastor of First Baptist Church of Doucette.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Mark Copeland, Dale Sindle, Donny Sindle, Mark Sindle, Steve Sindle, Bobby Baker, David Sindle,
Phillip Stagg, John Callender, Jr., Jeff Callender, Robert Callender, Dennis Cliborn, Jr., and Chris Cliborn.

Visitation was held on Saturday, July 10, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sindle was born in Tinsman, Arkansas. She was a longtime resident of Doucette and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Doucette.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Virgil Sindle, infant sons, Virgil Sindle and Norman Sindle, and her grandson, Donny David Sindle.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Bobbie Sindle of Homer, Louisiana, Bobby and Doris Sindle of Greenville, Michael and Linda Sindle of Hurst, Donny and Ginger Sindle of Doucette, Jerry Sindle of Chula Vista, California, and Terry Sindle of Beaumont; daughters and sons-in-law, Annette and John Stagg of Waco, Wanda and Johnny Callender of Haynesville, Louisiana, and Sue and Dennis Cliborn, Sr. of Tyler; brothers, Marvin Hopper of Hampton, Arkansas, and Clifton Hopper of San Jose, California; sisters, Zora Hopper of Homer, Louisiana, and Beatrice Terry of Little Rock, Arkansas; nineteen grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Elsie A. Boswell

Graveside services for Elsie A. Boswell, 74, of Bellville, Texas were held on Wednesday, July 14, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Peebles Cemetery near Livingston, Texas with Rev. Frank Hood officiating. Mrs. Boswell died on July 9, 1999 in Bellville, Texas.

Family and friends gathered for visitation on Tuesday evening at Knesek Brothers-Etlinger Funeral Chapel in Bellville, Texas.

Born October 8, 1924 in Rusk County, Texas, Elsie was the daughter of General Lee and Eva Lee Yarborough Goodwin. She grew up in Rusk County and Houston, and attended school in Rusk County and Houston. She was a member of Westview Baptist Church in Houston and a member of Eastern Star, American Legion and the Moose Lodge.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law Norma and A.J. Alexander of Bellville, Barbara and Harry Moore of Colorado Springs, Colorado; sister, Mary Lou Goad of Harlingen, Texas; sister-in-law, Jeanette Goodwin of Broadus, Texas; grandchildren, Molly Alexander, Mike Alexander, Daniel Alexander, Cheryl Moore and Edward Moore; great-grandchildren, Connor Levi Moore and Julia Rose Alexander.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one granddaughter, one sister, and two brothers.

Funeral services were under the direction of Knesek Brothers-Etlinger Funeral Chapel, Bellville, Texas.

Ruth Catherine Coyle Depew

Ruth Depew went home to be with the Lord on July 6, 1999. Ruth Catherine Coyle was born in Cotton Valley, Louisiana, to Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Coyle on June 11, 1917. On October 29, 1938, she married Leslie H. Depew in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where they resided until moving to Baytown, Texas in 1952. She was a faithful member of the Wooster Baptist Church in Baytown.

Upon retirement in 1978, they moved to Castell, Texas, where they were members of the Trinity Methodist Church. In 1995, they moved to Woodville, Texas, and became members of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one grandchild, Leslie William Duncan. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Leslie H. Depew; one sister, Lois Gill of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; two brothers, David E. Coyle and wife Louise of Baker, Louisiana and John R. Coyle and wife Ruby of Denham Springs, Louisiana; four daughters, Katherine Ann (Patty) and husband James Harman of Woodville; Elizabeth Claire (Libby) and husband Lynn Malcolm of Hobson, Texas; Marie Louise and husband Tim Pozzie of Normangee, Texas; Janice Ruth and husband, Robert Harrison of Baytown, Texas; eleven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.
Services were held Friday, July 9, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Green Oaks Funeral Home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Officiating at the services was Brother Bill Gardner of Calvary Baptist Church of Woodville, Texas. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6 - 9 p.m., Thursday, July 8, 1999 at Green Oaks Funeral Home.

Lois Mary Jane Owens

Funeral services for Lois Mary Jane Owens, 64, were held July 8, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Roger Hoots and Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating. Burial followed at Justice Cemetery near Warren, Texas. Mrs. Owens died July 3, 1999 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

She was born July 30, 1934 in Groveton, Texas. She later lived in Warren for a number of years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Calvin Owens, Sr. of Warren; daughters, Virginia Calleen Yaws of Splendora, Janie Lou Griffin of Warren, Barbara Daniels of Splendora, Frances McKeen of Goodyear, Arizona; sons, Calvin Owens, Jr. of Warren and Morris Owens of Cleveland; brothers, Clifford Houston Jones, Jr. of Woodville, Howard Curtis Jones of Sims, and Lawrence Paul Jones of Warren; 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Edward M. Griffin, Jr, Robert Karptedt, Jr., Calvin Hibbard, Shawne C. Owens, Jesse Owens, Michael Jones, John Yaws, and Elvia R. Hibbard.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jerry Riley Goeke

Funeral services for Jerry Goeke, 67, were held July 10, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Kenneth Cauthen and Brother Dwayne Freese officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Mrs. Goeke died July 7, 1999 at Herman Hospital in Houston, Texas.

She was born May 14, 1932 in Cherokee, Texas. She lived in Tarkington and Pearland before moving to Spring five years ago. She was a retired teacher for Pearland ISD. Mrs. Goeke served as an educator of the children of Pearland for over twenty-four years. The Mayor of the City of Pearland proclaimed May 29, 1991 as “Jerry Goeke Day”.

Survivors include her mother, Bevrie Lee Barr of Woodville; sons, Bill Goeke of The Woodlands; daughters, Freda Jenkins and Diane Rifai both of Spring; brother, James O. Riley of Port Neches; step-brother, Mike Riley Naris; and eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Alan Benson, Randy Riley, Mark Granger, Jared Goeke, Mike Rifai and Shirel Womack.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jerry Eugene Loggins

Funeral services for Jerry Loggins, 68, were held July 13, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Tim Durr officiating. Burial followed at Mount Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Loggins died July 10, 1999 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

He was born May 5, 1931 in Mt. Enterprise, Texas but lived in Woodville most of his life. He was a business manager, and was a U.S. Coast Guard. He was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Woodville.

He is survived by his daughters, Cathi Sanders and Beni Ruth Potts both of Woodville, sons David E. “Lobo” Loggins of Lake Sam Rayburn and Jerrod E. Loggins II of Rosesharon; brothers, Joe Neal Loggins of Jasper and Bobby Wayne Loggins of Tyler; thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were David Loggins, Joshua Loggins, Michael Sanders, Bubba Sanders, Justin Loggins, and Jacob Loggins.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Richard Allen Mitcham

Richard Allen Mitcham, 37, of Woodville, Texas died July 12, 1999 at Tyler County Hospital.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 15, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Brother R.C. Tillery and Brother Troy Richardson officiating. Interment followed at Shady Grove Cemetery near Woodville. Visitation was held July 14 at the funeral home.

A native and lifelong resident of Woodville, he was a pipe fitter and welder for the Pipe Fitters Local #195.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Gardner Mitcham of Woodville; parents, James Richard and Wanda Faye Phillips Mitcham of Woodville; daughter, Amber Mitcham of Woodville; sons, Allen Mitcham of Woodville and Jeremy Nugent of Dayton; step-daughters, Sunny Gardner and Tiffany Gardner both of Woodville; grandmother, Virgie Phillips of Woodville; sister, Baby Jo Mitcham Courville of Woodville; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were James Courville, Charlie Branch, Jerry Bumstead, Jimmy Broom, Larry Owens, Patrick Voth, Gary Mitcham, Johnny Mitcham, and James R. Phillips.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Allen Eli Heard

Allen Eli Heard, 57, of Warren, Texas passed away July 16, 1999 at UTMB Hospital in Galveston.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 19, 1999 at Bethel Baptist Church in Warren with Rev. Richard Perry officiating. Burial followed at New Hope Cemetery near Warren. Visitation was held Sunday, July 18, 1999 at the funeral home from 2 - 8 p.m.

A native of Lake Charles, Louisiana and long time resident of Warren, he was a General Contractor Carpenter. He was a Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Aline Heard of Warren; daughters, Rhonda Hall, Deborah Myers, Sharon Fountain, Gevedia Conner, Lara Conner, Melissa Groze, Shonah Bonner, all of Warren, Sybil Finley of Orange and Cheryl Heard of Lake Charles, Louisiana; parents, Lloyd Heard and Anna Mae Heard of Lake Charles, Louisiana; brothers, Grover Heard of Houston, Aubrey Gene Ingalls of Amarillo, Marlin Heard, Ferren Heard, Chester Heard and Norman Heard, all of Lake Charles, Louisiana; sister, Pearl Davis of Lake Charles, Louisiana; eighteen grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were his sons-in-laws; Art Hall, Lonnie Myers, Billy Fountain, Randall Conner, Darell Finley, Rober Conner, Curtis Groze, and Stephen Bonner.

Honorary pallbearers were his brothers, Grover Heard, Aubrey Gene Ingalls, Marlin Heard, Ferren Heard, Chester Heard, and Norman Heard.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Herman William Bass

Herman William Bass, 79, of Warren, Texas passed away July 10, 1999 at his residence.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, July 14, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Village Mills Cemetery in Village Mills, Texas, with Brother Ken Lewelling officiating. Members of VFW Post 2033 performed the flag presentation. Visitation was held July 13, 1999 at the funeral home.

A native of Jacksonville, and former resident of Beaumont, he had lived in Warren for 20 years. Mr. Bass was a self-employed paint contractor and farmer. He was a U.S. Army WW II Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Louise Bass of Warren; daughter, Carolyn Carlin of Bridge City; son, Mike Bass of Kountze; five sisters, Helen Leonard of Longview, Edna Cole of Fishkill, New York, June Bryan of Trinidad, Billie Ann Janitscheck of Bellingham, WA. and Margie Osborne of Puyallup, WA.; brothers, Jackie Bass and Paul Bass, both of Houston; three grandchildren, Joey Lowery, Devan Bass and Randi Bass; a host of nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Jennie B. Hilbun

Jennie B. Hilbun, 94, of Spurger, died Sunday, July 18, 1999 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were Tuesday, July 20, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Spurger United Methodist Church in Spurger, Texas with burial in Frank’s Branch Cemetery in Fred. Officiating at the services was Rev. Jim Jones.

Serving as pallbearers were Reuben Noack, Melvin Noack, J.C. Morris, Kenneth Wagner, Wayne Sims, and Robert Noack. Visitation was held on Monday, July 19, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Hilbun was born December 7, 1904 in Fred, Texas. She was a retired switchboard operator with Texaco.

She is survived by her daughters, Helen Wingfield of Groves, and Dorothy Noack of Spurger; sister, Louise McCrub of Woodville; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ethel L. Knight

Services for Ethel L. Knight, 82, of Colmesneil, Texas were held at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 1999 in the Gipson-Hunter-Metcalf Chapel in Lufkin with Rev. Clayton McClendon officiating. Interment followed in the Garden of Memories Memorial Park.

Mrs. Knight was born January 18, 1917, in Frankston, Texas, to the late Maude E. (Redman) and Harry H. Beckham. She died Monday, July 12, 1999 in a Woodville nursing home.

Mrs. Knight was a homemaker, mother and grandmother. She was a former resident of Houston, and had lived in Colmesneil for the past 29 years. Mrs. Knight was a Pentecostal.


Serving as pallbearers were Zeb Pettit, John Lawson, Sr., Willie Hargraves, Tim Musgrove, Elton Lawson, Pancho Houston, and Billy J. Smith.

Betty Evelyn Hetrick

Betty Evelyn Hetrick, 63, of Beaumont passed away Thursday, July 15, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 1999 at the Chapel of the Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Brother Watson Franks of Vidor officiating. Interment followed at Williams Cemetery near Hillister, Texas. Visitation was held July 16 at the funeral home from 4 - 9 p.m.

A native of Warren, she lived in Beaumont most of her life.


Serving as pallbearers were Zeb Pettit, John Lawson, Sr., Willie Hargraves, Tim Musgrove, Elton Lawson, Pancho Houston, and Billy J. Smith.

Lillie Falcon Nolen

Lillie Falcon Nolen, 90, of Ivanhoe passed away July 14, 1999 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held July 16, 1999 at 10 a.m. at the Chapel of the Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Brother Jerry Kelley, pastor of Hillister Baptist Church officiating. Interment followed in Zavalla City Cemetery in Zavalla, Texas. Visitation was held from 6 - 9 p.m.
Thursday, July 15, 1999 at the funeral home.

A native of Rayne, Louisiana, she lived in Arkansas before moving to Ivanhoe eight years ago. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Nolen was preceded in death by her husband, William Edward Nolen, on November 14, 1998. Her survivors include her three grandsons, Gerald Varing of Ivanhoe, Donald Varing of Groves, and Michael Varing of Port Arthur; sisters, Mable Garrett and Helen Brown, both of Nederland, and Molly Brasseaux of Beaumont; eight great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Michael E. Varing, Gerald W. Varing, Troy W. Varing, Donald Varing, Mickey Myers and Gary Richard.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Christopher Swearingen**

Funeral service for C.W. “Punk” Swearingen, 65, were held July 30, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Brother Bobby Hoffpauir officiating. Burial followed at Bumstead Cemetery in Warren, Texas.

Mr. Swearingen died July 28, 1999 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Warren, Texas. He was a truck driver and a U.S. Army Korean Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Susie Hartner Swearingen of Warren; sons, Ray Beaugh of Warren and Boyd Swearingen of Houston; daughter, Christine Horn of Nacogdoches; brother, Boyd Swearingen of Warren; thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Adam Beaugh, Wes Fincher, Steve Swearingen, Keith Swearingen, Albert Bumstead, and Kent Swearingen.

Honorary pallbearers were T.K. Goolsbee and Billy Gober.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Ivy Pearl Young**

Funeral services for Ivy Pearl Young, 94, were held July 30, 1999 at 11 a.m. at New Shiloh Baptist Church near Woodville, with Brother Dwayne Freese officiating.


A native of Woodville, she lived in Kilgore and Longview most of her life before moving to Houston two years ago. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her three daughters, Linda Holden of Oklahoma City, OK., Bobbye Jean Warwick of Longview and Pat Daniels of Houston; sisters, Eva Lindsey and Helen Grammer both of Woodville; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were, Dr. David Holden, Mr. Doug Daniels, Sam Haney, James Telfair, Mike Warwick and Drew Daniels.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Della T. Cloyd**

Della T. Cloyd, 84, of Chester died Friday, July 30, 1999 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were Sunday, August 2, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester, Texas. Officiating at the services were Rev. Joe Hopkins and Brother Lawrence Wigley.

Serving as pallbearers were Winn Hopkins, John Hopkins, Lance Cpl. Paul Hopkins, David Hopkins, Robert Vinson, and James Cloyd.

Visitation was held Saturday, July 31, 1999 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Cloyd was born January 25, 1915 in Batesville, Arkansas. She was a longtime resident of Matagorda County and had lived in Chester for six months. She was a member of the Independent Baptist Church of West Columbia.

She is survived by her husband, Johnny Cloyd of Chester; son, Luke Green of Riverside; daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Joe Hopkins of Woodville;
brothers, Ed Bales of Nacona, Ab Bales and John Bales both of Albany; nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Clarice Crusenberry**

Clarice Crusenberry, 82, of Nederland, Texas died Tuesday, July 27, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

She was a native of Nederland and lived in the area most of her life. She lived in Woodville, Texas for eleven years. She retired from Pure Oil Refinery with 30 years of service there. She was a Lab Technician. She was a member of the Woodman of the World.

Services were Friday, July 30, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Levingston Funeral Home in Port Neches, with Rev. Bennie Patillo officiating. Burial followed in Oak Bluff Memorial Park under the direction of Levingston Funeral Home of Port Neches, Texas.

Survivors include her daughter, Bonnie Turnbull of Bridge City; sister, Imogene Looney of San Antonio; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Ollie Tolar Roberts**

Ollie Tolar Roberts, 90, of Doucette, Texas died Sunday, July 25, 1999 at the Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville.

Funeral services were Tuesday, July 27, 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Officiating at the services was Rev. W.C. Haynes, pastor of First Baptist Church of Doucette.

Serving as pallbearers were Jesse Tolar, Bill Tolar, John Kenner, Tommy Weaver, Durwood Ling, and Jerry Tolar. Honorary pallbearers were, W.P. McDonald and E.C. Bryant.

Visitation was held on Monday, July 26, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Roberts was born April 25, 1909 in Doucette. She was a lifelong resident of Doucette and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Doucette.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Dora and Harold Pritchard of Woodville; 3 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Billy Gene Hinson**

Graveside service for Billy Gene Hinson, 70, were held July 26, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Pedigo Cemetery near Town Bluff, Texas. Brother Dan Magee, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, officiated.

Mr. Hinson died July 22, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

He was born June 1, 1929 in Camden, Texas. A former resident of Port Neches, he had lived in Woodville 15 years. He was a retired Barber and Investor.

Survivors include his mother, Mattie Lou Huff Hinson of Woodville; daughter, Cheryl A. Sattler of Spring; son, Billy Gene Hinson, Jr. of Port Arthur; friend, Lavergne Debregagne of Silsbee; granddaughters, Sheila Liuzzo and Carrie Farmer; and one great-granddaughter, Lindsey Liuzzo all of Spring.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Callie W. Tipton**

Funeral service for Callie Tipton, 76, were held July 23, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Warren, with Brother Bobby Hoffpauir officiating. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Mr. Tipton died July 21, 1999 at his residence. He was born September 22, 1922 in Beaumont where he lived most of his life before he moved to Warren, Texas 21 years ago. He was a self-employed Horse Trainer and was a U.S. Army Veteran of WW II.

He is survived by his wife Ruby M. Tipton of Warren; sons, Paul Brown of San Antonio, Keene Tupton and Daniel W. Brown both of Warren; daughters, Patti Malcom of Austin, Ruth Brown and...
Susie Sherer both of Warren; step-daughters, Rebecca Ayo of Houston and Lovina Barrett of Warren; grandsons, Tommy Brown, Jr., Dane Tipton, Jared Tipton all of Warren and Daniel Bellard of Austin; granddaughters, Sabrina Brown of Warren, Terry Markham of Texarkana and Dane Brown of Colmesneil; brother, Loman Tipton of Lovelady; sisters, Polly Rymer of Wheatland, OK., Doris Calder and Alice Butler both of Lumberton; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Wayne Daugherty, Dane Tipton, Jared Tipton, Jim Malcolm, P.J. Thielen, Pat Sykes, Clint Chambers and Shane Chambers. Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mary Jackson Stanley

Mary Jackson Stanley, 43, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, August 1, 1999 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. Graveside services will be held Wednesday, August 4, 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Mrs. Stanley was born September 19, 1955 in Dallas, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Woodville.

She is survived by her husband, George Stanley of Woodville; son, John Rogers of Monroe, Louisiana; parents, Ben and Evalou Jackson of Woodville; and brother, Benny Jackson of Woodville.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Cleo Wanda Garcia

Cleo Wanda Garcia, 74, of Colmesneil, Texas died July 24, 1999 at Lufkin Memorial Hospital. Cremation was handled by Beaumont Wilbert Cremation Service under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville. A memorial service was held on July 27, 1999 at 6 p.m. at her residence in Colmesneil, Texas.

A native of Spokane, Washington, she lived in Colmesneil for many years.

Survivors include daughters, Janet Durgin of Middleton, Mass., and Cindy McCullough of Colmesneil, Texas; sons, Pat Rue of Houston, Robin Rue of El Paso, Richard Rue of Portland, Ore., and Ronald Rue of Baltimore, Md.; and 10 grandchildren.

Wayne William Ensign

Wayne William Ensign, 82, of Woodville, Texas died Monday, August 2, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Wednesday, August 4, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services was Brian Miller.

Serving as pallbearers were his grandsons, Paul Ensign, Cord Ensign, Cody Ensign, Adam Ensign, Michael Ensign, Courtney Landry, Colt Ensign, and Michael Torske.

Mr. Ensign was born May 3, 1917 in Nodaway, Iowa. He was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a retired Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, and was a WW II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Novaline Ensign of Woodville; sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Janet Ensign of Woodville, Walter and Mary Ensign of Sour Lake, and Wayne D. and Sue Ensign of Clarksville, Tennessee; daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Wilson Landry of Warren; brothers, Wesley Ensign of Evadale, and George Ensign of Oregon; sisters, Geneva Leger of Beaumont, and Wilda Rae Scott of Port Acres; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Allen T. Martin

Services for Allen T. “Bill” Martin, 69, of Lufkin, Texas will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday in the Gipson-Hunter-Metcalf Chapel with Brother Floyd Slaughter officiating. Interment will follow in the Fielder Cemetery.

Mr. Martin was born November 15, 1929, in
Angelina County, Texas, to the late Charlie C. and Emily Ona (Selman) Martin and he died Monday, August 2, 1999, in Waco, Texas.

Mr. Martin served in the US Army during the Korean War. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his sisters, Maria Louise Bridges, Martha Lou Carrell, and Daphina Velosa Walker; eight nephews; four nieces.

Jean Iles Cole

A graveside service for Jean Iles Cole, 74, was held Monday, August 9, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas with Vicar Barbara Barth officiating.

Mrs. Cole died August 7, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Born October 26, 1924 near DeRidder, Louisiana, she lived in Woodville for 34 years. She was a member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Beaumont. She was a secretary for GSU.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Marshall E. Cole; son, Ronald M. Cole of Beaumont; sister, Mary Seale of DeRidder, Louisiana; granddaughters, Peyton J. Cole and Kathryn C. Yarbro both of Beaumont; one great grandson, Eric Yarbro, Jr. of Beaumont.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Margaret Huff

Margaret Huff, 84, of Woodville died August 6, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. Graveside service was held Sunday August 8, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Pedigo Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held Saturday from 4 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Travis County she lived in Woodville most of her life. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elisha Huff and her son Raymond Huff.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Charlotte Huff of Beaumont; grandchildren, Wesley Huff, Mike Huff and Tracy Huff all of Beaumont; seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Cilton J. Dauzat

Cilton J. Dauzat, 63, of White Tail Ridge near Woodville, Texas, died Thursday, August 5, 1999 in the line of duty.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 8, 1999 at Hixson Brothers Chapel in Marksville, Louisiana with burial following in French Cemetery in Centerpoint, Louisiana.

Visitation was held from 12 p.m. on Sunday, August 8 until the time of service at the funeral home.

A native and former resident of Effie, Louisiana, he was a longtime resident of Woodville. He was retired from Keller Industries in Woodville and a member of the WTR Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Dauzat of Woodville; sons David Neal Spence of Apple Springs, Texas and Freddle Spence of Indio, California; sister, Verline Dupuy of Marksville, Louisiana; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Charles C. Dewees

Funeral service for Charles C. Dewees, 79, was held Monday, August 9, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland with Brother John Spanhanks officiating. Burial was held at Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches, Texas.

Visitation was held Saturday, August 7, 1999, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville and Sunday, August 8, 1999 from 5 until 8 p.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland.

Mr. Dewees died August 6, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. Dewees was born June 1, 1920 in Johnson Bayou, Louisiana. He lived in Port Arthur before moving to Woodville thirteen years ago. He was a retired machinist with 23 years of service with Texaco Chemical in Port Neches, Texas. He was a WW II Army Veteran and a member of the
Leona Kuerbis

Leona Kuerbis, 74, of Houston, Texas died Saturday, August 7, 1999 at her residence.

Funeral services were Monday, August 9, 1999 at 4 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in the Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas. Officiating at the services was Dr. Dwayne Freese, pastor of First Baptist Church in Woodville.

Mrs. Kuerbis was born September 2, 1924 in Fort Worth, Texas. She was a former resident of Woodville and lived in Houston for the past 5 1/2 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were Marty Fraley, Kenneth Duvall, Greg Beck, Jason Whatley, Sam Whatley and Jeff Lawley.

She is survived by her husband, E. L. Kuerbis of Houston; son, Bruce Kuerbis of Houston; daughter, Billie Jean Williams of Leesville, Louisiana; sister, Thelma Minyard of Woodville; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ronnie Burnett Bagwell

Ronnie Burnett Bagwell, 43, of Beaumont, died Saturday, August 8, 1999 in Beaumont, Texas.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, August 10, 1999 at 4 p.m. in the Bethany Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas.

Mr. Bagwell was born October 1, 1955 in Colmesneil. He was a longtime resident of Beaumont and a glazier for Spindletop Glass and Trim.

He is survived by his brothers, Johnny Bagwell and Roy Wright, both of Beaumont; sister, Lycrecia Wiggins of Buna, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Linda Sue Best Kimbrough

Linda Sue Best Kimbrough, 55, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, August 15, 1999, at her residence.

Funeral services were Tuesday, August 17, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Reverend Ron Davis.

Serving as pallbearers were Mark Edward Turner, Jonathan Phillips, C.D. Hicks, Mike Womack, Duane Turner and Donnie Gulley. Honorary pallbearers were Johnny Wayne Page, Guy King and Les Edwards.

Visitation was held on Monday August 16, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Kimbrough was born October 5, 1943 in Woodville, Texas. She was lifelong resident of Woodville and was a former department manager of Wal-Mart. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Woodville.

She is survived by her mother, Johnnie Mae Best of Woodville; sons and daughter-in-law, Paul Kimbrough of Garland, and Mark and Rebecca Kimbrough of Woodville; brother, Richard G. Best of Layton, Utah; sisters, Gladys Best of Woodville and Rebecca Ann Witt of Longview; granddaughter, Katelyn Kimbrough.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Gerald Franklin Spurlock

Gerald Franklin Spurlock, 63, of Midlothian, died Mondayh, August 9, 1999 at the Baylor Medical Center in Waxahachie, Texas.

Funeral services were Saturday, August 14, 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Home Chapel, with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas. Officiating at the services was Dr. Rick Davis.

Serving as pallbearers were Gordon Spurlock, Michael Panther, Allen McKee, Glen Lewis, Kevin McKee, and Jason Hahn.

Visitation was held Friday, August 13, 1999 from 2 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Spurlock was born May 20, 1936 in Warren, Texas. He was a former resident of Woodville and had lived in Midlothian for the past eleven years. He was a carpenter and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Midlothian.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice Spurlock of Midlothian; son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Tracy Spurlock of Midlothian; brothers, John David Spurlock, and Melvin Spurlock both of Midlothian, Villa Dean Spurlock of Colmesneil, and Elwood Spurlock of Kirbyville; sisters, Dorothy Pruitt and Joyce McKee both of Warren; and two grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Vallie Clanahan Bledsoe

Services for Vallie Clanahan Bledsoe, 95, of Woodville, Texas was held Tuesday, August 17, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Sterling Funeral Home Chapel in Dayton, Texas, with Brother Tom Moore officiating. Interment followed at Guidry Cemetery in Batson, Texas.

Pallbearers were Robert Verrett, Michael Clanahan, Keith Clanahan, Kyle Clanahan, Kevin Clanahan, Keric Clanahan, Donald Lawrence, and Larry Lawrence.

Visitation was held Monday from 6 - 9 p.m. at Sterling Funeral Home in Dayton.

Mrs. Bledsoe passed away Sunday, August 15, 1999 in Baytown at San Jacinto Hospice after an extended illness.

A native of Doniphen, Missouri she had been a resident of Woodville for 38 years, living the last 20 months in Highlands, Texas. She was a member of the Hillister Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Ellen Reeves, her husband, J.H. Bledsoe and her brother, L.P. Reeves.

She is survived by her daughter, Verneal Verrett and husband, Charles W. of Port Arthur and Marilyn Hill and husband I.E. of Mont Belvieu; sons; C.D. Clanahan, Jr. and wife Eloise of Beaumont and Jim Clanahan and wife Marilyn of Midland; brother, Gerald Reeves and wife Lee of Tyler; sister, Esther Hooks of Conway, South Carolina; eleven grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

John I. Hensarling

Graveside services for John I. Hensarling, 84, were held at 2 p.m. August 13, 1999 at Antioch Cemetery near Woodville, Texas, with his son Donald Hensarling officiating.

Mr. Hensarling died August 10, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

He was born September 3, 1914 in Huntington, and lived in Woodville most of his life. He was a retired self-employed carpenter.

Mr. Hensarling is survived by his daughter, Lois Evelyn (Major) Stewart of Rutherford, Tennessee; sons, Stanley Hensarling, Ronald Hensarling and Donald Hensarling all of Woodville; sisters, Mae Sawyer of Diboll and Nina Letney of Jasper; brother, A.C. Hensarling of Splendora; ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Elizabeth June McKee

Funeral services for Elizabeth June McKee, 58, were held August 14, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Bill Gardner officiating. Burial followed at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas.

Mrs. McKee died August 12, 1999 at St. Elizabeth hospital in Beaumont.

She was born July 6, 1940 in Cleburne, Texas. She lived in Warren many years and was a librarian for Chester I.S.D. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Curtis McKee of Warren; mother, Robyna Clancy of Cleburne;
daughters, Robyn Dollinger of Vidor and Dene Finley of Woodville; sons, Clancy McKee of Oakley, California and Casey McKee of Warren; sister, Marilyn Jane Clancy of Cleburne; brother, Timothy “Tim” Clancy of Arlington; and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kenneth McKee, Kevin McKee, Jerome Provost, Anthony Provost, Roger Mott and James Ferguson.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Olean Bendy

Olean Fortenberry Bendy, 80, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday, August 19, 1999 at Frankston Health Care Center in Frankston, Texas. 

Funeral services were Sunday, August 22, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Reverend Elzie Johnson.

Serving as pallbearers were Jim Laird, Tommy Munselle, Rodney Bendy, Jason Bendy, Rob Rash and Joe Seamans.

Visitation was held Saturday, August 21, 1999 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Bendy was born March 22, 1919 in the Dies Community in Tyler County, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and had lived in Frankston for the past two years. She and her late husband, Bobbie Bendy, were the owners of Bend’s General Merchandise Store in Colmesneil. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobbie Bendy. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Sharon Bendy; granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Melanie and James Lewis, Jr. of Paris, Texas and two great-grandchildren, Jene Lewis and James Lewis III.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Claudia M. Howell

Claudia M. Howell, 83, of Woodville, Texas died Friday, August 20, 1999 at Speciality Hospital in Houston.

Graveside services were Sunday, August 22, 1999 at 4 p.m. in Zavalla Cemetery in Zavalla, Texas. Officiating at the service was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

She was born on December 29, 1915 in Zavalla, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Tyler County and was a retired LVN having worked for Dr. R.E. “Bob” Swearingen for 25 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.
Survivors include her daughter, Betty Howell of Houston and her sister, Opal Oliver of Lufkin.
Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Marion Daugherty

A graveside service for Marion Daugherty, 76, was held August 17, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Town Bluff Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas.
Mr. Daugherty died August 14, 1999 at Peoples Nursing Center in Vidor, Texas.
A native of Dallas, he lived in Port Arthur most of his life. He was a Merchant Marine.
He was survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Brandy and Sheri Daugherty of Magnolia, Texas and one sister.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Bertie Parrish Hooper

Funeral services for Bertie Parrish Hooper, 92, was held Monday, August 23, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Ramah Baptist Church near Center, Texas, under the direction of Mangum Funeral Home in Center. Brother Bill Perry and Brother Michael Hunn officiated the services. Burial was held at Ramah Cemetery.
Mrs. Hooper died August 20, 1999 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.
Born June 2, 1907 in Shelby County, she lived in Woodville many years and was a seamstress.
She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Ann Parrish of Baytown; sister, Ollie Parrish Holman of The Woodlands, and numerous nieces and nephews. Serving as pallbearers were her nephews.
Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley funeral Home of Tyler County.

Robert Allen Gray

Funeral services for Robert Allen “Bob” Gray, 64, was held Thursday, August 19, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel. Chaplain Dale Reed officiated the services. Interment was held in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.
Mr. Gray died Tuesday, August 17, 1999 in Carthage, Texas.
Mr. Gray was born December 27, 1934 in Overton, Texas to Rudolph Lester and Mary Prycer Gray. He had lived most of his life in Panola County and attended school in Carthage, graduating with the class of 1952. Bob served with the U.S. Army. He was a Counselor with the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center.
He was survived by his mother, Mary Prycer Gray of Garrison, Texas; son, David Gray and wife Angie of Carthage, Texas; daughter, Linda LeJeune and husband Erwin of Fairplay Community; sister, Mary Lou Hold and husband Marion of Nacogdoches, Texas; two grandchildren, Lisa and C.J. LeJeune both of Fairplay Community; and a host of friends.
Pallbearers were Walter Parker, Charles Ray Nutt, Bob Browning, James Wedgeworth, Gady Nutt and George Young Bounds.
Honorary pallbearers were the Class of 1952 of Carthage High School.
Services were under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Joseph Marshall McKinney

Funeral services were Tuesday, August 31, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with a 3 p.m. graveside service at Bethsaida Cemetery in Ida, Louisiana. Officiating at the services was Rev. Rick Eifert, pastor of Woodville United Methodist Church.
Serving as pallbearers were his grandsons, Scott McKinney, Jeffrey McKinney, Bryan Sigle, Matthew McKinney, Jacob McKinney and Craig Vansau.
Visitation was held Monday, August 30, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.
Mr. McKinney was born November 15, 1919 in Rocky Mount, Louisiana. He was formerly of Pasadena and had lived in Colmesneil for the past seventeen years. He was retired from Shell Oil as
an operator and was a WW II U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mattie B. McKinney of Colmesneil; sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Judy McKinney of Hardin, Michael and Cindy McKinney of Houston, and David and Carolyn McKinney of Colmesneil; daughters and sons-in-law, Lawane and Duane Sigle of Dayton, and Lanelda and Jack Sizemore of Raywood; brother, Jerry McKinney of Seabrook; sister, Natalie Manners of Shreveport, Louisiana; eleven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Ada Mae Sims

Ada Mae Sims, 77, of Nederland, Texas, died Saturday, August 28, 1999 at Holiday Pines Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were Monday, August 30, 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas. Deacon Paul Rahal officiated at the services.

Serving as pallbearers were Derek Freeman, Christ Dugan, Curtis Casey, Jay Casey, Melvin Sims, and Billy Sims.

Visitation was held on Sunday, August 29, 1999 from 6 - 9 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Vigil service at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sims was born February 1, 1922 in Port Neches, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Nederland and had lived in Woodville for the last five months. She was a member of the Lady In The Pines Catholic Church and a member of the hospital auxiliary for Mid-Jefferson County Hospitals.

She is survived by her husband, Alvia Sims of Nederland; son, Al Sims of Woodville; daughters, Beverly Casey of Port Neches and Mary Williams of Woodville; brothers, Arnold Jones of North Zulch and Darrell Jones of Port Neches; sisters, Ethel Kitchen of Port Neches, Ruby Choate, and Edyth Williford both of Nederland; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Carlton McQueen Farmer

Carlton McQueen Farmer, 88, of Woodville, Texas died August 25, 1999 at her residence. Funeral services were held August 30, 1999 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville, Texas, with burial at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

A native of Woodville, she was retired from Tyler County Hospital.

Survivors include granddaughter, Toi Bell of Humble, 14 nieces, 8 nephews and a host of friends. Rev. C.O. Hadnot, Pastor.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Edna Rasberry Burtis

Edna Rasberry Burtis, 77, died Friday, August 27, 1999 at her residence in Vidor, Texas. Graveside services were Sunday, August 29, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Officiating at the services were Dr. Dwayne Freeze and Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Visitation was held Saturday, August 28, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Burtis was born February 24, 1922 in Carmona, Texas. She was a former resident of Woodville and Houston and had lived in Vidor for the past 15 years. She was a retired executive secretary for Hansen and Pideman Steamship Agency of Houston. She was a member of the Methodist Church in Houston, DAR, and Genealogy National.

She is survived by her mother, Emma Rasberry of Woodville; daughter, Glenda Gandy of Vidor; sisters, Minnie Sumrall of Port Neches, Evelyn James and Jimmie Cooley both of Woodville; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Phillip Milton Weise

Funeral services for Phillip Milton Weise, 89, were held Tuesday, August 31, 1999, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Dwayne Freese officiating. VFW Post #2033 presented the American flag to the family. A Masonic service was held at the funeral home. Burial followed at Frank’s Branch Cemetery in Fred, Texas.

Mr. Weise died August 29, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

He was born November 28, 1909 in Johntown, PA., and lived in Fred many years. He was a self employed motor crane contractor and a World War II Army Veteran. He was a Mason at the Snow River Lodge #385 in Spurger.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Venita Ross Weise.

He is survived by his nephew, Joe King of Cypress and a host of friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Leslie Allison Bradshaw Caraway

Funeral services for Leslie Caraway, 37, were held August 30, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Bennie Como officiating. Burial followed at Resthaven Cemetery in Silsbee, Texas.

Mrs. Caraway died August 27, 1999 at U.T.M.B. in Galveston, Texas.

She was born January 13, 1962 in Alice, Texas. She lived in Ganado, Texas most of her life before moving to Warren four years ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Mark Caraway of Warren; son, James Shafer of Warren; daughter, Elizabeth Zarate of Victoria; mother, Barbara Bradshaw of Warren; grandmother, Ida Thomas of Louise, Texas and one granddaughter, Aylissa Dela Garza.

Pallbearers were John Patterson, Craig Kelly, Chris Caraway, Roland Smith, Wiley Cuningham, and James Raglin.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lillie Best Clawson

Graveside services for Lillie Best Clawson, 90, were held August 31, 1999 at Mount Pisgah Cemetery, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home, with Brother Troy Richardson officiating.

Mrs. Clawson died August 28, 1999 at Mansfield Nursing Home in Mansfield, Texas.

Mrs. Clawson was born August 1, 1909 in Woodville, Texas. She was a lifetime resident of Woodville. She was a retired medical office manager.

Survivors include her son, Ben Clawson of Aransas Pass, Texas; two granddaughters, Tara Ingle of Mansfield and Leryn Davis of Los Angeles, California; sister, Gertie Best of Mansfield and five great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Alice Elizabeth Williams

Funeral services for Alice Elizabeth Williams, 96, were held August 28, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Brian Hale and Brother Ken Lewelling officiating. Burial followed at Frank’s Branch Cemetery in Fred, Texas.

Mrs. Williams died August 25, 1999 at Dogwood Trail Manor in Woodville, Texas.

She was born June 14, 1903 in Sabine Parish, Louisiana. She lived in Warren 55 years and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, James Earl Williams of Honey Island and Billy Ray Williams of Kountze; daughters, Agnes Thompson, Doris Adams and Alice Faye Langham all of Warren and Oma Moore of Fred; 22 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were D.B. Thompson, Louis Williams, Glen Conner, Aaron Williams, Wayne Langham and Frank Thompson.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Vernice Jack Rusk

Funeral services for Vernice Jack Rusk, 89, will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at O.T. Allen and Son Funeral Home Chapel in Alto, Texas, with Rev. Odis Bryan officiating. Burial will be in the Old Palestine Cemetery near Alto, Texas.

Mr. Rusk died August 29, 1999 in Woodville, Texas.

He was born December 15, 1909 in Cherokee County, Texas. He lived most of his life in Alto and was a member of The First Baptist Church in Alto. He was a farmer and rancher and worked as a mower in the highway maintenance.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Letha Rusk in 1985.

Mr. Rusk is survived by his step-daughter, Ima Woolley of Woodville; granddaughters, Rebecca Campbell of Ashville, Alabama and Olivia Mattson of Tuscon, AZ.; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Richard Jerry McGaffey

Richard Jerry McGaffey, 86, of Colmesneil, Texas, died August 30, 1999 at Regent Care Nursing Home in San Antonio, Texas.

A funeral service was held September 2, 1999 at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

A native of Luling, Texas he lived in Colmesneil and Baytown before moving to San Antonio.

Survivors include his daughter, Joann Evans of San Antonio; sons, Richard Jean McGaffey of Cameron, Louisiana and Anthony McGaffey of Alvin; sisters, Abigail Frazier of Baytown and Elizabeth Pane of Luling; and five grandchildren.

The Rev. David Crawford of Livingston, Texas officiated at the service.

Mollie Gilder White

Mollie Gilder White, 62, of Warren, Texas died August 29, 1999 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held September 1, 1999 at New Pilgrim Baptist Church in Woodville with burial at Moss Hill Community Cemetery near Woodville.

A native of Doucette, Texas she lived in Warren a number of years and was retired from Keller Industries in Doucette.

Survivors include her husband, Daniel White, Sr. of Warren; daughters, Kathy Barlow, Brenda Bean and Cheryl Bean, all of Woodville, Marva Joe Bradley of Silsbee; sons, James Bean of Woodville, Andrian White of Warren, Rubin White of Nacogdoches, Wayne White of Houston, Daniel White, Jr., Jesse White and Robert White all of Beaumont, Texas; sisters, Berlean Adams and Christine McNeal, both of Woodville, Irene Robers of Bearden, Arkansas, and Dorothy Lou Gray of Detroit, MI.

The Rev. James Mitchell officiated at the services.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Estella Griffith

Estella Griffith, 81, of Colmesneil, Texas died Saturday, September 11, 1999 at Southland Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

Graveside services were held Monday, September 13, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Brother David Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church in Colmesneil and the Woodville Order of Eastern Star.

Visitation was held Sunday, September 12, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Griffith was born September 16, 1917 in Trawick, Texas. She had lived in Colmesneil for 37 years. She was retired from Colmesneil Independent School District and had taught for 41 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Colmesneil and a Past Matron of the O.E.S. #1068 of Colmesneil.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Gerry A. and Carolyn Griffith of Lufkin; brothers, J.C. Birdwell of Houston and J.P. Birdwell of Winnie; sister, Julia Word of Houston; three
grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Sidney Walker**

Sidney Walker, 86, of Colmesneil, died Friday, September 10, 1999 at his residence in Colmesneil, Texas.

Graveside services were Monday, September 13, 1999 at 3 p.m. at Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Reverend Wayne Walley, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Monday, September 13, 1999 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Walker was born February 5, 1913 in Plain Dealing, Louisiana. He was formerly of Henderson and had lived in Colmesneil for the past 41 years. He was retired from Texaco and had worked as a compressor operator for Texas Pipeline Company. He was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

He is survived by his sons, Robert Walker of Crosby, James Duane Walker of Denver, Colorado, and Sidney Keith Walker of Georgia; step-daughter, Bennie Waldrep of Spurger; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Warren Thomas Reynosa**

Warren Thomas Reynosa, 46, of Colmesneil, Texas passed away Tuesday, September 7, 1999 from an automobile accident. Warren had lived in Colmesneil for many years, and resided at 122 Skyline Drive. He was a truck driver for ADS.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Ronnie Sowards; two grandchildren, Brittany and Rycky Sowards of Sumerco, West Virginia; father, Billy Reynosa of Houston.

Warren has joined his mother, Betty Doyle in Heaven. He will be missed greatly by a host of friends and family.

Services were held Saturday, September 11, 1999 in Houston, Texas at Forest Park Lawndale.

**Alan W. Bell**

Alan W. Bell, 46, of Woodville, died Sunday, September 12, 1999 at Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler, Texas.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, September 15, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Woodville United Methodist Church with burial in Magnolia Cemetery. Officiating at the services will be Reverend Rick Eifert, pastor of the Woodville United Methodist Church, and Reverend M.L. Perry.

Serving as pallbearers will be Marcus Payne, Jerome Owens, Harlen Blackmon, Henry English, Tony Arnett, Maxie Riley, Sidney Allison and Dr. James M. Brown.

Mr. Bell was born November 23, 1952 in Liberty, Texas. He was a long time resident of Woodville and was the owner of Fifth Wheel Ranch Trucking and Equipment. He was a member of the Tyler County Hospital Board, Harley Owners Group, and AQHA.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Bell of Woodville; son, Brian Bell of Woodville; daughter, Leslie Bell of Woodville; mother, Jean Bell of Woodville; and his brother, Tommy Bell of Woodville, Texas.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Larry Craig Fortenberry**

Funeral services for Larry Craig Fortenberry, 50, were held Friday, September 10, 1999, at 3 p.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland.

Burial followed at Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches.

Mr. Fortenberry died September 7, 1999 at his home.

Born September 12, 1948 in Port Arthur to Theron and Mary Lou Lawrence Fortenberry, he had lived in Village Mills for the past 7 years. He was an operator for Dupont-Beaumont works for the past 24 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Nederland and a veteran of the National Guard.

He was preceded in death by his mother,
father, grandparents and infant son.

He is survived by his wife, Christie Walker Fortenberry of Village Mills; daughter, Angela Paige Fortenberry and husband, Hank of Charleston, South Carolina; brother, Gary, and sister-in-law, Gail and niece Erin of Bellingham, Washington; maternal aunts, Norma Jean Anderson of Beaumont and Nancy Lawrence of Nederland; grandmother, Helen Fortenberry of Nederland; his in-law family, Marie Walker, Darlene and Tom Wallace, Kathy, Charity and Chad Robbins, Young Justin Small; a number of cousins in Texas and Mississippi and many friends.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Myrtle Lee Jordan Taylor

A graveside service for Myrtle Lee Jordan Taylor, 82, was held Tuesday, September 14, 1999, at 10 a.m. at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger, Texas. Visitation was held Monday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Taylor died September 11, 1999 in Spurger.

Born January 21, 1917 to Charley and Johnnie Jordan, she lived in Spurger all her life. She was a retired clerk for Motts Wholesale in Spurger.

She is survived by her son, Milton Jordan Taylor of Port Arthur; brother, Jimmy Jordan of Spurger and two grandchildren, Jillian and Christian.

Pallbearers were Joseph Sinegal, Josh Sinegal, Marvin Mott, Walter Marcontell, Eddie Hatton, and David Hatton.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mary Louise Terrell

Mary Louise Terrell, 57, of Liberty, Texas died September 7, 1999 at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Funeral services were held September 9, 1999 at Sterling Funeral Home in Dayton, Texas with burial at Palms Memorial Park.

A native of Bronson and a former resident of Houston and Doucette, she lived in the Liberty area for 34 years. She was a Bookkeeper.

Survivors include her husband, T.C. Terrell of Liberty; daughters, Marilyn S. Terrell and Cheryl Mooney, both of Liberty; sons, Billy R. Terrell, Thomas C. Terrell and Russell A. Terrell, all of Liberty; brothers, Floyd Hutto of Woodville, Paul Hutto of Corrigan, Troy Hutto of Liberty and David Hutto of Ducette; sisters, Lillie Mae Hutto of Livingston and Inez Armstrong of Liberty; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Lawrence Wutke Pessarra

Cremation service for Lawrence W. Pessarra, 82, was handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. Pessarra died September 3, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Born August 17, 1917 in Port Arthur, Texas he lived in Austin before moving to Woodville 22 years ago. He was a retired veterinarian from Texas State Health Department in Austin and a U.S. Army Air Corp Veteran.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary McLeroy Pessarra of Woodville; brother, Bert C. Pessarra of Port Arthur; sister, Ermine Shepard of Woodville; numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Erin Michelle Marbury

Erin Michelle Marbury, infant daughter of Shawn and Tracy of Pasadena, Texas passed away Sunday, September 5, 1999 due to complications from surgery.

Survived by her parents Shawn and Tracy Marbury; maternal grandparents, Mike and Frankie Fountain of Spurger and paternal grandparents, Walter and Linda of Pasadena.

Services will be held at Forest Park Funeral Home in Webster, Texas at 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 1999.
Raby Aldon Smith

Raby Aldon (Smitty/Red) Smith, 81, of Lufkin, Texas died Saturday, September 18, 1999 at Woodland Heights Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

Graveside services were held Sunday, September 19, 1999 at 2 p.m. in Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas. Officiating at the services was his son-in-law, Brother Buddy McDaniel, pastor of Aline Baptist Church.

Mr. Smith was born September 18, 1918 in Blair, Oklahoma. He was retired from Civil Service as an air craft electrician. He was a U.S. Navy WW II veteran.

He is survived by daughters, Georgia McDaniel of Woodville and Linda Freeman of Huntington; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Thomas Martel Mixon, Jr.

Funeral services for Thomas Martel (Sonny) Mixon, Jr., 51, of Jasper, Texas will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, September 22, 1999, in the First United Methodist Church of Jasper, with burial to follow in Little Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 - 9 p.m. Tuesday, September 21, 1999 at Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

Sonny died Monday, September 20, 1999, at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He was a lifelong Jasper, Texas resident.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Munsell Mixon of Jasper; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Mixon, Sr. of Jasper; a son, Shawn Mixon and daughter-in-law, Jennifer of Woodville; step-son, Chris Rowe of Jasper; daughters, Kassi Cuff and son-in-law, Randall of Carthage, Texas; Kerri Mixon of Jasper; a brother, John K. “Bubba” Mixon and sister-in-law Janice of Jasper; sisters, Pat Gaves and brother-in-law Breck of Deridder, Louisiana; Susan Smith and brother-in-law, Steve of Jasper; 3 grandchildren, Shelby Mixon, Taylor Rowe, Macy Rowe.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper, Texas.

Truman Glyn Noack

Funeral services for Truman Glyn Noack, 63, will be held Monday, September 20, 1999 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of San Jacinto Funeral Home in Houston, Texas. Burial to follow at San Jacinto Memorial Park with Rev. Jerry Webber of First Baptist Church in Galena Park officiating.

Mr. Noack died September 17, 1999 at his residence.

He was a retired sheetmetal worker and a member of the Baptist faith.

He was survived by his wife, Patricia Noack; sons, Johnie, Steve and Keven Noack; one sister and five grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Bennie Gertrude Best

Graveside services for Gertie Best, 88, was held Tuesday, September 21, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas, with Brother Troy Richardson officiating.

Visitation was held Monday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Miss Best died September 17, 1999 at the Medical Center of Arlington, Texas.

Born March 11, 1911 in Woodville, she lived in Woodville most of her life. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her nephew, Ben Clawson of Aransas Pass, Texas; great nieces, Tara Ingle of Mansfield, Texas and Lervn Davis of Los Angeles, California.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Wilber Lee Guynes

Graveside services for Wilber Lee Guynes, 61, were held September 25, 1999 at 3 p.m. at the Old Providence Cemetery in Hardin County, Texas, with Brother James Stephens officiating.

Mr. Guynes died September 23, 1999 at Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville, Texas.
He was born May 11, 1938 in Saratoga, Texas. He lived in Tyler County most of his life. He was employed in the oil field industry and was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his brother, Leo Lowe of Woodville; one sister, Christine Williamson of Riverside; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Wayne Franklin, Matt Frazier, Jason Hamilton, E.L. “Rowdy” Pierson, J.L. “Rusty” Pierson, Michael Stephens and Charles Stephens.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ruby Ling

Ruby Ling, 83, of Doucette, Texas died Sunday, September 26, 1999 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 28, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Aline Baptist Church with burial in Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Brother Buddy McDaniel, pastor of the Aline Baptist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were William Griffith, Bruce Griffity, Brian Griffith, Douglas Powell, Lewis Powell, and Charles Moore. Honorary pallbearers were Ashley Griffith and Jason Griffity.

Visitation was held at Aline Baptist Church on Monday, September 27, 1999 from 6 - p.m. and on Tuesday, September 28, 1999 from 10 a.m. until service time.

Mrs. Ling was born June 29, 1916 in Doucette, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Doucette and had worked as a dietician and cook with the Woodville Independent School District and Woodville Convalescent Center. She was a member of the Aline Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Ling on November 12, 1993.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Durwood and Estelle Ling and DeWayne and Mary Ling all of Doucette; daughter and son-in-law, DeLois and Garnet Griffith of Woodville; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Frances Singletary

Frances Singletary, 78, of Alto, died Sunday, September 26, in Port Neches, Texas.

She was a native of Spurger, and resident of Port Arthur until moving to Alto 19 years ago. She was a retired teller from Merchant National Bank with 20 years service. She was a member of Central Baptist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Groves Chapter #953.

Services were held Wednesday, September 29, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Levingston Funeral Home in Groves, Texas, with Dr. Joe Worley officiating. Eastern Star services will be conducted by the Order of the Eastern Star. Graveside services to follow at Shilo Cemetery in Alto, Texas at 4 p.m. Wednesday evening under the direction of Levingston Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Bennie Lloyd Singletary, Jr. of Alto; son, Raymond E. Singletary of Port Neches; sisters, Syble Dielocker and Fay Byrd of Groves; Jane Mannino of Fred, Texas; brothers, J.V. Justice of Beaumont, Fred Justice of Groves, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Elton Mullins

Elton “Moon” Mullins, 59, of Jasper, Texas died Friday morning at Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Little Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday at Forest Oaks Funeral Home.

A native of Warren, Texas he moved to Jasper from LaPorte five years ago. He served in the U.S. Army for about 15 years before working as a crane operator for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Mullins of Jasper; four sons; three step-sons; one daughter; brothers, Robert Ralph Mullins of St. Marks, Florida; Ernest Lane Mullins and Goffrey Doyle Mullins both of Jasper; Carl Timothy Mullins of Colmesneil and Max Joel Mullins of New Haven, Connecticut; sisters, Ellie Ruth Mullins of Nederland, Martha Nell Coward of Dallas and Nancy Carol Coward of Lumberton, as well as
Marie Fortenberry

Marie Fortenberry, 75, of Houston, Texas died Sunday, September 26, 1999.
She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Reasoner and husband Buddy, of Midlothian, Texas; son, Larry Fortenberry of Houston; grandchildren, Vincent Reasoner, Kelly Jackson and husband Jerry; great-grandchildren, Anthony Reasoner and Kayla Jackson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, September 29, 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel of Howard-Glendale Funeral Home. Graveside services and interment will follow at 3 p.m. at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Rose Mae Sittig Barnes

A graveside service for Rose Mae Sittig Barnes, 77, will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester, Texas, with Father Roger Thibodeaux officiating.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 12 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home. A rosary will be recited Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Acadia Parrish, Louisiana, she lived in Eunice, Louisiana and Port Neches, Texas before moving to Chester 23 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Rodney J. Sittig of Eunice, Louisiana, Dolan R. Sittig of Las Vegas, NV., Lammy J. Sittig and George Sittig, both of Chester and Wayne Sittig of Greenfield, Mass.; daughters, Kathleen M. Sittig of Broussard, Louisiana and Darlene Ann Dean of Alexandria, Louisiana; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Sharon Ann Claiborne Sinclair

Funeral service for Sharon Ann Claiborne Sinclair, 47, will be held Wednesday, October 13, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Gina Harrison, pastor of Agape Church in Colmesneil, officiating. Burial will be held at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Port Arthur, Texas. Ms. Sinclair died October 11, 1999.

A native of Beaumont, Texas, she lived in Port Arthur before moving to Woodville nine years ago. She was an accountant for Rao's Bakery in Beaumont. She was a member of the Agape Church in Colmesneil and the Variety Touring Society Motorcycle Club in Woodville.

She is survived by her mother, Augusta Renken Claiborne of Beaumont; father, William Claiborne of Hillister; daughter, Amy Harvey of San Antonio, three grandchildren, Matthew Harvey, Kellie Harvey and Kaylee Breaux.

Serving as Honorary Pallbearers will be the Variety Touring Society Motorcycle Club.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Calvin Price Sinclair, Jr.

Funeral service for Calvin Price Sinclair, Jr., 58, will be held Wednesday, October 13, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Gina Harrison, pastor of Agape Church in Colmesneil, officiating. Burial will be held at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Port Arthur, Texas. Mr. Sinclair died October 11, 1999.

A native of Port Arthur, Texas, he lived in Woodville nine years. He was a driver for Cowboy Valve and Fitting in Beaumont. He was a member of the Agape Church in Colmesneil and the Variety Touring Society Motorcycle Club in Woodville. He was a Marine veteran.

He is survived by his mother, Laura Gillette Eisman of Port arthur; daughter, Jana Kay Sinclair of Houston; son, Calvin Scott Sinclair of Houston; sister, Linda Janell Faulk of Port arthur; one grandchild, Cassidy Alaina Sinclair.

Serving as Honorary Pallbearers will be the Variety Touring Society Motorcycle Club in
Woodville.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Gerald Wayne Hayes

Funeral services for Gerald Hayes, 57, were held October 2, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland, Texas.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. at Emanuel Baptist Church Cemetery in Doucette, Texas.

Mr. Hayes died September 30, 1999 at Mid-Jefferson County Hospital in Nederland.

A native of Beaumont, Gerald had lived in Nederland most of his life. He was employed by Jefferson County as a Deputy Sheriff. He was a volunteer for "Save Our Sons".

Survivors include a son, Kevin Hayes of Beaumont; a daughter, April Kuimets of Port Neches; father, W. Pat Hayes of Nederland; brother, Mike Hayes of Nederland; and an uncle, R. Glenn Hayes of Beaumont.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Elsie Snipes

Graveside services for Elsie Snipes, 99, were held Sunday, October 10, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the Warren City Cemetery in Warren, Texas with Rev. Jim Smith officiating. Services were under the direction of Charlie Marshall Funeral Home of Aransas Pass, Texas.

Miss Snipes was born April 17, 1900 in Rockland, Texas to Robert and Agnes Snipes. She died October 6, 1999. She was a retired civil service clerk. She was a member of the Parkinson’s Foundation Charity.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Margaret Snipes of Houston, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Local arrangements were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jewel Powell Watts

Jewel Powell Watts, 86, of Chester, Texas, died Tuesday, October 5, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Thursday October 7, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Enon Baptist Church with burial in Seamans Cemetery near Chester, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother Larry Trest.

Serving as pallbearers were, Paul Neal, Paul Watts, Dewayne French, Steve Watts, Oliver Watts, and Terry Watts.

Mrs. Watts was born September 25, 1913 in Chester. She was a former resident of Beaumont and a long time resident of Chester and had worked as a LVN for Hotel Dieu, St. Elizabeth Hospital and Tyler Cunty Hospital. She was a member of the Enon Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of sixty-six years, Lawrence C. Watts of Chester; sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald D. and Sylvia Watts of Woodville, Texas and Robert L. and Jenna Coy Watts of Lufkin, Texas; daughter, Saundra Watts Kattawar of Woodville; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Willie Virgie Peacock

Funeral service for Willie Virgie Peacock, 96, was held Saturday, October 9, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland, Texas. A graveside service was held at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Friday, October 8, 1999 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Peacock died October 7, 1999 at the Golden Triangle Nursing Home.

A native of Tyler County, she lived in Woodville for 30 years before moving to Port Arthur 50 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Melba P. Farris of Port Arthur; son, O.L. Peacock of Port Arthur; brothers, Rkoy L. Greer of Port Neches and Chrles Bruce Greer of Nederland; sister, Elsie Brackin of Talula, Louisiana; four grandchildren
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and six great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Thomas W. Webb, Sr.

Funeral service for Thomas W. Webb, Sr., 83, was held Saturday, October 9, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Mount Nebo Baptist Church in Fred, Texas with Brother Derrell Young officiating. A Masonic graveside service was held at Allison Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Visitation was held Friday, October 8, 1999 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Webb died October 5, 1999 at Burmont Nursing Home in Silsbee, Texas.

He was born August 17, 1916 in Noble, Louisiana, and he lived in Beaumont before moving to Warren 16 years ago. He was a retired manager for the City of Beaumont bus line. He was a member of Mount Nebo Baptist Church in Fred, Texas, and the Snow River Lodge #385 in Spurger.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Thomas W. and Charlotte Webb, Jr. of Warren; brother, Joe Webb of Shreveport, Louisiana; sisters, Media Bkoswell and Hazel Trahan, both of Vidor, Texas; grandchildren, Sgt. Brian P. Webb (USMC) and Shauna R. Herrington; two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Derrell Moore, Arthur Gilchrist, Robert Davis, Roger Davis, Tommy Crosby, and Kozum Mott.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Noble Brady Russell

A graveside service for Noble Brady Russell, 86, was held Saturday, October 9, 1999 at the White House Cemetery in Lufkin, Texas with Brother David Miller officiating. Visitation was held Friday from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Russell died October 7, 1999 at the Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

He was born August 6, 1913 in Time, Texas. He lived in Hemphill before moving to Lufkin where he lived most of his life. He was a retired grocery store owner.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Marshall and Susan Russell of Colmesneil and Ide Olan and Virginia Russell of Lufkin; brother, Smith Russell of Corpus Christi; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Joe Hughes

Joe Hughes, 80, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Friday, October 15, 1999 in Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 17, 1999 at 4 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Colmesneil with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating at the services were Brother David Miller and Brother Ron Davis. The honors of the flag was presented to the family by members of the VFW Post #2033.

Serving as pallbearers were Duane Crews, Mike Collier, Joe Marshall, James Richardson, A.D. Graham, Henry Ogden, Virgal Evans, and Anthony Prye. Honorary pallbearer was Wise Lambert.

Mr. Hughes was born March 23, 1919 in Romayor, Texas and lived in Colmesneil for forty one years. He was a retired self-employed mill and dozer operator and was a WW II U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Harry and Debbie Hughes of Colmesnel, Larry and Frances Hughes of Dayton and Ronnie and Linda Hughes of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Patricia Ann and Donald Briggs of Dayton; sister, Novia Kirkland of Votaw; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Louis Volar Hardy

Funeral services for Louis Hardy, 90, were held October 15, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Larry Trest officiating. Burial followed at Seamans Cemetery near Chester, Texas.
Mr. Hardy died October 13, 1999 at Trinity Valley Medical Center in Palestine, Texas.

Mr. Hardy was born December 15, 1908 in Chester, Texas where he was a lifelong resident. He was a retired sawmill planer.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Seamans Hardy of Palestine; son, Raymond Hardy of Palestine; daughter, Mary Nella Gutzke of Irving; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jerry Seamans, Charles Seamans, Steve Watts, Wilburn Neal, James Seamans and Bob Freeman.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lettie Read

Lettie Read, 85, of Woodville, Texas died Friday, October 15, 1999 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were Monday, October 18, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmeneil, Texas. Officiating at the services were Dr. Dwayne Freese, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Woodville, and Brother Cliff Durham.

Serving as pallbearers were Allen Read, Wayne Dempsey Conner, Miles Coward, Kevin Coward, Rufus Conner and Kenneth Conner.

Visitation was held Sunday, October 17, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Read was born on March 3, 1914 in Alto, Texas and had lived in Woodville for 80 years. She was a retired private duty nurse for Tyler County Hospital and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by three grandchildren, Melissa Shanley of Beaumont, Tessa Moonyham of Irving, Renee Carnley of Colmesneil; five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

David Ezra Birdwell

David Ezra Birdwell, 40, of Woodville, Texas died Tuesday, October 12 in Florida.

Graveside services were held Sunday, October 17, 1999 at 2 p.m. in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Officiating at the service were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Mr. Birdwell was born December 16, 1958 in Woodville. He was a long time resident of Woodville and had lived in Florida for a short time. He had been a prison guard for the Texas Department of Corrections.

David is survived by his son, Mathew Birdwell of Woodville; daughter, Danielle Birdwell of Woodville; parents, Bobby and Seta Birdwell of Woodville; sister and brother-in-law, Cyndi and John Armstrong of Woodville; grandmothers, Ida Mae Stamps and Etta Birdwell Dean, both of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Joan Gale McBee

Joan Gale McBee, 66, of died Sunday, October 10, 1999 at her residence in Spurger, Texas.

Funeral services were Friday, October 15, 1999 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Turner’s Branch Cemetery in Spurger. Officiating at the services was Brother Gene Maddox, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Spurger.

Serving as pallbearers were Donnie Kitchens, Steven Horn, Maynard Long, Pete Perkins, Allen Benton, and J.C. Wilson.

Visitation was held Thursday, October 14, 1999 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. McBee was born September 21, 1933 in Sherman, Texas. She was formerly of Weatherford and lived in Spurger for four years. She was a member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Jonnie Crawford of Louisville, Kentucky, Jimmy Kitchens of Shreveport, Louisiana, Mike and Audrey Kitchens of Ocala, Florida, Donnie and Lisa Kitchens of Weatherford, Texas; daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Maynard Long of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Lorrie and Junior Sawyer and Becky and Rodney Johnson all of Spurger, Texas; mother, Pina Poff of Albuquerque, New Mexico;
sisters, Cathy Smith of Albuquerque, Vicky Frazee of Edgewood, New Mexico and Susan Strasser of Albuquerque; fifteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Julia Allene Foster

Graveside services for Julia Foster, 44, were held October 17, 1999 at 3 p.m. at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester, Texas.

Miss Foster died October 14, 1999 in Polk County from injuries received in an auto accident.

Miss Foster was born July 20, 1955 in Baytown, Texas. She lived in Chester for 15 years. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her mother, Doris Bush Foster of Chester; brother, Jimmy Foster III of Uvalde, Texas; sisters, Janice Ann Weber of Laredo and Iris Hernandez of Pearshall, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Arthur Melbourne Blohm

Arthur Melbourne “Art” Blohm, 82, of Woodville, Texas left his life on earth Wednesday, October 20, 1999. He embraced death as he did life with honesty, courage, and faith.

Survivors include his wife, Ione Blohm; daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Charles Ackerman of Dallas; grandson, Bryan Ackerman; sister and brother-in-law, Josephine and Walter Darden of Valliant, Oklahoma; step-daughter, Adrianne Bonham of Bryan; step-son and wife, Milledge and Omie Bonham of Port Neches; step-grandchildren, Steven Bonham of Austin and Nikki Frels and husband, Jason, of Groves, Texas.

Art was born November 5, 1916, and grew up in Temple, Texas. He was preceded in death by his first wife Opal Blohm; parents, Will and Emma Jackson Blohm; and sister, Geneve McElvey.

Art served in the 925th Engineer Aviation Regiment in the Army during World War II. After the war, he returned to Texas City, Texas and soon came to East Texas to purchase lumber to build a house but bought the sawmill instead. In the late 1940’s he opened a new and modern grocery store in Woodville, Blohm’s Food Town, which continued under his ownership until 1964. He then returned to several other interests including photography and the machinist trade. After receiving a U.S. Patent on an invention, he founded Blohm Tool Company which he operated until several years ago.

For fifty-one years he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville, and it was his joy to accompany the Melody Makers Choir with his harmonica.

He was initiated into the Masonic Lodge of Woodville, in 1947, and became a charter member of the Woodville Lion’s Club in 1948. He was a life member of the Woodville VFW Post #2033.

Art was indeed a unique individual, and no one can take his place. We will forever treasure our memories of his steadfast dedication to and appreciation for those he loved; his passion for whatever he undertook to do; and his drive and determination in face of adversity. We will miss his fervor for playing the harmonica; his scrumptious fruitcakes at holiday time; his phone visits which he would end by saying, “well our hour is up”; his advice (both solicited and unsolicited); and his wonderful ingenuity in finding practical solutions to everyday problems.

Although God has chosen to take him from this earth, he will continue to live forever in our hearts and memories.

Services were held at First Baptist Church of Woodville, Friday, October 22, 1999, with Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Rev. Dwayne Freese officiating. Music was provided by Bennie McBride and Judy Pool. Burial was at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were Robert Carl, Maxie Glenn Young, Milledge Bonham, Russ Pilgrim, Jason Frels and his grandson, Bryan Ackerman.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Hugh Jim Stevens, Sr.

Funeral services for Hugh Jim Stevens, Sr., 73, were held on October 21, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Enon Baptist Church near Chester, Texas, with Brother Larry Trest, Brother Henry Shettles and Brother Kevin McCluskey officiating.

Burial followed at Seamans Cemetery near Chester. Dale Sellers of V.F.W. Post #2033 in Woodville presented the flag to the family.

Mr. Stevens died October 18, 1999 at U.T.M.B. in Galveston, Texas.

Mr. Stevens was born December 4, 1925 in Port Neches, Texas, where he was a long time resident. He lived in Chester for 20 years and was a retired supervisor for UNOCAL in Nederland with 35 years of service. He was a WW II Air Corps veteran.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Ella Stevens; and one brother, Jack Stevens, who died at Pearl Harbor in WW II on the Battleship Arizona.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Imogene Seamans Stevens of Chester; three sons, Jim Stevens, Jr. and wife, Cheryl of Lumberton, Texas, David Stevens of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Mark Stevens of Chester; two sisters, Jane West of Houston and Betty Vaughn of Dallas; three grandchildren, Sean, Christopher and Ryan Stevens; one granddaughter, Stephanie Stevens and one great-granddaughter, Ashley Stevens.

Pallbearers were Dale Sellers, Jack Dewitt, Milton Powell, Ed Powell, Steve Watts and Kenneth Seamans.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Dennise LaVerne Pope

Dennise LaVerne Pope, 28, of Woodville, Texas, beloved and only daughter of Dr. Perry B. Pope and Dr. Teddy Barclay Pope, died of meningitis, Thursday, October 28, 1999 in a Houston hospital.

Funeral services were Monday, November 1, 1999 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester. Dr. Dwayne Freese, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiated.

Visitation was from 6 - 8 p.m. Sunday, October 31, 1999 at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were her brother, Perry B. Pope, Jr., and her cousins.

Dennise grew up in Houston and Bryan, Texas. She graduated from Spring Woods High School, received a band scholarship to Blinn College, and was a teacher's aide in Houston and a nurse's aide in Woodville.

She is survived by her mother, Dr. Teddy LaVerne Barclay Pope of Woodville; her father, Dr. Perry B. Pope of Virginia Beach, Virginia; brother, Perry B. Pope, Jr. of Virginia; and grandmother, Ruby Emily Vinson Barclay of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Jasper R. Cockrell

Services for Jasper Reagan Cockrell, 73, of Corrigan, Texas were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, October 31, 1999 in the First United Methodist Church in Corrigan with Rev. Bill Dugger officiating.

Interment followed in the Union Springs Cemetery.

Mr. Cockrell passed away on October 28, 1999 in Houston, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Lazalier Cockrell; four daughters and a son-in-law, Wanda and Lynn Clamon of the Hortense Community, Carolyn Elmore of Corrigan, Beverly Cockrell and Janice Cockrell of Bellaire, Texas; brother, A.W. and wife, Barbara, of Lufkin; sister, Rila Drabek and husband, Johnnie, of Sugarland, Texas; brother, Robert and wife, Linda, of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Mr. Cockrell was grandfather “Poppie” to Elisha and Bo Bell of Corrigan; Shana and Patrick Dickens of Midway; Reagon and Julie Clamon of Bandera; Meredith and Scott Snowberger of Memphis, Tennessee; Christopher Smelley of Bellaire; and four great-grandchildren, Mitch and Blake Bell, and Shelby and Seth Dickens. Mr. Cockrell also leaves behind many beloved friends and associates throughout the State of Texas.

Mr. Cockrell was born in Corrigan, Texas on November 18, 1925, the second of five children of
Allan Wesley Cockrell and Clara Mae Safford Cockrell, who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Sarah Jo White. He graduated from Corrigan High School in 1943 and served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 - 1945, achieving the rank of Aviation Cadet. He attended Sam Houston State University and received a B.S. and M.Ed. Degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Mr. Cockrell’s career as an educator began in 1948 when he was hired as coach/teacher at Corrigan High School. He was appointed principal for the 1955-56 school year, and was named Superintendent of Corrigan Schools in July 1956, the position he held until his retirement in June 1986.

During his years as Superintendent, Mr. Cockrell earned a state wide reputation as a tireless advocate of rural schools. He helped influence education programs, legislation and funding of Texas public schools, but his thirty-eight years in public education were, by choice, focused on the schools in his home community.

His tenure as Superintendent for the Corrigan-Camden ISD was marked by the rebuilding of the high school complex, integration and consolidation of the Corrigan-Camden schools. Other accomplishments include the building of an intermediate school, a baseball stadium and track, renovation of the football stadium and approval for the building of a new elementary school.

J.R. Cockrell chaired a number of boards in his lifetime, including the Polk County Appraisal District, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America District Committee, Polk County and Corrigan hospital boards. He was a member of the Corrigan City Council and served as mayor pro tem. He served as Democratic Precinct chairman for 16 years, and was a member of the Executive Committee, Consolidated Fund. He was honored as Educator of the Year 1980-81 by Region VI Education Service Center. Mr. Cockrell was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Corrigan, where he has been Church Lay Leader, Chairman of the Administrative Board, and District Steward. He was past Worshipful Master and past District Deputy Grand Master of Corrigan Masonic Lodge #1103, A.F.&A.M.

His active professional and civic life did not prevent him from forming many close friendships nor enjoying hunting, fishing, cooking and dominoes.

He himself achieved an aim he wished for the three generations of students, faculty and friends he inspired: “...many lofty goals attained, many great victories won; and a lot of fun and happiness along the way.”

Pallbearers were Ronnie Smith, Alec Cockrell, Jake Sherman, Sam McDonald, Jimmy Skinner, Harlon Parrish, E.J. Cockrell and Jerry Maxey.

Honorary pallbearers were Regon Clamon, Christopher Smelley, Scott Snowberger, Bo Bell, Patrick Dickens, Edward Ray, Don Robbins, James Sims and Harold Woodard.

The family wishes to express its appreciation to the staff of Houston’s St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, Cardiac Care Unit #1, for their compassion and care of Mr. Cockrell during his stay.

The family received friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, October 30, 1999 at the Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Home.

Shelby Nicole Howard

Funeral services for Shelby Nicole Howard, 5, was held Monday, November 1, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Rockland Baptist Church with Brother Tom Owens officiating. Burial followed at Rockland City Cemetery in Rockland, Texas. Visitation was held Sunday, October 31, 1999 at the church.

Shelby died October 28, 1999 in Rockland, Texas.

A native of Galveston, she lived all of her life in Rockland. She was a student at Colmesneil Elementary Schoo.

She is survived by her mother, Jaenice Howard of Rockland; father, Kelly Moses of Denver CO.; sisters, Samantha Howard of Rockland and Syndey Moses of Huntington; brothers, Dexter Johnson of Rockland and Keenan Moses of Denver, CO.; grandparents, Michael and Diane Howard of Rockland and Blanch Hakins of Huntington; great grandparents, R.C. and Ann
Howard of Nacogdoches and Sharon Digby of Rockland.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Pat Collier Pennington**

Pat Collier Pennington passed away on Friday, October 30, 1999, following a lengthy illness. He was born on March 19, 1933 in Jasper, Texas. He graduated from Kirby High School in Woodville, Texas and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Texas, after serving two years in the U.S. Army. He completed his Masters Degrees at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Pat was a coach and teacher with the Austin Independent School District from 1960 until his retirement in 1992. He coached at Pearce Jr. High for several years, but spent most of his tenure at John H. Reagan High School in Austin. While there, Coach Pennington had the opportunity to mentor hundreds of athletes in virtually every sport.

One of his proudest associations was as part of the Reagan varsity coaching staff. In his first decade at Reagan, the Raiders won three state 4-A football championships in 1967, 1968 and 1970, and went to the state final game in 1973, accumulating a record of wins that puts Austin Reagan among the top ten “winningest” football programs in Texas High School football.

In summers, he worked as a coach and counselor at Sports Country, a summer sports camp for youths. After retiring, he worked part time at Lamme’s Candies and enjoyed playing golf several days each week. He was a fisherman and an avid reader of western novels.

Pat leaves his wife of 43 years, Mary Louise, “Lou”; a son, Thomas Carl; a daughter, Kimberly and a grandchild-to-be, Mia Marie McNac.

Although preceded in his death by his parents, Gladys Young and Robert E. Pennington, Sr., Pat is survived by four brothers, William, Robert E., Jr., Warren and Kenneth, as well as their families.

Pat has requested cremation with a chapel service to held at Cook-Walden Funeral Home in Austin, Texas at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 1999.

The Pennington family is so grateful to Pat’s former students and athletes, neighbors, loving friends and to the services of Dr. Frank Mazza, Dr. John Hays and the nurses and caregivers in his last months.

**Callie Mae Oltmann**

Funeral service for Callie Mae Oltmann, 101, was held Wednesday, October 27, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Rockland Baptist Church with Brother David Davenport officiating. Burial followed at Rockland City Cemetery in Rockland, Texas.

Mrs. Oltmann died October 25, 1999 in Galveston, Texas.

A native of Rockland, she lived in Friendswood, Texas 50 years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Sadie T. Weaver of Friendswood and Marjorie Stephenson of Plano; daughters-in-law, Louise Tompkins of Houston and Ruth Tompkins of Pearland; thirteen grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were William M. “Billy” Tompkins, Daniel Phillips, Dana Tompkins, Gary Tompkins, Wyatt Tompkins, William Tompkins, and Thad Weaver.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Josie Delle Conner Baker**

Josie Delle Baker, who went home to be with Jesus on November 2, 1999 was born to John Robert Conner and Ella Melissa Kirkland Conner on March 24, 1903. She had one brother, Robert Lee Conner, and two half sisters, Odis Pauline Curlin Church and Johnnie Conner. She was married at the age of fifteen to Reuben Allen of Beaumont, Texas, and they had one daughter, Dorthalee Ella Allen.

Josie is preceded in death by her son, Raymond Lester Allen, who died at birth, her mother in 1919, her father in 1951, her sister, Odis in 1988, and her brother in 1992.
She is survived by Dorthalee Ella Allen Moody, daughter; Melody Jeanne Anderson, granddaughter and adopted daughter; Harry C. Anderson, son-in-law; Johnnie Christian, sister; Kenneth Christian, brother-in-law; five other grandchildren, Mac, Keary, and Gene Fendley, Lynn Allen and Raymond Adams; ten great-grandchildren, eleven great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild; six nieces and nephews and their extended families; numerous cousins and their extended families.

Josie is also preceded in death by four husbands, Reuben Allen, John Leifeste, Andrew Hansen and her last husband, Edward Lee Baker, to whom she was married for 29 years.

A past resident of Beaumont and Houston, she and Mr. Baker were residents of Woodville for 28 years, where she was born and raised. She was a Charter Member of Trinity Church of Woodville, past member of Woodville’s First Assembly of God, Channelview Christian Center, and Beaumont Place Assembly of God. As a child she attended Shiloh Baptist Church and Shady Grove Church.

We, as her family, cherish the legacy that Josie leaves to us. A legacy of serving Jesus, the church and the community. She always tried to do the best she could for her church, her friends and her loved ones. May she rest in the peace of the Lord, at the feet of Jesus.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, November 3, 1999. Services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, November 4, 1999 at Trinity Christian Church. Burial will follow at Old Shiloh - Kirkland Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Signora Watson Kirkland

Signora Watson Kirkland, 81, of Hillister, Texas died Monday, November 1, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, John L. Kirkland; daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Don Caballero of Houston, Lauretta and Don Wessinger of Frisco, Christi and Louis Havens of Port Arthur; son, Nelson Kirkland of Dallas; six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kirkland was preceded in death by her parents, Johnnie and Lonnie Watson; sisters, Edna Earl Watson and Geneva Whitworth; son-in-law, Robert W. Beasley, Jr.; and grandson, Robert W. Beasley, III “Trey”

Services will be held at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, Wednesday, November 3, 1999 at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Pallbearers will be Kirk Beasley, Robert L. Havens, Gary Wessinger, Don Cryer, Jerrel Whitworth and Robert Parks.

Cynthia Gayle Holland

Funeral service for Cynthia Gayle Holland, 36, was held Tuesday, November 2, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Jessie D. Hughes officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas.

Visitation was held Monday, November 1, 1999 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Holland died October 30, 1999 in Jasper County.

A native of Paducah, Kentucky, she lived in Woodville nine years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Brian Douglas Holland of Woodville; son, Brian Christopher Holland of Woodville; daughters, Amanda Kay Holland and Ashley Marie Holland all of Woodville; father, Charles Dowd of Woodville; mother and step-father, Kathleen Burns and Earl Shannahan of Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were Tommy Walker, Jimmy Walker, Vane "Hap" Champagne, Allan Cowart, Dave Holland and Ronnie Holland.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Marvil Lee Gore

Funeral service for Marvil Lee Gore, 61, was held Tuesday, November 2, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the First Country Church of Fred with Brother Earl Knighten officiating. Burial followed at Fred Community Cemetery in Fred, Texas. Visitation was held Monday, November 2, 1999 at the
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Mrs. Gore died October 30, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native and lifelong resident of Fred, Texas she was a homemaker and member of the First Country Church of Fred.

She is survived by her sons, Charles Crosby and Curtis Crosby, both of Fred; brothers, Herman McGallion of Evadale and Lonnie McGallion of Georgia; sister, Lucie Mae Patton of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Curtis Crosby, Cooter Crosby, Bodie Crosby, Rusty Eddings, DeWayne Hutto, and Rocky Eason.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ruby Evelyn Knight

Funeral service for Ruby Evelyn Knight, 90, was held Sunday, November 7, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Troy Richardson officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas.

Mrs. Knight died November 5, 1999 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home.

She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County, Texas, and she was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Eugene Powers of Doucette; grandchildren, Jim Powers of Kountze and Janice Turner of Beaumont; great-grandchildren, Jordan and Chad Henderson of Beaumont.

Serving as pallbearers were James R. Smith, Elmo Gibbs, Troy Richardson, Robert Hargrave, Robert McClelland, and David Baker.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Susie Jordan

Funeral service for Susie Jordan, 78, was held Saturday, November 6, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Beech Creek Baptist Church in Spurger, Texas, with Brother Bob Cheek and Brother Darrell Young officiating. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday, November 5, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Jordan died November 4, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A native of Beckley, West Virginia, Mrs. Jordan lived in Spurger 36 years before moving to Fred, Texas. She was a homemaker and longtime member of Beech Creek Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, J.B. Jordan; son and daughter-in-law, Eddie and Linda Jordan of Spurger; daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Gary Miles of Woodville; grandchildren, Shannon Jagneaux, Mitzi Robinson, Ed Jordan, Therese Jordan, Troy Miles and Latonia McSpadden; great-grandchildren, Kaitlynn and Bethany.

Serving as pallbearers were James R. Smith, Elmo Gibbs, Troy Richardson, Robert Hargrave, Robert McClelland, and David Baker.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lillian Hugghins Change

Lillian Hugghins Chance, 81, of Hillister, Texas, died Friday, November 5, 1999 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 8, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Allison Cemetery near Warren, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother Jerry Kelley, pastor of Hillister Baptist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Ricky Chance, Gordon Chance, Nathan Jagneaux, Lawrence Jagneaux, George Wilson, and Jason Wilson. Honorary pallbearers were Tyler Chance and Eric Chance.

Visitation was held Sunday, November 7, 1999 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Chance was born September 8, 1918 in Troup, Texas. She was a former resident of Port Arthur and had lived in Hillister for 21 years. She was the retired owner/operator of Frank R. Chance Printing in Port Arthur, Texas. She was a member of Port Arthur Art Club and Little Theatre and was a member of the Hillister Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marshall F. Chance, Sr.; son, Frank Robert Chance.
III, and daughter, Arlayne Wilson.

She is survived by sons, Marshall F. Chance, Jr. of Bridge City, Texas and David M. Chance of Big Springs, Texas; daughter, Cathleen Jagneaux of Sulphur, Louisiana; sister, Ruth Arnold of Port Arthur, Texas; 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lottie Scott Smith

Lottie Scott Smith, 74, of Woodville, Texas died Saturday, November 6, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, November 11, 1999 at 1 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville with burial at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, November 10, 1999 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home chapel.

Mrs. Smith was a native of Doucette, Texas and lived in Woodville a number of years. She was a housewife.

Survivors includes a son, Terry Lynn Smith of Woodville, Texas.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home.

Thomas McCullough

Thomas “Tom” McCullough, 90, of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, November 7, 1999 at the Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, November 11, 1999 at 11 a.m. in the Pine Grove Baptist Church near Doucette, Texas with burial in Pine Grove Cemetery. Officiating at the services will be Reverend Willie Gill.

Serving as pallbearers will be, Charlie Thomas McCullough, II, Dennis Washington, Dwayne Anderson, Clifton Mattox, Clyde Frazier, and James Spencer.

Visitation will be Wednesday, November 10, 1999 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. McCullough was born June 19, 1909 in Colmesneil, Texas. He was a lifelong resident of Woodville and was retired from maintenance with Tyler County Courthouse. He was a member of the Pine Grove Baptist Church.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Charlie and Josephine McCullough of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Estella and Donny Jordan of Beaumont; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Brittie Idell Cowart

Funeral services for Brittie Idell Cowart, 82, were held November 17, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with her son Leon Cowart officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Cowart died November 14, 1999 at her daughter’s home in Houston, Texas.

She was born October 16, 1917 in Doucette, Texas and was a life long resident of Houston. She was a member of Kentshire Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her two sons, Leon Cowart and wife, Geneva of Willis, Texas and Robert “Sambo” Cowart of Woodville; daughter, Alice Mearline Votaw and husband, Horace, of Houston; two brothers, Walter Foxworth of Austin and J.H. Foxworth of Houston; three sisters, Dorothy Lightfoot of Zavalla, Ruby Lee Campbell of The Woodlands and Alice Gore of Houston; five grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and her special nurse, Wanda, who took care of her and was a strong encourager.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Alexander Smyth

Alexander Smyth, 55, of Kingwood, Texas died November 17, 1999 from injuries received in an auto accident.

Cremation service was handled by Riley Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Utah.

Born October 18, 1944 in Houston, Texas, Mr.
Smyth lived in Kingwood and was a psychologist for Senior Connections, Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Fraser Smyth of Kingwood; son, Shawn F. Smyth of Salt Lake City, Utah; daughters, Alessa F. Smyth of Salt Lake City, and Christina F. Smyth of Elmwood, WI.; father, William R. Smyth of Austin, Texas; sisters Carlyse Smyth of Purley, England and Amy Villareal of Round Rock, Texas; brother, Aaron Smyth of Phoenix, AR.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Idia Jane McClain

Funeral service for Idia Jane McClain, 95, will be held Friday, November 26, 1999, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Spurger, Texas with Brother Byron McWilliams, Brother David Nugent and Brother Ennis Kirkland officiating. Burial will be held at Turner’s Branch Cemetery in Spurger.

Visitation will be held Thursday, November 25, 1999 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Miss McClain died November 23, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A native of Browndale, Texas, she lived in Spurger most of life. She was a retired school teacher of 50 years from the Warren and Spurger School Districts.

She is survived by her sister, Hazel Sheffield of Spurger and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be her great nephews.

Serving as Honorary Pallbearers will be the boys she taught over her 50 year teaching career.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Gary Lynn Crosby, Sr.

Gary Lynn Crosby, Sr., of San Augustine, Texas died Thursday, November 18, 1999 at Herman Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 20, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Woodville with burial in Town Bluff Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas. Officiating at the services was Governor Leon Crawford and Branch President, Gene Miller.

Serving as pallbearers were Gary Lynn Crosby, Jr., B.J. Crosby, Barney Crosby, Elmer Crosby, Dudley Crosby, and Michael Crosby.

Visitation was held Friday, November 19, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Crosby was born February 15, 1941 in Woodville, Texas. He was formerly of Houston and had lived in San Augustine for fourteen years. He had been a cook and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Arthur Crosby and step-father, Noah Lee Crosby. He is survived by his mother, Reda May Crosby of San Augustine; son and daughter-in-law, Gary Lynn and Michelle Lyken Crosby, Jr. of Las Vegas, Nevada; brothers and sisters-in-law, B.J. and Sue Crosby of San Augustine, Barney and Tonya Crosby of Lumberton, Elmer and Maurine Crosby of Woodville, Dudley Crosby of Baytown, and Michael and Linda Crosby of Vidor; sisters, Genevieve Smith of Mauriceville and Gwendolyn Henry of Woodville; and two grandchildren, Ashley Lynn Crosby and Avery Lynn Crosby.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mattie Harper

Services for Mattie Harper, 74, of Jasper, Texas were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 9, 1999 at Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services followed at 4 p.m. at Payne Springs Cemetery near Gun Barrel City, Texas.

Visitation began at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Harper died Sunday, November 7, 1999 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

She was a native of Albion, Michigan and former resident of Gun Barrel City, Texas. She had resided in Jasper for the past four years. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and a former longtime member of Friendship Baptist Church in Gun Barrel City.
Survivors include her son, Glenn Lee Cole of Colorado; daughter, Ruth Ann Shadden of Jasper, Texas; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Eula Henry of Tatum, Texas in 1996.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

**Donna Joanne Willman**

Donna Joanne Willman, 39, of Jasper, Texas died November 3, 1999 in Madisonville, Texas.

Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 6, 1999 at Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper with burial at Evergreen Cemetery.

Visitation was Friday, November 5, 1999 from 3 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Fort Smith, Arkansas she resided in Jasper for the past five months after moving from Madisonville.

Survivors include sons, Michael Curtis Messer of Lufkin, Texas and Robert Harold Billings, Jr. of Madisonville; daughters, Stacy Joanne Messer of Jasper and April Messer Pevto Foxworth of Lufkin; brothers, Joe Willman of Jasper, Jimmy Willman of Woodville, and Jacky Willman of Jasper; step-brother, Tommy Bonds of Jasper; sisters, Connie Willman of Jasper and Sharon Lee of Woodville; and an aunt, Alice Guevarra of Jasper.

Services were under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper, Texas.

**Robert Allen**

Robert “Bob” Allen, 51, of Woodville, Texas died Monday, November 15, 1999 at his residence.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, November 17, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin funeral Home Chapel with burial in Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Brother James Stephens and Brother Ronnie Foxworth.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 16, 1999 from 2 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Allen was born November 30, 1947 in Beaumont, Texas. He was a long time resident of Woodville. He was a truck driver with Harold Ives Trucking Company and was a member of Harmony Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Marine Vietnam Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Allen of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Crissi Allen of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Melinda and Brad Worthy of Lumberton, Dixie and Donald Bruton of Woodville, Sally Allen and Kenneth Rainer of Cleveland, and Vonda Allen of Woodville; sisters, Helen Holmes of Beaumont and Syvilla Blankenship of Magnolia; and fifteen grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Robert H. Gerfers**

Robert H. Gerfers, 71, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Saturday, November 13, 1999 at his residence. He was born December 23, 1927 in Pasadena, Texas.

He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Vala Gerfers; brothers, David and Johnny Gerfers and numerous other family and friends.

Visitation will be Wednesday, November 17, 1999 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 18, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Family Funeral Care Pearland Chapel. Interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster, Texas.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Ilene Heft**

Funeral services for Ilene Heft, 73, were held at 1 p.m. November 14, 1999 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Robert Hargrave officiating. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas.

Mrs. Heft died November 11, 1999 at Vencor Hospital in Houston, Texas.

A native of Volga, Texas, she lived in Huntsville and Sherman before moving to Woodville 15 years ago. She was a retired
horticulturist with Austin College in Sherman, Texas.

She is survived by her daughters, Sherry McConnell of Spring and Brenda Broom of Woodville; sisters, Lois Etheridge of Huntington, Judy Caldwell of Friday and Jane Boney of Woodville; brothers, Oneal Williamson of Riverside; seven grandchildren, David, Tony, Aimee, Nicole, Dee Ann, Wendy and Tiffany; four great-grandchildren, Brooke, Bethany, Bo and Blane.

Pallbearers were Walter Karnauch, Travis Asklund, David Gust, James Roach, Tony Gust, Robert McNeely, and David Broom.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ralph Isaacks

Graveside service for Ralph Isaacks, 78, were held at 2 p.m. November 13, 1999 at Forest Park East Cemetery in Houston, Texas, with Rev. Henry A. Hallonguist and Pastor Jerry Cryer officiating.

Mr. Isaacks died November 11, 1999, at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Silsbee, he lived in Angleton before moving to Woodville four years ago. He was a retired salesman for Simmons Building Supply.

He is survived by his daughter, Sharon Aiseman of California and brother and sister-in-law, George and Jean Isaacks of Warren, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mildred Williford Reid

Mildred “Millie” Williford Reid, 67, of Warren, Texas died Monday, November 29, 1999 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Warren with burial in Fellowship Cemetery near Warren, Texas. Officiating at the services will be Brother Kenneth Cauthen.

Serving as pallbearers will be Guy Snelgrove, Jim McDonnell, Chris Guidry, Don Fry, Thad Hester and Tharon Hester. Honorary Pallbearers will be Charles Fry and Wayne Walker.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 30, 1999 from 4:30 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Reid was born May 16, 1932 in Warren, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Warren and was a retired surgical technician with twenty years of service at St. Elizabeth Hospital and had worked for eight years as a CNA at Woodville Convalescent Center. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Warren.

She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Lynn Reid of Warren and Jim Reid of Mauriceville; daughters and son-in-law, Laurie Reid and Kenny McDurmond of Ivanhoe; eight grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Anna Belle Graham

Funeral services for Anna Belle Graham were held November 26, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church near Colmesneil, Texas, with Brother Jack Lewellen and Brother Bill Bussinger officiating. Burial followed at Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Mrs. Graham died November 23, 1999 at Woodland Heights Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

Mrs. Graham was born April 22, 1908 in Field, Louisiana. She lived in Colmesneil most of her life. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons, A.D. Graham, Jr., Willis Graham, Lewis Graham, Jimmy L. Graham and Tom Graham, all of Colmesneil; daughters, Evie Maples and Inez Greer both of Colmesneil; fourteen grandchildren, twenty six great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Roy V. Lord

Roy V. Lord, 91, of Colmesneil, Texas died Monday, November 29, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 1 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating at the services will be Dr. Raymond A Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers will be Weaver Sattler, Allen Temple, Ray Johnson, Dave Strickland, Hermon Netherland, and Joe Stein. Honorary Pallbearer will be Dale Williams.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 30, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Lord was born June 25, 1908 in Benson, Louisiana. He was a longtime resident of Colmesneil and was retired from Wilson Oilfield Supply as an oilfield service manager.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Bobby R. and Kay Lord of Colmesneil; and granddaughter, Anieca Lin Lord of Fairfax, Virginia.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Robert James Washburne

Funeral services for Robert James Washburne were held November 30, 1999 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Johnny Durham officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas.

Robert died November 28, 1999 from injuries received in an auto accident in Angelina County, Texas.

He was born August 9, 1982 in Houston. He lived in Tyler, Texas.

He is survived by his parents, Robert Steven and Lisa Anne Washburne of Tyler; grandparents, Glenn and Shirley Washburne of Huntington and Jo Anne Dyer and Brother Jason Alexander Rathmann of Oregon.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Stewart Glenn Washburne

Funeral services were held for Stewart Glenn Washburne on November 30, 1999 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Johnny Durham officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas.

Stewart died November 28, 1999 from injuries received in an auto accident in Angelina County, Texas.

He was born March 11, 1983 in Houston. He lived in Tyler, Texas.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Greg and Lynn Putchaven of Houston; father and step-mother, Stewart and Rebecca Washburne of Tyler; grandparents, Larry and Jane Bretzlaff of Zavalla and Glenn and Shirley Washburne of Huntington; sisters, Michelle Washburne, Kristen Putchaven and Chasity Bush; brothers, Gregory Putchaven and Joel Bosley.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Maxine Morris

Mrs. Morris, 68, was born in South Webster, Ohio on July 2, 1931 and was a resident of Borger, Texas for 20 years. She died on November 27, 1999 in Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

She is survived by a sister, Jean Smith in Plant City, Florida; brother, Harry Williams, of Tampa, Florida; three daughters, Marion Jones of Borger, Evone Mitcham and Donna Hunt both of Woodville; two sons, Donald Morris of Borger and Daniel Morris of Woodville; thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild to be born in April of 2000.

Maxine left a memory of talents that ranged from her love of music - as a young woman she sang gospel music with her sister up and down the Ohio River. She wrote songs and had recorded some records. She was creative with her love for sewing and making clothing for people around her. In her last few years, she lived with her mother in Ohio and cared for her until her recent passing.

We will miss you mom, but we will keep your spirit of giving alive.
Charles Milburn Burton

Charles Milburn Burton, age 69, of Groesbeck, Texas passed away Monday, November 24, 1999 in Groesbeck.

Graveside services with Military Honors were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 24, 1999 in the Big Hill Cemetery with Dr. Troy Brooks of the First Baptist Church in Groesbeck officiating. American Legion Post #288 of Groesbeck conducted the Military Honors.

Mr. Burton was born May 28, 1930 in Houston, Texas. He was retired from the U.S. Navy. He has been a resident of Groesbeck since 1994 coming from Woodville and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Baumgartner Burton of Groesbeck; two stepsons, Mike Cason of League City, Texas and Ricky Cason of Washington; one brother, Jack Burton, and one sister, Billie Perkins of Groesbeck.

Willie Bates Toler

Willie Bates Toler, 95, of Woodville, Texas, died Saturday, November 27, 1999 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Memorial services will be Friday, December 3, 1999 at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Warren, Texas with private graveside services being held Sunday, November 28, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Port Arthur. Officiating at the services will be Brother Kenneth Cauthen.

Mrs. Toler was born January 2, 1904 in West, Texas. She was a former resident of Port Arthur and had lived in Tyler County for the past twenty years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Warren.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Billie Donelle and Donald Tullos of Livingston and Annabeth Toler and Jim Willis of Warren; six grandchildren, Donny Valdes, David Valdes, Alma Waddell, Mike Willis, Dan Willis, and June Willis; and nine great-grandchildren, Leah and Lindsey Valdes, Jared Christopher and David Matthew Valdes, Trinity, Megan and Emily Waddell, and Marcus Gonzales.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Fred R. Ratliff, Sr.

Fred R. Ratliff, Sr., 84, of Hillister, Texas, passed away Tuesday, November 23, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Fred was born May 18, 1915 in Juno, Texas and was a resident of Hillister for 7 years.

He was a retired heavy equipment operator and was a member of the Hillister Baptist Church.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Toney Thomas and Stella Ratliff; his sister, Ruth Irene Herndon; and his brother, Leslie Joe Ratliff.

Memorial services were held Friday, November 26, 1999 in the Hillister Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Kelley officiating.


Funeral arrangements under the direction of Froberg Funeral Home, Alvin Texas.

Lottie Edna Day Corley

Graveside service for Lottie Edna Day Corley, 77, was held Monday, December 13, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Corley died December 9, 1999 at Haltom Convalescent Center in Azle, Texas.

A native of Wiergate, she lived in Port Arthur and Woodville before moving to Azle. She was a nurse for Woodville Convalescent Center.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-
law, Lawrence and Toni Corley of Azle; son, Clyde Corley, Jr. of Pasadena; granddaughter, Amy Corley of Azle and grandson, Deric Corley of Azle.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Lillie Gladys Hopper Treat**

Funeral service for Lillie Gladys Hopper Treat, 89, was held Saturday, December 11, 1999, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Dale Foster officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday, December 10, 1999 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Treat died December 7, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Born July 31, 1910 in Egypt Community, Oklahoma. She lived in Jacinto City, Texas before moving to Woodville 30 years ago. She was a member of Woodville Church of Christ and she was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Roberta June Fry of Houston, Earline Annette Clark of Woodville, and Della Janiece Chapa of Houston; son, Ronnie Wayne Treat of College Station; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Darryl Fry, Troy W. Treat, Travis Treat, Kevin Tunstall, Trevor Treat, James Chapa, and Don Fry.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Verna Fortenberry**

Funeral service for Verna Fortenberry, 80, will be held Wednesday, December 15, 1999, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Robert Carter officiating. Burial will follow at Magnolia Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Tuesday, December 14, 1999 from 5 - 8 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Mrs. Fortenberry died December 12, 1999 at Herman Baptist Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A native of Fred, she lived in Tyler County most of her life before moving to Silsbee. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Johnny Fortenberry of Silsbee; daughter, Sandie Bandsma of Sour Lake, Texas; sister, Miriman Smith of Fred; brothers, John Robert Callaway and Pate Callaway, both of Dam-B; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.


Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Gene Austin Kirkland**

Graveside service was held December 4, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Magnolia Cemetery, with Brother Eddie Savage officiating.

Mr. Kirkland died December 1, 1999 at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Texas.

He was born May 22, 1930 in Chester, Texas. He lived in Woodville most of his life. He was retired from Allison Pole Mill and a U.S. Air Force Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Lila Savage Kirkland of Woodville; daughter, Lila Jo Kirkland of Woodville; brother, John L. Kirkland of Woodville; sisters, Alta Shearin and Bobbie Lou McKnight both of Bridge City and Myrtle Gondron of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
E.L. Kuerbis

E.L. Kuerbis, 77, of Houston, Texas died Tuesday, November 30, 1999 at Lufkin Memorial Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

Graveside services were Wednesday, December 1, 1999 at 4:30 p.m. in the Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas. Officiating at the services was Dr. Dwayne Freese, pastor of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

Mr. Kuerbis was born October 15, 1922 in Houston. He was a retired boilermaker with Brown and Root and was a WW II U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his son, Bruce Kuerbis of Houston; daughter, Billie Jean Martin of Leesville, Louisiana; and sister, Dorothy Agregard of Houston; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Nora Ann Robertson

Nora Ann Robertson, 98, of Woodville, died Friday, December 3, 1999 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Graveside services were Sunday, December 5, 1999 at 4 p.m. in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Officiating at the service was Reverend Rick Eifert, pastor of Woodville United Methodist Church.

Visitation was held Sunday, December 5, 1999 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Robertson was born June 4, 1901 in Doucette, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and a retired school teacher of forty-seven years. She was a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sisters, Louise Hambrick and Beulah Johnson, both of Lumberton; niece, Betty Boynton of Kerrville; nephews, Perry Collier of Trinity and Curt Jordan of Kingwood.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Novaline Ima Ensign

Novaline Ima Ensign, 76, of Woodville, Texas died Friday, December 3, 1999 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Services were held Sunday, December 5, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Officiating at the services was Brian Miller.

Visitation was held on Saturday, December 4, 1999 from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Ensign was born September 9, 1923 in Fuqua, Texas. She was a former resident of Vidor and had lived in Woodville for the past twenty-seven years.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Janet Ensign of Woodville, Walter and Mary Ensign of Sour Lake, Wayne D. and Sue Ensign of Clarksville, Tennessee; daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Wilson Landry of Warren; sisters, Dorothy L. Davis and Mary Helen Eason, both of Cleveland, Texas; sister-in-law, Wilda Scott of Port Arthur; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Thomas Cabot Fortenberry

Thomas C. Fortenberry died on December 11, 1999 in Ponta Arenas, Chile at the age of 61 years. He was born on November 26, 1938 in Votaw, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years Mary Alice Swearingen Fortenberry. Born the first son of Thurston Thomas Fortenberry, deceased, and Juanita Musgrow Fortenberry Guidry; two brothers, Otis R. Fortenberry and Richard N. Fortenberry; one sister, Carolyn Clow; one son Gary Wayne Fortenberry; one daughter, Carla Jean Fortenberry; five nephews, John Shivers Clow, Thomas Donald Fortenberry, Richard Ray Cabot Fortenberry, Shane Noel Fortenberry and Shawn Michael Fortenberry; two nieces, Tena Fortenberry Greer and Roxanne Clow Sandifer; his trusted friend and secretary of 20 years, Juanita Boyd; a host of loved ones and friends.
Thomas was an active member of New Shiloh Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be Friday, December 17, 1999 at 2 p.m. at New Shiloh Baptist Church with pastor and friend, Rev. Louis Tubbs officiating and Teddy M. Minyard assisting. Burial will be at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Cecil E. Butler

Cecil E. Butler, 87, of Port Neches, Texas, died Sunday, December 5, 1999 at Mid Jefferson County Hospital in Nederland, Texas.

A Colmesneil native, he was a Port Neches resident for 56 years. He was a retired machinist from Neches Butane after 32 years of service. He was a member of Port Neches Baptist Church.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 7, 1999 at First Baptist Church of Port Neches with the Rev. David Mahfouz officiating. Burial was at Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches.

Visitation was from 5 - 8 p.m. Monday, December 6, 1999 at Pat Riley Funeral Home in Nederland, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Butler of Port Neches; three sons, Billy Joe Butler of Port Neches, Wayne Butler of Port Neches and Gene Butler of Nederland; two sisters, Iva Gray of Colmesneil and Hallie Jones of Austin; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

George Houston Pippins

Funeral service for George Houston Pippins, 61, was held Tuesday, December 7, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Kilpatrick Funeral Home Chapel in West Monroe, Louisiana with Dr. Michael Barnett officiating. Burial followed at Twin Cities Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Pippins died Sunday, December 5, 1999 at his residence.

A native of Baskin, Louisiana, he lived in Warren, Texas many years. He was a heavy equipment operator.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Hattie Mae Pippins.

He is survived by his sisters, Nobie Smitz of Maben, Mississippi, Hazel Ward of Monroe, Louisiana, Odessa Lamb of Livingston, Texas, Jean Wiggins, of West Monroe, Louisiana, Mary Townsend of Joyce, Louisiana, Lillian Cox of West Monroe, Louisiana, and Joy Ann Sykes of Columbia, Louisiana; brother, Jimmie E. Pippins of West Monroe, Louisiana; special friend, Dorothy Jackson of Warren, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Serving as pallbearers were his nephews.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Becky Jane Sheffield

Visitation for Becky Jane Sheffield, 55, was held Monday, December 13, 1999 at Riley Funeral Home. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Sheffield died December 12, at her residence in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Corpus Christi, Texas she lived in Woodville most of her life. She was a teacher for Woodville I.S.D.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Sheffield of Woodville; two daughters, Stephanie Sargent of Canyon and Catherine Sheffield of Dallas; one brother, Tommy Thomson of The Woodlands; one grandson, Andrew Sargent.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Herschel Clayton Best

Herschel Clayton Best, 61, of Woodville, Texas died Monday, December 6, 1999 at his residence.

Funeral services were Saturday December 11, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with full military burial rites in the Antioch Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services were Brother Ted Minyard and Chaplain Larry Sharp.

Serving as pallbearers were Jerry Best, Dale Best, Robert Preston Best, Sr., Richard Arvy Best, Robert Preston Best, Jr., and Jason Drew Best.

Visitation was held on Friday, December 10,
1999 from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Best was born February 2, 1938 in Woodville to Mr. and Mrs. Arvy H. Best. He lived most of his life in Tyler County except when serving his country in the military. He was retired from the U.S. Army Engineering Corps with the rank of Sargent First Class, E7, after having served over 20 years in both Germany and Vietnam.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arvy Haskell Best and Mary Irene Odom Best of Woodville; sister, Avis B. Carter of Rupert, Idaho; and brother, Vernon Preston Best of Woodville.

He is survived by his two sons, David Clayton Best and Douglas Barrow Best; sisters and brothers-in-law, Madie B. Elwood of Houston, Grace B. and Robert Boyd of Texas City, Nancy B. and Wallace Gowan of Atlanta, Georgia, and Joanne B. and Gary Jensen of Bozeman, MT.; aunts, Jewel Best Pedigo of Port Arthur, (formerly of Town Bluff, Texas), and Dorothy Wiggins Best of Antioch; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Elbert L. "Red" Stewart, Sr.

Elbert L. “Red” Stewart, Sr., 87, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, December 17, 1999 at Holiday Pines Convalescent Home in Woodville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville with the Rev. C.O. Hadnot officiating. Burial will follow at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation will be Monday from 12 - 6 p.m. at the funeral home chapel.

A native of Doucette, Texas he lived in Woodville a number of years. He worked for Wheat Abstract Company for over 40 years and Kirby High School in Woodville.

Survivors include daughters, Joyce and Tom Hadnot of Onalaska, Texas, Betty J. Townsend of Houston; son, Elbert L. Stewart, Jr. of Houston; brother, Johnny Stewart, Sr. of Lufkin; sister, Geraldine (Little MaMa) Williams of Doucette; aunt, Madie Barlow of Woodville; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services entrusted to The Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home.

Whiteman Black

Whiteman Black, 79, of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, December 19, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 21, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Bryan Chapel with burial in Shiloh Cemetery at Alto, Texas. Officiating at the services will be Rev. Gene Webb.

Visitation will be from 6 - 8 p.m., December 20, 1999 at the funeral home.

Whiteman was born May 2, 1920 in Alto, Texas. He lived in Woodville for 20 years. He was a truck driver for Texas Electric Coop in Jasper, Texas. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Emmi Black of Woodville; three daughters, Lottie Morris, Karnack, Lauretta Lewis, Gilmer, Wanda Bamberg, Salt Lake City, Utah; four sons, Bobby Black, Billy Black, Buddy Black and Joel Black, all of Mt. Enterprise; one sister, Ida Ree Palmer of Tyler; 21 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of the Bryan Funeral Home of Henderson, Texas.

James Bryant McDougald

James Bryant McDougald, 74, of Warren, Texas died Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Memorial services were Thursday, December 16, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating at the service was Brother Carl Redmon and his grandson, Eric Ray.

Mr. McDougald was born November 2, 1925 in Monroe, Louisiana. He was a former resident of Pt. Neches and was a longtime resident of Warren, Texas. He was a retired chemistry teacher with Lumberton High School and was a U.S. Army WW II veteran.

He was preceded in death by his son, Bryan Keith McDougald.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene McDougald
of Warren; daughter, Sylvia Ray of Ontario, California; four grandchildren, Amanda, Eric, Justin and Stephen and two great-grandchildren, Caitlin and Christopher.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Elza Clarence Dean

Funeral services for Elza Dean, 78, was held December 22, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Jack Lellen officiating. Burial followed at Gregory Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas.

Mr. Dean died December 19, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

He was born October 16, 1921 in Rockland, Texas where he lived most of his life before moving to Colmesneil 27 years ago. He was retired from Temple Associates and was a self-employed carpenter and a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ouida Brown Dean of Colmesneil; two daughters, Hilda Dean Berryman and Frances Dean Barker and husband, Don, all of Colmesneil; brother, Billy Joe Dean and wife, Marilyn of Tomball; sister, Joyce Marie Miller and husband, Dean of Longview; five grandchildren, Michael Skinner and wife Leanne of Amelia Island, FL., Allen Swain Barker and wife, Michelle, of Colmesneil, Melissa Morrell and husband, Bryant, of Tyler, Paul Edward Berryman of Camp Lejune, North Carolina, Glenn Dean Berryman and wife, Shirley of Camp Pendleton, California; four great-grandchildren, Cullen Barker, Taylor Barker, Ryan Skinner and Matthew Skinner.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Brown, Paul Edward Berryman, Sr., Glenn Dean Berryman, Roger Hamilton, Andy Dean, Jack Dean, Bryant Morrell, and Paul Edward Berryman, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Michael Wayne Skinner, Allen Swain Barker and Don Barker.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Billy Ray Phillips

Funeral service for Billy Ray Phillips was held December 17, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Troy Richardson officiating. Burial followed at Mount Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Billy Ray died December 14, 1999 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

He was born February 25, 1954 in Woodville. He was a lifelong resident of Woodville. He was a self-employed carpenter, and he was a member of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church where he served as Sunday School Superintendent.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Phillips of Woodville; mother, Virgie Phillips of Woodville; son, Jonathan Phillips of Woodville; daughters, Pamela Beth Phillips and Pamela Leigh Taylor, both of Woodville, and Susan Price of Lumberton; brother, James Robert Phillips of Hillister; sisters, Jo Ann Phillips and Wanda Faye Mitcham, both of Woodville, and five grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Bethany, Logan, Alexi and Kimberlyn.

Pallbearers were Jonathan Phillips, Dusty Dennis, James Rogers, Bob Borel, Steve Gilwicks and Scott Yosko. Honorary pallbearers were, Deacons of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Addie Jenkins Wilson

Funeral services for Addie Wilson were held at 1 p.m. December 24, 1999 at the First Pentecostal Church in Fred, Texas, with Brother Jim Chance officiating. Burial followed at Fred Community Cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson died December 20, 1999 at Baptist Health Hospital in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mrs. Wilson was born April 7, 1937 in Fred, Texas. She lived in Arkansas a short time. She was retired from the Warren I.S.D. Cafeteria.

She is survived by her sons, Luther Wilson and Mark Wilson, both of Pal Keeps, Arkansas, Carl Wilson of Batesville, Arkansas, Minor Ore Willson of Warren, Texas, and Perry Michael Wilson of Silsbee, Texas; daughters, Rose Marie Davis of
Evadale and Roxie Lavoyne Simpson of Hillister; brothers, Hank Jenkins of Spurger, Monroe Jenkins of Silsbee, Steve Harrell of Fred and Bud Jenkins of Barlow Lakes Estates; sisters, Thelma Clowers of Fred, Dolly Holyfield and Soukie Jenkins, both of Silsbee, eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Perry Wilson, Mark Wilson, Carl Wilson, Minor Wilson, Luther Wilson and Duran Miller.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Elma Cruse Walker

Elma Cruse Walker, 92, of Colmesneil, Texas died Wednesday, December 22, 1999 at her residence.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 24, 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Bethany Baptist Church near Colmesneil with burial in Pilgrim Rest Cemetery in the Dies Community. Officiating at the services were Brother Drew Sheffield and Brother John Spanhanks.

Serving as pallbearers were James Albert Marshall, Jim Boone, Cloyce Chalker, Marris King, C.J. Riley, Jr., and Buddy Goode.

Mrs. Walker was born April 24, 1907 in Colmesneil and had taught school at Bethany Community, Cherokee Community and retired from Colmesneil I.S.D. She was a member of the Bethany Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Arby Jean Walker of Colmesneil; nieces Julieanne Covington of Houston and Ruthellen Kimmel of Vail, CO.; two grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ima Jean Pentecost Pomikal

Ima Jean Pentecost Pomikal, 68, of Spurger, Texas, died Monday, December 27, 1999 at her residence.

Graveside services will be Wednesday, December 29, 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the service will be Brother John McKee.

Mrs. Pomikal was born on May 18, 1931 in Doucette, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Spurger.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Larry Barbo of Silsbee, Billy and Susan Barbo of Jasper, and Bobby Barbo of Vidor; twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Henry Joe Jordan, Jr.

Henry Joe Jordan, Jr., 59, of Spurger, Texas died Tuesday, December 21, 1999 in Silsbee, Texas.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 23, 1999 in First Baptist Church of Spurger with burial following in Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger.

Mr. Jordan was a lifelong resident of Spurger, Texas. He was a Training Supervisor for Mobil Chemical.

He is survived by his wife, Aran Jordan of Spurger; daughters, Celeste Jordan of Spurger, Lisa Doremus of Montgomery; sons, Joe Jordan, Jr. of Willis, Chris Scott of Spurger; sisters, Mary Williams and Lottie Sheffield of Spurger; brothers, Earl Jordan of Spurger, Newton Jordan and J.B. Jordan of Fred and six grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Farmer’s Funeral Home of Silsbee, Texas.

Ivy Lois Broom

Funeral services for Ivy Broom, 86, were held December 31, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Troy Richardson, officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Broom died December 29, 1999 at Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville.

A native of Broaddus, Texas she was a lifelong resident of Tyler County, and she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Travis and Frances Broom of Woodville,
Darrell Kenneth and Debra Broom of Shreveport, Louisiana; one sister, Maggie Ellis of Elkhart; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samson A. Broom.

Pallbearers were Ricky Broom, Terry Broom, Roy Mitcham, Ronald Hensarling, Jimmy Broom and Robert Garrett.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Lola Louise Hollier**

Graveside services were held January 2, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Town Bluff Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas, with Brother Paul Fregia officiating.

Mrs. Hollier was born January 6, 1919 in Merryville, Louisiana. She lived in Port Neches before moving to Woodville 23 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sisters, Bernice Davis of Lumberton, Ruth Simmons and Essie Procell, both of Silsbee and Sybil Wing of Sulpher, Louisiana; three grandchildren, Brandon Hollier of Houston, Larissa Jackson and Roger Hollier, both of Vidor; five great-grandchildren, Dylan Hollier, Hunter Hollier, Regan Hollier, Briana Jackson and Hannah Jackson, all of Vidor.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Ola Gardner Nolen**

Ola Gardner Nolen, 96, of Warren, Texas died Thursday, December 30, 1999 in Beaumont, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Warren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Emmit Fletcher Nolen in 1976.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Emmit Earl and Delores Nolen of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Verna Lou Allison, Miladeen and James Baisdon, Alyce Fay Poe and Ola Vee and Arnold Proellochs, all of Beaumont; sister, Lurlee Stackpole of Warren; fourteen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Clara Williams**

Clara Williams, 98, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday, December 30, 1999 at the Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Graveside services were Friday, December 31, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the service was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Mrs. Williams was born October 28, 1901. She was a longtime resident of Woodville, Texas.

She is survived by her loving friends of the administration, staff and residents at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Gus W. Lewis**

Gus W. Lewis, 83, of Trenton, Georgia died Friday, December 31, 1999 at his granddaughter’s home in Trenton.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2000 at the Wilson Funeral Home in Trenton.

Mr. Lewis was born September 27, 1916 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Before moving to Trenton two years ago, he was a longtime resident of Woodville, Texas, where he owned and operated City Upholstery for 20 years. He enjoyed reading and was an avid golfer until his illness in October.
He was also a U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by two sons, Leonard “Butch” Lewis, of Woodville, and Gus Lewis, Jr. of Marshfield, Massachusetts; two daughters, Phyllis Holcombe of Trenton, Georgia and Linda Lewis of Weymouth, Massachusetts; one sister, Cora Lee of Chattanooga, Tennessee; two brothers, Virsel Lewis of Chattanooga, Tennessee and Virden Lewis of Vidor, Texas; 14 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Harry O’Neal, Sr.

Harry O’Neal, Sr., 94, of Kountze, Texas died December 29, 1999 at Baptist Health Care Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Visitation was on Thursday, January 6, 2000 at the Green Pine Baptist Church in Kountze, Texas from 6 - 9 p.m.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, January 7, 2000 at Green Pine Baptist Church in Kountze with burial at Fodice Cemetery in Fodice, Texas.

Mr. O’Neal was a native of Fodice, Texas and lived in the Kountze, and Honey Island area for over 55 years. He was a metal worker and a collector of old cars and other things.

Survivors include daughter, Patricia O’Neal of Houston; son, Samuel O’Neal of Kountze; step daughters, Lucille Manuel and Hanna Mae Anderson, both of Sacramento, California; step sons, Rev. Willie W. Anderson of Sacramento, California, Freddie James Anderson of San Antonio and Washie Lee Anderson of Kountze; and a sister, Dollee Simmons of Houston.

Services were entrusted to Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Betty Jane Abbey Speth

Betty Jane Speth, 53, a member of the Alabama - Coushatta Indian Tribe, died December 28, 1999 at her residence in Selmer, Tennessee.

She was a graduate of Big Sandy High School in Dallardsville, Texas and Massey Business College in Nacogdoches, Texas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Selmer. She and her husband, Jim, owned and operated Jim’s Best Stop in Selmer and Jon’s Pier Restaurant in Pickwick, Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Stella Abbey, her maternal grandfather, the late Coushatta Indian Tribe of Louisiana Chief Abbey, grandparents, the late Bursie “Ah-poo” Battise and the late John “Ahwoo” Battise.

She is survived by her husband Jim Speth of Selmer, Tennessee; her father, E.O. Burden of Atoka, Oklahoma; two sons, Jimmy Speth of Knoxville, Tennessee and Jason and Shannon Speth of Selmer, Tennessee; two sisters, Monnie Mae Langley of Houston, Texas and Zolen Welch of the Indian Reservation near Livingston, Texas; step-grandson, Austin McCarter of Selmer; and a host of relatives in Texas and Louisiana Indian Reservations.

Services were held December 31, 1999 at Shackelford Chapel in Selmer, Tennessee. Burial was in McNairy County Memorial Cemetery, Selmer, Tennessee.

Velma Smith Forque

Funeral services for Velma Smith Forque, 89, was held Saturday, January 8, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Clayton - Thomas Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Dammon officiating. Visitation was held Friday evening.

Mrs. Forque died, January 5, 2000, at her residence.

A native of Pearl, Texas, she lived in Port Arthur before moving to Woodville, Texas seven years ago. She was the retired owner of Del Mar Book Shop. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Port Arthur.

She is survived by her sons, Forrest Forque of Arlington, MA., and Frank Forque of Miami, FL.; sister, Letabeth Bythewood of Woodville and three grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Frank Forque, Forrest Forque, Felix Smith, Fred Smith, John Smith and Terry Smith.

Local arrangements were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Izamae Roy Hale

Funeral services for Izamae “Runt” Roy Hale, 94, was held Thursday, January 6, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Broussard’s Mortuary in Nederland with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Port Arthur under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Visitation was held Wednesday, January 5, 2000 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home and from 4 - 8 p.m. at Broussard’s Mortuary in Nederland.

Born November 25, 1905 in Arnudville, Louisiana, she lived in Port Arthur most of her life before moving to Warren, Texas 30 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Coy Hale.

She is survived by her sister, Linda Schambers of Groves and numerous nieces and nephews.

Violet Sturrock Willis

Funeral services for Violet Sturrock Willis, 83, of Yoakum, Texas was held Sunday, January 9, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Corrigan Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Union Spring Cemetery in Corrigan, Texas. Visitation was held Saturday, January 8, 2000 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Mrs. Willis died January 6, 2000. She was born December 28, 1916 in Corrigan. She was a housewife.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Willis; father, Lester Sturrock; mother, Phoebe Durham Sturrock; sister, Jo Barclay; brothers, Sturgeon Sturrock, Wayne Sturrock and Charles D. Sturrock.

She is survived by sons, David Barnes of Yoakum; Billy Moore of Woodland Park, CO.; daughters-in-law, Delia Moore and Julie Barnes; sister, Lois Moore of Spring; brother, Henry Sturrock of Houston; five grandchildren, Steen, Gary and Kevin Moore, Jeremy and Ashley Barnes; and two great-grandchildren, Tara and William Moore.

Pallbearers were Jeremy Barnes, Kevin Moore, Gary Moore, Steven Moore, Greg Moore and Clayton Sturrock.

Rachel Krute

Rachel Krute, 88, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, January 9, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 12, 2000 from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Mrs. Krute was born August 27, 1911 in Plymouth, PA. She was formerly of Port Arthur and had lived in Woodville for the past twenty years.

She is survived by her brother, Harry Lewis of Plymouth, PA.; sister, Esther Lewis of Plymouth, PA.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ann Owens Johnson

Ann Owens Johnson, of Woodville, Texas, died Wednesday, January 5, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 7, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services was Rev. Rick Eifert, pastor of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were Roy Peterson, Maxie G. Young, Chester Owens, Jr., Jerry Nichols, Jim Allison, and Cecil Fortenberry. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. John Q. Gilchrist and Carey L. Cruse.

Visitation was held on Thursday, January 6, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Johnson was a native of Doucette, Texas and a lifelong resident of Woodville. She was a retired school teacher for W.I.S.D. and a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her nephews, Macey Owens of Warren, Samuel Bronson “Sonny”
Owens of Woodville, Chester Owens, Jr. of Houston and Richard Owens of Phoenix, AZ.; nieces, Maurine Owens Nichols of Woodville, Joann Owens Darden of Waco, and Rebecca Owens of Atlanta, GA. And several great nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Joseph A. Hill

Joseph A. Hill, 77, of Normangee, Texas, died Sunday, January 2, 2000 at his residence.

Funeral services were Tuesday, January 4, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mahaffey Cemetery near Chester, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother Sam Manning.

Mr. Hill was born October 11, 1922 in Nome, Texas. He was a former resident of Houston and had lived in Normangee for the past ten years. He was a retired mechanic with Brown and Root and was a WW II U.S. Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Mahaffey Hill on March 26, 1997 and his grandson, Troy Hutchins.

He is survived by his daughters and son-in-law, Linda and James Mahaffey of Crockett and Janice Alpha of Normangee; brothers, Tommy Hill and Wolburn Hill, both of Raywood; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Marion Mack Robinson

A graveside service for Marion Mack “Puddin” Robinson, 68, was held Saturday, January 8, 2000, at 10 a.m. at Town Bluff Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas, with Brother David Digmon officiating. Visitation was held Friday evening.

Mr. Robinson died January 6, 2000 at his residence in Town Bluff.

A native of Kilgore, Texas he lived in Port Arthur and Tillman before moving to Town Bluff. He was a retired operator for Transco Gas Plant in Tillman and was a Korean War Air Force Veteran.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Kim Robinson of Austin; sisters, Connie Fitch of Nederland and Patsy Scow of Leeds, Utah; sister-in-law, Mary Robinson of Town Bluff; two granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Frances L. Rhodes

A memorial service for Frances L. Rhodes, 66, will be held Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at 1 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Frances Rhodes died Saturday, January 8, 2000 at her residence.

Born November 14, 1933 in Woodville, she was a lifelong resident. She was retired from Wal Mart and from the Tyler County Hospital as an outpatient coordinator.

She is survived by her sister, Claudette Von Cannon of Woodville and several nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Frank Sebe Grimes

Funeral service for Frank Sebe Grimes, 79, was held January 3, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Dr. Raymond Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese officiating. Burial followed at Ferrel Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas.

Visitation was held January 2, 2000 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Grimes died December 31, 1999 at his residence.

Born September 27, 1920 in Colmesneil, he lived in Tyler County all of his life. He was a retired heavy equipment operator. He was a former Justice of the Peace and an U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Woodville.

He is survived by his wife, Ruthie Lee Conner Grimes of Woodville; son, Robert M. Grimes of Colmesneil; daughters, Janice Sutton of Avon Park, FL., Julia K. Napper of Lufkin, Cari Grimes
and Brittney Grimes, both of Woodville; brother, Kirby Grimes of Colmesneil; eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Serving as pallbearers were Robert A. Grimes, Joe F. Conner, Walter F. Conner, Joe Marshall, Rufus Conner, Kenneth Conner, Bob Rawls, and Leslie DuBose.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Rev. Timothy Franks**

Rev. Timothy Franks, 74, of Dies Community, Texas died Sunday, January 2, 2000 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 8, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville with burial at Dies Community Cemetery in Dies, Texas.

Visitation was held on Friday, January 7, 2000 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home chapel.

He was a lifelong native of Dies, Texas and associate pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville.

Survivors include son Eddie Franks of Lufkin; sisters, Bessie Ella Franks and Desolene Franks, both of Dallas; brothers, Clifton Franks of Jasper, Rayfield Franks of Dies and Michael Franks of Dallas.

Services entrusted with Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

**John Lewis Kirkland**

Funeral services for John Lewis Kirkland, 85, were held January 14, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Woodville, Texas, with Dr. Dwayne Freese and Brother Dale Vance officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Mr. Kirkland died January 11, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital. A native of Shiloh, he lived in Port Arthur before moving to Woodville 21 years ago. He was a retired supervisor for Gulf Oil Refinery and a WW II Army Veteran. He was a deacon of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Signora Watson Kirkland, his parents and one grandson, Trey Beasley.

Survivors include his son, Nelson Glen Kirkland of Dallas; daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Don Caballero of Houston, Lauretta and Don Wessinger of Dallas and Christi and Louis Havens of Port Arthur; sisters, Alta Shearin and Bobbie Lou McKnight, both of Bridge City and Myrtle Lee Gondron of Woodville; three sisters-in-law; six grandchildren, Pam Brown, Kirk Beasley, Louie Harvens, Wendy Billiot, Gary Wessinger, Mike Wessinger; twelve great-grandchildren, T.C. Brown, Katie Brown, Melissa Beasley, Elizabeth Beasley, Kirkland Beasley, Kristen Sonnenberg, Lindsey Havens, Reagan Havens, Blake Wessinger, Lindsay Wessinger, Jonathan Wessinger, J.D. Wessinger; and nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Kirk Beasley, Louie Havens, Dean Shearin, Jerrel Whitworth, Robert Parks and Raymond Irvine. Honorary pallbearers were Men’s Adult 6 Sunday School Class, and deacons.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Kristen Marie Putchaven**

Kristen Marie Putchaven, 14, of Houston died January 15, 2000 in Houston, Texas.

Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 19, 2000 at Concord Cemetery near Zavalla, Texas. Brother Robert Wilson, pastor of Trinity Christian Church in Woodville, Texas, will officiate the services.

She was a 9th Grader of Elsik High School in Houston.

Survivors include parents, Greg and Lynn Putchaven of Houston; sister, Michelle Putchaven; brother, Little Gregory Putchaven; and grandparents, Lou Putchaven and Larry and Jane Bretzlaff.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Julia Coussons Collier

Julia Coussons Collier, 82, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away Monday, January 17, 2000 at Memorial Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

Funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 19 at First Baptist Church in Colmesneil with Brother David Miller, Pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Colmesneil City Cemetery in Colmesneil.

Visitation was held from 5 - 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

A native of Hemphill, she had lived in Colmesneil most of her life. Mrs. Collier was a retired self-employed merchant store owner. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Colmesneil.

She was preceded in death by her husband, S.E. Collier, Jr. on June 29, 1997 and also a sister, Eva Hayes and brother, James Coussons, and her parents John and Ida Coussons.

Survivors include four daughters, Sandra Eargle, Debbie Hughes, and Sherry Walker, all of Colmesneil and Judy Lewis of Houston; two sons, James Collier of Woodville and Mike Collier of Colmesneil; twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers will be Dub Hock, Jeff Lewis, Doyle Cowart, Gary Eargle, Jamie Davis and Jaime Douglas. Honorary pallbearers will be Jeff Allen, Johnny Walker and Harry Hughes.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James Reagan Elliott, Jr.

James Reagan Elliott, Jr., 61, of Hillister, Texas, died Saturday, January 15, 2000 at his residence.

Funeral services were Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating at the services was Brother John Spanhanks. Burial was at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville with full U.S. Navy military honors at graveside.

Serving as pallbearers were Jamey Job, Thoms Job, William Lee Job, III, Robert Aaron Job, Derek Clow, and Jason Clow. Honorary pallbearer was Michael Job.

Visitation was held Monday, January 17, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Elliott was born November 3, 1938 in Port Arthur, Texas. He was retired with 20 years of service from the U.S. Navy and was a Vietnam veteran. He had also worked as a millwright with GBV and Texas L.L.P.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alma and James R. Elliott, Sr. and his brother, Dean Elliott.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Elliott of Hillister; brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Sandy Elliott of Johnson City, Tennessee, John Elliott of Village Mills, Texas, Bob and Debbie Elliott of Dallardsville, and Bill Elliott of Warren; sister, Jean Clow of Houston; stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Eddie and Brenda Job of Bay City, Sam and Brenda Job of Sam Rayburn, Billy and Cherie Job of Groves, and Jimmy Job of Alvin; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Nobe Okun Best

Nobe Okun Best, 77, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday, January 20, 2000 at the Herman Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 22, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services was Dr. Dwayne Freese, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were Perry Best, Bill Brackin, Windell Brackin, Steven Fared, Calvin Wheat, Guy Okun, and Dale Okun.

Visitation was held Friday, January 21, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Best was born April 3, 1922 in Woodville, Texas. She was a former longtime resident of the Golden Triangle and had lived in Woodville for the last twenty-five years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.
She is survived by her husband, Jack C. Best, of Woodville; sons and daughter-in-law, J. Lester Best of Woodville, and Jack Allan and Gloria Ann Best of Nederland; brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Eddidale Okun, Henry Okun, and Sidney and Mary Okun, all of Lumberton, and Jimmy Okun of Evadale; sisters and brother-in-law, Jean and Charles Wheat of Lufkin, Helen Southall of Petersburg, Virginia and Gertrude Woodrome of Woodville; and granddaughter, Mandy Best of League City, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jennie V. Payne

Elder Jennie V. Payne, 76, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday at 11 a.m. at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Woodville with burial at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas.

A native of Colmesneil, she lived in Woodville most of her life and was a devoted Evangelist.

Survivors include sister, Lethel Hamilton of Temple, Texas; brothers, John Tom Spears of Woodville and Clarence Cruse of Doucette, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

George Wayne Thomas

Funeral services for George Wayne Thomas, 55, of Corrigan, Texas were held at 1:30 P.M. Thursday, January 20, 2000 in the Corrigan - Camden High School Cafeteria with the Rev. Bruce Austin officiating. Interment followed in the Guidry Cemetery in Batson, Texas.

Mr. Thomas was born February 12, 1944 in Beaumont, Texas and passed away Saturday, January 15, 2000 in the Memorial Medical Center of Lufkin.

He graduated high school in 1964 from West Hardin High School in Saratoga, Texas, and in 1971 he graduated with a BS in Chemistry from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. Mr. Thomas started his teaching career in 1972 at Kountze High School where he taught chemistry and physics until 1978. He left the teaching profession to become a Directional Drilling Supervisor for numerous oil companies. Then in 1991 he returned to teaching at Corrigan - Camden I.S.D. where he taught chemistry and physics from 1991 to 2000. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Corrigan.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Thomas of Corrigan; sons, Derek Thomas of Houston, Kyle Thomas of Frisco, Texas, step - son, Andrew Sonsel of Houston, mother, Dorothy Thomas of Hot Springs, Arkansas; brothers, John Edward Thomas, Jr. of Angleton, Texas, Terry Neal Thomas of Hot Springs, Arkansas; sister, Rhonda Carol Ward of Hot Springs, Arkansas; and numerous nieces and Nephews.

Pallbearers were Sam McDonald, P.D. Evans, Ron Williams, Donald Carr, Harlon Parrish, Gerald Collins, Danny Dixon, and Tim Overstreet.

Ann Lowery Brown

Funeral service for Ann Lowery Brown, 90, will be held Wednesday, January 26, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Fairview Baptist Church in Town Bluff, Texas with Brother John Spanhanks officiating. Burial will be held at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas.

Visitation was held Tuesday, January 25, 2000 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home.


Born December 29, 1909 in Nacogdoches, she lived in Houston before moving to Town Bluff. She was a retired technician for Electrolux in Houston. She was a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Charlene Mason of Silsbee and Earlene Hughes of Port Neches; brother, Henry Doyle Lowery of Liberty; sisters, Elenora Clippenger of Berling, WI., and Belva Ruth Jones of Ozona, Texas; eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and twelve great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ralph Osborne, Doyle Osborne, Jimmy Delaney, Jonathan McCurley, David McCurley, Jr., great-grandsons, and David Galmor.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Doris Bush Foster

Graveside service was held January 22, 2000 at 3 p.m. at Mount Zion Cemetery near Chester, Texas.

Mrs. Foster died January 19, 2000 at Frio Hospital in Pearsall, Texas.

She was born August 27, 1931 in Baytown, Texas. She lived in Cleveland, Texas before moving to Chester 20 years ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her two daughters, Janice Weber of Laredo and Iris Hernandez of Pearsall; one son, Jimmy T. Foster III of Uvalde; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Myrtle Wilburn

A graveside service for Myrtle Wilburn, 86, will be held Friday, January 21, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa, Texas, with Brother Griffin Jones officiating.

Mrs. Wilburn died January 17, 2000 at Lufkin Memorial Hospital.

Born June 27, 1913 in Wells, Texas, she lived in Odessa 40 years before moving to Zavalla. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Billie Birchfield of Zavalla; brother, Johnny Hannah of Diboll; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Kathy Burnett

Funeral services for Kathy Burnett, 73, of Katy, Texas, were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at the Schmidt Funeral Home Chapel in Katy, with Tommy Dixon officiating. Interment was in Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

Mrs. Burnett died January 9, 2000 in Katy. She was born on January 16, 1926 in Woodville, Texas to W.A. and Mattie V. Mills Best.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Burnett, Sr., of Katy; children, Sherry Wisniski of Brookshire, Paula Cauley of Brookshire, Jack Burnett, Jr., of Katy, Pam Anderson of Houston, and Judy Middleton of Katy.

Survivors also include six grandchildren, two great grandchildren; sister, Elizabeth Muennink of Baytown; and brother, William Arthur Best of North Carolina.

Pallbearers were Al Peck, Tommy Dixon, George Duchesne, Johnny Nelson, Randy Peck, and Jarred Burnett.

Funeral services were held under the direction of Schmidt Funeral Home, Katy, Texas.

Marvin O. Leach

Marvin O. “Daddy Moe” Leach passed away Monday, January 24, 2000 in Lufkin, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Oather, Howard, and Glen; sister, Myrtle; wife, Donella Troxel Leach; son, Gary Leach.

Survivors include daughter, Jane Ann Holcomb and husband, Charles of Livingston; four grandchildren, Margie Sartin and husband, Gary of Farmington, New Mexico, Libbie Dallas and husband Mike, of Austin, Rick Holcomb of Houston, and Kathryn Pedigo and husband, Jason of Livingston; five great-grandchildren, Zachary, Alex and Kaitlynn Dallas, and Emily and Grace Sartin; and daughter-in-law Maggie Leach of Pearland, Texas.

Born July 15, 1906 in Galena, Kansas, Marvin and his family lived a frugal life of mining and farming throughout Kansas, Idaho, Oklahoma and Arkansas. He attended Sand Springs High School in Oklahoma and was valedictorian of his class. He graduated from Oklahoma University in June 1931 with a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering. Martin was a Chemical Engineer for Shell Oil and Chemetron Chemicals for the majority of his professional career. He retired to Woodville, Texas in 1972.

While at Oklahoma University, “Kid Leach” won honors as a NCAA national wrestling champion. During retirement, Marvin enjoyed caring for his 50 acre farm in Woodville. He and his wife Donella were members of the First United Methodist
Church of Woodville. He was also a sixty year member of the Magnolia Masonic Lodge # 495 in Woodville.

Marvin will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends whose lives he touched in very special ways. Affectionately referred to as “Daddy Moe,” he was known to be very generous with his grandchildren and enjoyed his close relationships with them.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2000 at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with burial following in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Dr. Don Willis, First United Methodist Church of Livingston, officiated.

Honorary pallbearers were from the Magnolia Lodge of Woodville.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Daisy Bible

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church, with Father Vecchio officiating. Burial followed at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Mrs. Bible died January 25, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital.

Mrs. Bible was born June 28, 1914 in Lafayette, Louisiana. She lived in Warren, Texas for many years. She was a homemaker.

A rosary was recited January 27, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

She is survived by her daughter, Rita “Skeet” Bridges of Warren; sisters, Rosemary Edwards and Margaret Ann Read both of Warren, and Violet Lawson of Beaumont; brother, Nicholas Landry of St. Augustine, FL.; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Lynwood Lawson, Bubba Bridges, Sam Bridges, Josh Hollis, Mark Read and Will Chessher.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Betty Jeanette Falcon

Funeral services for Betty Jeanette Falcon, 50, was held Monday, January 31, 2000 at Riley Funeral Home with Pastor Ron Davis and Sister Barbara Scott officiating. Burial was held at Colmesneil City Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas.

Visitation was held Sunday, January 30, 2000 from 4 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Falcon died January 28, 2000 at her residence.

Born December 18, 1949 in Woodville, Texas to Wilburn Ernest and Betty Vanlue Faircloth, she lived in Tyler County most of her life. She was a homemaker and an Army veteran.

She was survived by her husband of 24 years, Tony Falcon; son, Joshua Lee Falcon of Colmesneil; mother, Betty Faircloth of Colmesneil; sisters, Ernestine Watters, Beverly Apodaca, Liz Thompson all of Colmesneil, Linda Slaydon and Kathy Williams, both of Kirbyville, Carol Hoot of Corrigan and Joyce Wright of Santa Fe, New Mexico; brother, Marvin Faircloth of Amarillo; sixteen nieces and nephews and twelve great nieces and nephews.

Services as pallbearers were Johnny Jimenez, Lee Falcon, Charles Falcon, Richard Falcon, Joe Falcon and Frank Mejia.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James Harvey Shanley

James Harvey Shanley, 69, passed away Thursday, January 27, 2000 at The Clairmont in Beaumont, Texas. Mr. Shanley had lived in Beaumont for 4 months and was a former long time resident of Woodville. He was a carpenter and painter in the construction industry.

Cremation was at Beaumont Haven of Rest Crematory under the direction of Kelley-Watkins Funeral Home.

He is survived by sons, James and Bill Shanley both of Beaumont, Texas; daughter, Charlotte Parham of Dallas, Texas and 6 grandchildren.
Brayton E. Gray

Funeral service for Brayton E. “Joe” Gray was held January 30, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother David Miller officiating. Graveside service was held January 31, 2000 at 11:15 a.m. at V.A. Houston National Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Gray died January 27, 2000 at the Woodville Convalescent Center.

He was born May 30, 1919 in Jackson, Ohio. He lived in Houston before moving to Colmesneil 25 years ago. He was a retired supervisor for Tesco and was a WW II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Gwyn Gray of Colmesneil; daughters, Mary Ann Higginbotham of Houston, Barbara Jean Jones of Deer Park, Rose Marie Cox and Martha Sue Grey, both of Pasadena; brother, Luther Gray of Springfield, Ohio; sisters, Evelyn McCollum and June Best, both of Springfield, Ohio and Shirley Daniels of Wellsville, Ohio; sixteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Letta June Riley Myers

Funeral service for Letta June Riley Myers, 61, was held Wednesday, February 2, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Father Vecchio officiating. A graveside service was held Friday, February 4, 2000 at Springtown Cemetery in Gentry, Arkansas.

Visitation was held February 1, 2000 from 4 - 8 p.m. with a rosary recited at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Myers died January 31, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Born July 13, 1938 in Gentry, Arkansas she lived in San Bernardino, California before moving to Woodville 3 years ago. She was a presser for a cleaners.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, David E. Myers, Sr. of Woodville, Texas; sons, Michael Myers of San Bernardino, California, Larry Myers of Atlanta, Georgia, and David Myers, Jr. of Coral Springs, Florida; daughter, Anita Diane Hawkins of Bellflower, California; sister, Loretta Riley of Woodville; brothers, Martin Riley of Gentry, Arkansas and Gary Riley of Post Falls, Idaho; seven grandchildren, Rick Myers, Larry Myers, Jr., Michael Myers, Jerry Myers, Jimmy Hawkins, Deserea Myers and Lisa Myers.

Services were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Susan Elaine Anderson

Susan Elaine Anderson, 46, of Livingston, Texas died Wednesday, February 2, 2000 at Bay Shore Medical Center in Pasadena, Texas.

Graveside services were held Sunday, February 6, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester. Officiating at the service was Brother Richard Owen.

Visitation was held Saturday, February 5, 2000 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Susan was born October 29, 1953 in Houston, Texas. She was a former resident of Onalaska, Texas and had lived in Livingston for the past six years.

She is survived by her companion, Bob Lawson of Livingston; daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Derrick Broussard of Trinity; brothers, Jim Casper of Lufkin, Jerry Casper of New Caney, and William Casper of Houston; and two grandchildren, Amanda and Megan Tullos.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

Katherine E. Youngblood Brodnax

A graveside service for Katherine E. Youngblood Brodnax, 89, was held Thursday, February 3, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas with pastor Richard Eifert officiating.

Visitation was held February 2, 2000 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Brodnax died February 2, 2000 at University of Texas Health Center in Tyler, Texas.

Born January 11, 1911 in Marthaville, Louisiana, she lived in Woodville most of her life.
before moving to Lindale. She was a retired school teacher for the Woodville ISD.

She is survived by her sons, George Brodnax of Center, Charles T. Brodnax of Richardson, Thomas L. Brodnax of Garland, William E. Brodnax of Newton, and David Brodnax of Crystal Beach; daughter, Karon Appell of Lindale; sister, Elsie Salley of Natchitoches, Louisiana; brother, Edwin Youngblood of Iowa, Louisiana; eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley funeral Home of Tyler County.

Harold Ogden

Harold Ogden, 66, of Woodville, Texas died February 11, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were Sunday, February 13, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the service was Brother Jimmy L. Dean.

Serving as pallbearers were Gary Hennigan, Jessie Wolf, Kenneth W. Walker, Jerry Grimes, Daryl Hryhorchuk, and Roy Bolding. Honorary pallbearers was Carey L. Cruse, James Daniels, Pat Riley, Sr., David Farrell, Wm. E. Tripplett and F.M. Archer.

Visitation was Saturday, February 12, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Ogden was born July 29, 1933 in Woodville, Texas. He was a self-employed entrepreneur.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Earl Ogden of Woodville; sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Suzanne Ogden of Orange, and Kurt and Missy Ogden of Colmesneil; sisters, Wilma Summes of Clifton, and Brenda Trest of Woodville; grandchildren, Keitha Ogden, Kristi Ogden, Emilee Ogden, Rawson Wickersham, and Brady Wickersham.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Martha I. Ellis

Martha I. Ellis, 78, of Woodville, Texas died Friday, February 11, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Sunday, February 13, 2000 at 5 p.m. in Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with additional services Tuesday, February 15, 2000 in Sikeston, MO., and burial in Mounds, Illinois. Officiating at the services locally will be Reverend B.R. Brown, Reverend David Emmons and Reverend Gary Wright.

Visitation was held Saturday, February 12, 2000 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Ellis was born July 18, 1922 in Paducah, KY. She was formerly of Houston and had lived in Woodville for the past 8 months. She was a member of the Gospel Assembly Church.

She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Ellis, Sr. of Woodville; sons and daughters-in-law, Robert, Jr. and Goldie Ellis of Houston, Bill E. and Linda Ellis of Claycomo, MO.; daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Gale Riley of Peculiar, MO. and Paula and Carl Jarnecke of Woodville; brother, Paul Barnes of Charleston, MO.; sisters, Magdalene Thurston of Pulaski Ill, and Mable Kepner of Los Angeles County, California; 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

Marinda Barclay

Marinda Barclay, 85, of Woodville, Texas died February 7, 2000 at her residence in Woodville.

Funeral service was Saturday, February 11, 2000 at 12 noon at the Kirby Auditorium in Woodville, with burial at the Moss Hill Community Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

She was a native of Beaumont, Texas and lived in Woodville a number of years.

Survivors include daughters, Georgia Davis and Artie Lewis of Beaumont, Texas, Carrie Cooper of Aurora, California, and Freddie Grace Thomas of Woodville; sons, Rev. Charles Minter, Tinnie Adams, Rev. Richard Barclay, all of Houston, Texas, Nathaniel Adams of Doucette,
Texas, Oliver Barclay and Albert Barclay, both of Woodville, Texas, and 174 grandchildren.

**Ezzie Moe McQueen**

Ezzie Moe McQueen, 80, of Woodville, Texas died Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, February 15, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville with burial at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation will be from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home chapel.

A native of Doucette, Texas she lived in Woodville most of her life. She was a housewife.

Survivors include daughters, Evelyn Harris, Barbara Fitch, and Katherine Chatman, all of Woodville, Brenda McQueen and Katie Nichols, both of Houston, Texas; sons, Joe Nichols, Artis McQueen, Jr., and James McQueen, all of Houston; eleven grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

**Allen Williams**

Funeral services were held for Allen Williams, 79, on February 12, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Ron Davis officiating. Burial followed at Hester Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Mr. Williams died February 9, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. Williams was born February 28, 1920 in Sturgis, Texas. He lived in Tyler County most of his life before moving to Port Arthur. He was a retired heavy equipment operator.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Bruce Williams.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Mae Williams of Port Arthur, sons, Billy Williams of Colmesneil, Randy Williams of Mississippi, Thomas Nelson of Mesquite and Johnny Nelson of Port Arthur; daughters, Gail Allen of Venice, Virginia Owens of Colmesneil, Evelyn Smith of Greers Ferry, Arkansas, Audrey Mangrum of Livingston, Doris Schatt of Austin, Bobbie Lorenz of Beaumont, Sharon Parrish of San Augustine, LaJean Bowling Hatfield of Tomball, and Shelia Jetton of Warren; sister, Dovie Dubose of Rockland; fifty grandchildren and sixty-one great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Todd Williams, Michael Williams, Duane Allen, Emie Lorenz, Vico Schatt, and Donald Hatfield. Honorary pallbearer was Leslie Dubose.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Eula Geneva Miller**

Funeral services for Geneva Miller, 86, were held February 12, 2000 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother John Spanhanks officiating. Burial followed at Justice Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Mrs. Miller died February 11, 2000 at Memorial Herman Baptist Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Mrs. Miller was born March 3, 1913 in Joaquin, Texas. She lived in Hillister most of her life. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Leon Miller of Hillister; sons, Eugene Goings of Hillister and Douglas Goings of Warren; daughter, LaMerle Seymour of Lumberton; brother, Robert Rives of Dam-B; sister, Harriett Whitmire of Buna; six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Glynn Miller, Bobby Miller, William Miller, Craig Miller, Kristopher Miller and Pat A. Riley, Sr.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Mildred McGaffey**

Funeral services for Mildred McGaffey, 79, were held February 9, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Rick Eifert, pastor of Woodville United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas.

She was born October 13, 1920 in Port Arthur,
Texas, where she was a long-time resident before moving to Colmesneil upon retirement. She was retired as a secretary for the Port Arthur I.S.D. and owner of “Gathering Basket” Antique Shop in Port Arthur, Texas.

Survivors include a son, Thomas McGaffey and wife, Beth Ann of Dallas; one granddaughter, Sarah Marie McGaffey of Austin; and one grandson, Ethan Neal McGaffey of Nacogdoches; one niece and one nephew.

Pallbearers were Ethan McGaffey, Tony Bosley, G.E. Simpson, Graig Simpson, Leonard Knight and Raymond Druitt.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Charles Roy Fry, Sr.

Charles Roy Fry, Sr., 75, of Warren, Texas died Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at the Tyler county Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were held Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Gardner Cemetery near Warren. Officiating at the services was Brother Kenneth Cauthen.

Mr. Fry was born March 22, 1924 in Schalle, Arkansas. He was a longtime resident of Warren and was self-employed. He was a WW II U.S. Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Charles R. and Kathleen Fry, Jr. of Warren; brothers; Charles Edwin Fry, Jr. of Pt. Neches, and Don Fry of Warren; sisters, Helen Goza of Vidor, Hazel Sharpton of Beaumont, Jo Ellen Pillens of Colorado, Shirley Spurlock of Fred, Nelda Jenkins of Fred, and Juanita Edgar of El Paso; grandchildren, Charles Adrian Fry and Billy Andrew Fry, both of Weatherford, Darla Madigan of Winnie, Gary Wayne Loving of Warren, and Stacie Loving of Wildwood.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Floy Phillips

Funeral services will be held for Floy “Max” Phillips on February 23, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with his brothers officiating. Burial will follow at Swearingen Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Mr. Phillips died February 20, 2000 at his residence.

He was born February 9, 1931 in Merryville, Louisiana. He lived in Port Arthur before moving to Warren, Texas 18 years ago. He was a retired law enforcement officer with the Port Arthur Police Department for 29 years, the Tyler County sheriff’s Office and the U.S. Marshall Service for 10 years. He was an Air Force and Army Korean veteran.


Pallbearers will be Port Arthur Police Dept., Tyler County Sheriff’s Department and the U.S. Marshall Service.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ordway Smith

Ordway “Wild Bill” Smith, 71, of Colmesneil, Texas died Friday, February 18, 2000 at his residence in Colmesneil, Texas.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating at the service was Brother R.C. Tillery.

Visitation was held Tuesday, February 22, 2000 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m at the funeral home.

Mr. Smith was born May 20, 1928 in Shelby County, Texas. He had lived in Colmesneil for the past 10 years and was a truck driver for Johnny Greer Logging Company. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

He is survived by a sister, Marlene Stephens of Greenville; aunts, Bonnie Scoggins of Onalaska and Christene Burks of Corrigan; and uncle, J.C.
Smith of Corrigan.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

**Ella Mae Seamans Davis**

Ella Mae Seamans Davis, 73, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday, February 17, 2000 at Lufkin Memorial Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

Funeral services were Sunday, February 20, 2000 at 3 p.m. at Woodville United Methodist Church with burial at Seamans Cemetery near Chester, Texas. Officiating at the services was Rev. Rick Eifert.

Serving as pallbearers were Wayne Smith, Rodney Smith, Alva Cook, Keith Hays, Lance Seamans and James Masters.

Visitation was held Saturday, February 19, 2000 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Davis was born July 9, 1926 in Chester, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and had been a member of the Daughters of the American Republic, Texas Historical Commission, Chairman of the Tyler County Historical Commission and a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Walton Davis of Woodville; sons and daughters-in-law, David and Patty Comte of Henderson and Charles R. “Chuck” and Kathy Comte of Woodville; brothers H.L. “Harold” Seamans of Groesbeck, E.W. “Joe” Seamans of Colmesneil and L.A. “Lynn” Seamans of Baytown; grandchildren, Joe Comte and Steven Comte, both of College Station and Jarrod Comte of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Silas Odie Smith**

Graveside services for Silas Odie Smith, 66, were held February 16, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. at Justice Cemetery near Warren, Texas with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating.

Mr. Smith died February 14, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

He was born June 1, 1933 in Magnolia Springs, Texas. He lived in Colmesneil 35 years. He was a self-employed carpenter.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby McCollum Smith of Colmesneil; sons, Irwin Smith of Dam-B and Edwin Smith of Silsbee; daughters, Sharon Overstreet and Sherree Lynn Owens, both of Warren, Shirleen “Punkin” Cowen of Livingston and Cindy Nelson of Zavalla; twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Lillie Myrl Holmes Reese**

Funeral services for Lillie Myrl Holmes Reese, 76, was held Sunday, February 20, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Rev. Elbert Reavis officiating. Burial was held at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Visitation was held Saturday at the Funer al Home.

Mrs. Reese died February 18, 2000 at North East Medical Hospital in Humble, Texas.

Born June 5, 1923 in Daisetta, Texas, Mrs. Reese lived in Port Neches for 30 years before moving to Humble. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, E.M. Reese and a brother, Billy Gene Holmes.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Nell Reese of Humble; sisters, Mildred Hall of Channelview and Bobbie Ann Reavis of Harlingen; brothers, A.J. Holmes of Winnie and Raymond Holmes of Onalaska; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were David E. Holmes, James F. Holmes, Larry Mosley, Ronald Reese, Wesley Smith and Steve Lowry.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Fred Ruben Frazier**

A graveside service for Fred Ruben Frazier, 58, was held Wednesday, February 16, 2000, at 11 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas.

Visitation was held Tuesday at the funeral home.
Mr. Fred Frazier died February 12 at his residence.

Born January 13, 1942 in Tulare, California, he lived in Town Bluff for 13 years. He was a disabled welder and U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Johnnie Frazier of Town Bluff; step-sons, Clyde Chambless of Orange, John Dobson of Woodville; step-daughters, Nancy Morgan of Woodville, Lois Railey of Cameron, Sherry Smelser of Morganhill, California, Allie Dobson and Jamie Dobson, both of Woodville; step-mother, Neda Westbrook of Corpus Christi; son, Robert Frazier of Texas; daughter, Ruth Ann Clark of Texas; brothers, Robert Frazier, Jr. of Corpus Christi and Leroy Frazier of Spring Branch; and seven grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Columbus Porter, Jr.

Funeral services for Columbus “Jack” Porter, Jr., 85, were held February 21, 2000 at 6 p.m. at James Crowder Funeral Home in Dickinson, Texas.

Graveside services were held February 22, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Pedigo Cemetery near Town Bluff, Texas.

A native of Henderson, Texas, he lived most of his life in Dickinson. He was a retired football coach for Texas City I.S.D. and was a U.S. Army Veteran of WW II.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Porter of Dickinson and four sisters and two brothers.

Graveside services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Percy L. Caruthers

Funeral service for Percy L. Caruthers, 87, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Woodville, Texas with Father Byron Crockett officiating. Burial will follow at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Caruthers died February 21, 2000 in Woodville, Texas.

Born September 12, 1912 in Beaumont, Texas, he lived in Midland before moving to Lake Ivanhoe 19 years ago. He was a retired accountant for Midland Country Club. He was a member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and WW II Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Marietta Wells Caruthers of Ivanhoe; sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Lavera Caruthers of Warren and Leon and Patty Caruthers of Bellaire; grandchildren, Brad and Blythe Caruthers Weston of Dallas, Patricia Michele Caruthers of Odessa, Jimmy Calvin Caruthers of Spring, and Robert James Caruthers, Jr. of Beaumont; eleven great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Marty Belanger, David McAlvin, John Witte, C.J. Patrick, David Askin, and John Morrison.

Services will be handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Alpha Bryan Martin

Alpha Bryan Martin, 91, died Thursday, February 17, 2000 at Pasadena Vencor Bayshore Hospital in Pasadena, Texas.

Funeral services were Sunday, February 20, 2000 at 1 p.m. at Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother R.C. Tillery.

Serving as pallbearers were Chris Martin, J.C. Clark, Robert Parker, Perry Best, Max Hill, Steve Gardner, Joe Martin, and Clyde Hughes.

Visitation was held Saturday, February 19, 2000 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Martin was born April 6, 1908 in Center, Texas. He was a former resident of Woodville and had lived in Houston for the past four years. He was a retired inspector with the Texas Highway Department and had worked a number of years for Citizen State Bank in Woodville. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

He is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-seven years, Frances Lucille Martin; daughter and son-in-law, Gwen and Jimmy Gibbs of Houston; grandson, and granddaughter-in-law, Gary and
Rosemary Gibbs, granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Teri and John Farrell; two great-grandchildren, Abigail and Jacob Farrell; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ed Dinger

Ed Dinger, 57, of Woodville, Texas, died Wednesday, February 23, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services were held Saturday February 26, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services was Brother Luis Tubbs, pastor of the New Shiloh Baptist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were Art Spurlock, Keyy Beck, Curtis White, Carl Pope, Tommy Ogden, John David Risinger, and Michael Risinger, Honorary pallbearers were David Shaw and Raymond Pope.

Visitation was held on Friday, February 25, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Dinger was born March 6, 1942 in Wamego, Kansas. He was a longtime resident of Woodville and worked construction with Morrell Dirt Work.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Todd and Jill Dinger of Woodville and Troy and Amy Dinger of Colmesneil; daughter and son-in-law, Tara and Keith Fortenberry of Woodville; brother, Walt Dinger of Belvue, Kansas; sisters, Larita Currie of Manhattan, Kansas, Pat Gessner of Kansas City, Kansas and Marlene Budden of Manhattan, Kansas; and grandchildren, Hannah Fortenberry, Harlie Fortenberry, Hayden Dinger, Caleb Dinger, Eli Dinger, and Isaac Dinger.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ann Wooster

Ann Wooster, 91, of Woodville, Texas died Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at her residence in Woodville.

Funeral services were Saturday, February 26, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services was Brother Scott Cox.

Serving as pallbearers were Bill Wooster, Ricky Wooster, Robby Wooster, Ronnie Ward, Randy Ward, and Dan Ward.

Visitiation was held Friday, February 25, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Wooster was born April 2, 1908 in Crosby, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, William C. and Doris Wooster of Woodville; daughter, Sylvia Burkart of San Antonio, Alvina Laslie of Bay City; eleven grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mildred Louise Dickens

Funeral service for Mildred Louise Parten Dickens, 81, was held Sunday, February 27, 2000 at Midway Community Church with Brother Robert Smith officiating. Burial followed at Midway Cemetery in Polk County, Texas.

Visitation was held Saturday from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Dickens died February 25, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Born August 29, 1918 in Midway, Texas, she was a life long resident of Polk County, Texas. She was a member of Midway Community Church and a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Leon D. Dickens, Sr. of Livingston; son and daughter-in-law, Leon D. and Donna Dickens, Jr. of Livingston; sisters, Jewel Hunter of Livingston and Wilma Adams of San Antonio; brother, Charles Ray parten of Angleton; grandchildren, Carla and Jimmy Gresham of Cushing, Darla and Steve Hendrickson of Lufkin, Patrick and Shana Dickens of Livingston; great-grandchildren, Jeremy Nugent,
Justin Nugent, Jessica Nugent, Jake Nugent, Todd Hendrickson, Gabe Hendrickson, Ryah Hendrickson, Shelby Dickens, and Seth Dickens.

Serving as pallbearers were Larry Polk, Gerald Hunter, Kenneth Dickens, Gaylon Dickens, Duane Parten, and Jim Anderson.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Thomas Glynn Cowart**

Graveside services for Thomas G. Cowart, 62, were held February 28, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Ferrell Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas with Sister Virginia Harrison officiating.

Mr. Cowart died February 25, 2000 at the V.A. Hospital in Houston, Texas.

He was born June 10, 1937 in Woodville, Texas and he lived in Tyler County most of his life. He was a Air Force Veteran, serving during the Korean War.

He is survived by his son, Grayson Cowart of Cat Spring; brothers, J.D. Cowart of Dam-B, Lester Cowart of Silsbee, Raymond Cowart of Livingston and Robert Cowart of Colmesneil; sisters, Willie Mae Dryden of Hardin and Maxine McKim of Paris; one granddaughter, Amanda Cowart

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Esther Lee Clark**

Esther Lee Clark, 96, of Woodville, Texas, died Wednesday, February 23, 2000 at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Graveside services were held Friday, February 25, 2000 at 1 p.m. at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery in Houston, Texas. Officiating at the service was Reverend John Collier, pastor of the West University Methodist Church in Houston.

Visitation was held Thursday, February 24, 2000 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Clark was born on December 9, 1903. She was a former resident of Houston and had lived in Woodville for the past ten years. She was a member of the West University Methodist Church in Houston.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, James A. "Jim" and Connie Clark of Woodville; brother, Leonard Smith of Conroe; sisters, Erma Smith of Houston, and Gladys McMillan of LaJoya, California; grandchildren, Stephen Clark, Linda Reid, and Sharon Crenshaw; great-grandchildren, Lauren Clark, Walker Clark, Connie Blankenship, Trey Crenshaw, Jennifer Crenshaw, and Kristopher Crenshaw.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**William C. Cook**

Funeral service for William C. Cook, 75, will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church with Father Vecchio officiating. Burial will be Friday 11 a.m. at the Houston V.A. Cemetery with the V.F.W. Post #2033 in Woodville, Texas presenting the flag to the family.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5 - 7 p.m. with a rosary recited at 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Cook died February 28, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Beaumont, Texas.

Born August 4, 1924 in Elsworth, Kansas, he lived in Houston before moving to Woodville, Texas 17 years ago. He was a retired electrician for N.A.S.A. He was a member of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church and V.F.W. Post #2033 in Woodville and was an Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Luverne Cook of Whitetail Ridge; daughter Shirley Wilburn of Whitetail Ridge; sons, George Louise Cook of Houston and Leonard Earl Cook of LaPorte; sisters, Ila Prellwitz of Sweetgrass, Montana and Mary Spillers of Byron, Georgia; brothers, Bobby Cook of Yuma, Arizona and Donald Cook of Pecos, New Mexico; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Gayle Delene Sims Gilliam

Funeral service for Gayle Delene Sims Gilliam, 39, was held Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Steven Linck officiating. Burial followed at Town Bluff Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas.

Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

Ms. Gilliam died February 25, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Beaumont, Texas.

Born June 25, 1960 in Port Arthur, Texas she lived most of her life in Town Bluff. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her parents, J.C. and Marlene Sims of Town Bluff; daughter, Fleicia G. William of Town Bluff; brother, John Sims, Jr. of Town Bluff; sister, Jettie Lee Jennings of Nevada.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Betty Read

Betty Reed of Houma, Louisiana, died Sunday, February 27, 2000 at her home. She was 80 years old.

She was born in Weleetka, Oklahoma on September 7, 1919. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta. Betty’s places of residence included Sallisaw, Oklahoma; Centralia, Illinois; Maysville, Oklahoma; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Houma, Louisiana, where she lived for the past 36 years.

Betty served as Executive Director of the Houma-Terrebonne Tourist Commission from 1984 until she retired in 1996. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and served as a member of the administrative board from 1974 - 1977. After retiring, she remained active in the Terrebonne Historical and Cultural Society and volunteered at Terrebonne General Medical Center.

She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Reed Jinnette and son-in-law, James S. Jinnette, D.D.S. of Woodville, Texas; a granddaughter, Allison Reed Jinnette; a grandson, William Reed Jinnette and his wife, Stacy Anderson Jinnette, all of Houston, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert C. Reed of Houma, Louisiana; her parents, Lowell T. and Vera Seed Newlon; her sister, Charlotte Pointer of Sallisaw, Oklahoma; and her brother, John Newlon of Springfield, Illinois.

Visitation was held Monday, February 28, 2000 from 5 - 7 p.m at the First United Methodist Church on Bayou Black Drive. A memorial service was held Tuesday, February 29, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Interment will be in the Sallisaw Cemetery in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, at a later date.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Chauvin Funeral Home in Houma, Louisiana.

Michael Allen Riley

Funeral service for Michael Allen Riley, 29, was held Sunday, February 27, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Kenneth Cauthen, Brother Joe Saffle, and Brother Thomas Riley officiating. Burial followed at Village Mills Cemetery, in Village Mills, Texas.

Visitation was held Saturday from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Riley died February 23, 2000 from injuries received in an auto accident.

Born August 3, 1970 in Homestead, Florida, he lived in Warren, Texas for many years. He was a truck driver for C.S.E. and a member of the First Baptist church in Warren.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Riley of Warren; parents, John and Penny Riley of Warren; son, Kenton Riley of Warren; daughter, Alicia Bellefeur of Beaumont; brothers, David Riley of Perth, Australia, Matthew Riley of Beaumont, Tim Riley, Thomas Riley and Steven Riley, all of Warren; uncles, Terry Riley and Jimmy Riley, both of Village Mills; aunt, Sissy Barra of Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were Jimmy Riley, Terry Riley, Keith Buckner, Wade Garrett, Lance Goodson, Wayne Hollenback, Greg Ruth, and Paul Leger.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Bevrie Lee Barr

Funeral services for Bevrie Lee Barr, 90, of Woodville, Texas was held Monday, March 13, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of the Riley Funeral Home with interment following in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the service was her former pastor, Brother Kenneth Cauthen of Warren and assisting was Dr. Dwayne Freese, pastor of First Baptist Church in Woodville.

Visitation was held Sunday, March 12, 2000 from 2 - 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Born August 18, 1909 in Ratcliff in Houston County, Texas and passed away March 11, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. She lived in Tyler County most of her life. She was retired from Warren ISD with 27 years of service. She was a member of Retired Teachers, a member of the Melody Makers and a member of First Baptist Church in Woodville. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

She will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends and students whose lives she touched in very special ways.

Survivors include her husband, Newt Barr of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, James and Barbara Riley of Port Neches; step-daughter Margaret Sherrod and husband Phillip of Waco; one sister, Jamie V. Sturrock of Trinity; seven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by parents; E.J. and Sarah Womack Sullivan; son Cecil Pat Riley and daughter Jerry Nell Goeke.

Serving as pallbearers were, Rick Riley, Mike Rifal, Mark Granger, Alan Benson, Randy Riley and Bill Goeke.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mae Belle Gilder

Mae Belle Gilder passed away on Wednesday, February 9, 2000.

She was born in Doucette, Texas on March 3, 1912 to parents, Jefferson and Lela Scott. She joined Truevine Baptist Church at an early age.

She was a faithful member and active in her church obligations and service. She was a homemaker and teacher. In her later years she moved to Dallas, Texas and fellowshipped with St. Luke Community Church.

She was united in marriage to Henry L. Gilder who preceded her in death. To this union six children were born.

She leaves to cherish her memory, 6 children, Aubrey L. Gilder, Lula B. Gilder Smythe, Travis Gilder, Mabelline Gilder, Alma W. Gilder and Bobbie D. Gilder; sister, Lula Mae Scott; 5 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives.

Brenda Lee Holley

Brenda Lee Holley, 37, of Woodville, Texas passed away Friday, March 10, 2000 at her residence.

Brenda was born July 7, 1962 in Bishop, California, the daughter of Byron and Aileen Mary Holley. Brenda was a member and resident of H.R.A. for three years and had attended special education classes at Texas City High School.

Brenda is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Spencer Holley of Woodville, Texas; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many close friends.

Visitation was held Sunday between 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2000 in the Chapel of the James Crowder Funeral Home in LaMarque, Texas with Rev. Jerry Kelley, officiating. Burial followed at Grace Memorial Park Cemetery in Hitchcock, Texas.

Pallbearers were Carl Nessler, Jr., Joe Jemela, Don Havard, Bob Diehl, Riley Strother and Jame Selman. Honorary pallbearer was Rolf Schuett.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.
Elizabeth Barclay Weaver

A graveside service for Elizabeth Barclay Weaver, 92, was held Sunday, March 19, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Mt Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas with Dr. Dwayne Freese officiating.

Visitation was held Saturday from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Weaver died March 17, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Born December 8, 1907 in Woodville, she lived in Woodville all of her life. She was a retired nurse for the Tyler County Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hal Barclay and Dora Shepherd Barclay and her husband, Tom Weaver.

She is survived by her sisters, Bertha Young and Lillie Harvill, both of Woodville; one niece, Verba Hooper of Houston; numerous great nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Raymond Glenn Sims

A graveside service for Raymond Glenn Sims, 68, will be held Wednesday, March 22, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Mt Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas, with Rev. Fred C. Hill officiating.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 21, 2000, from 6 - 9 p.m. and will be held Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Sims died March 19, 2000 at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Born May 13, 1931 in Doucette, Texas, he lived in Woodville and Kountze before moving to Houston. He was a retired Letter Carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and a U.S. Marine Veteran. He was a member of the American Golf Players Association. He played in the Semi Pros Texas League from 1948 to 1951 as a pitcher.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Robbins of Woodville; son, Brian Glenn Robbins of Bridge City; sister, Charity Ann Robbins of Beaumont; grandmothers, Marie Walker of Woodville and Elois Dolson of Austin; uncle, Tom Wallace; aunts, Christie Fortenberry and Darlene Wallace; one nephew, Justin Small.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Chad Brian Robbins

Graveside services for Chad Brian Robbins, 27, were held March 3, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas with Brother Mitch McMillan officiating. Visitation was held Friday from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the funeral home.

Mr. Robbins died March 1, 2000 in Artesia Springs in Newton County, Texas.

Born May 2, 1972 in Beaumont, Texas, he lived in Woodville 13 years. He was a boiler maker.

He is survived by his mother, Kathy Robbins of Woodville; son, Brian Glenn Robbins of Bridge City; sister, Mary Lee Sims of Houston; one nephew, Henry Sims of Houston; eleven grandchildren, one great grandson, and two great nephews.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Cecil Ray Delano, Sr.

Graveside services for Cecil Ray Delano, Sr., 56, were held March 8, 2000 at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas, with Brother Durl Patrick officiating.

Mr. Delano died March 4, 2000 at Lufkin Nursing Home.

He was born October 30, 1943 in Orange, Texas, he lived in Zavalla four years. He was a carpenter and iron worker in construction.

He is survived by his wife, Frenchie Loretta Young Delano of Zavalla; two sons, Cecil Ray Delano, Jr. of Zavalla and Lloyd Tillman Delano III of Woodville; one daughter, Nora Helene Seals of Goodrich; one sister, Peggy Delano of Houston; seven grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Herman B. Jackson

Funeral service for Herman B. Jackson, 74, of Woodville, Texas will be held Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Tom Owens and Brother John Adams officiating. Burial will be held at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 7, 2000, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Jackson died March 6, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born December 24, 1925 in Shelby County, Texas he lived in Woodville many years. He was a security guard for the Texas Dept. of Corrections and a farmer. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church and a WW II Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Reid Jackson of Woodville; sons, Herman W. Jackson of Brazoria, Ernest B. Jackson of Bellaire, Roger D. Jackson of Houston, and Jerry L. Jackson of Sugarland; sister, Lounell Billingsley of Timpson; Ralph Corry of Lake Jackson and Charles Jackson of Damon; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jones Mogan Kitchens, Jr.

Jones Mogan Kitchens, Jr., 74, of Buna, Texas died March 6, 2000 in Jasper, Texas.

A Masonic graveside service will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Kitchens Cemetery near Zavalla, Texas.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Zavalla, he lived in Beaumont and Newton before moving to Buna nine years ago. He was a retired maintenance worker for the city of Beaumont and a WW II Army Veteran.

He is survived by his son, Jones Edwards of Lumberton, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

David L. Henning

David L. Henning, 73, of New Caney, Texas, died Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at Kingwood Medical Center in Kingwood, Texas.

Funeral services were Friday, March 10, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Old Shiloh - Kirkland Cemetery near Woodville, Texas. The honors of the flag were presented to the family by members of the V.F.W. Post #2033. Officiating at the services was Pastor Ron Davis.

Serving as pallbearers were Ronnie Davis, Richard Davis, Zack Davis, Jeff Davis, Bobby Evans, Scott Greathouse, Heath Robinson, Brandon Robinson, and Jim Davis.

Visitation was held Thursday, March 9, 2000 from 4:30 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Henning was born October 21, 1926 in Plano, Illinois. He was a former resident of Spring Branch and had lived in New Caney for the past fourteen years. He was a retired geophysicist with Texas Gulf Sulphur and a WW II Army Air Corps veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley McBryde Henning of New Caney; mother-in-law, Lorraine McBryde of Woodville; sons and daughters-in-law, Ben and Kay Wallace of Crosby and John and Sally Wallace of Woodville; brothers, Laurence “Bud” Henning of Aurora, IL, and Denny Henning of Sugar Grove, IL; and grandchildren, Amanda and Jake Ard, Rebecca Wallace, Anna Wallace, Lauren Wallace, and Faith and Shawn Graham.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Florence Adams Kittell

A native of Rayne, Louisiana, Florence Adams Kittell was born the last of ten children to Clairville Adams and Emma Moulezon Adams on May 24, 1907. She passed away in her sleep Friday, March 3, 2000 at home in Colmesneil, Texas.

“Flo” had made her home in Liberty, Texas for 45 years, until she moved to her son Kenneth’s home in Colmesneil, due to poor health.

Marrying Boyd H. Kittell, a young tuba player

In addition to her sons, Flo is survived by daughter-in-law Mary Ann; 5 grandsons, Charles, Paul, Winn, and Reagan of Houston, and Jonnie Hunt of Lumberton; 4 granddaughters, Kelly Edwards, and Karen Ball of Liberty, Holly Kittell Stafford of Houston, and Eyleen Hunt Bergold of Willis; 3 great grandsons, and 5 great-granddaughters, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces, and great-great-nieces, as well as a host of friends with whom she maintained a voluminous correspondence.

For years Flo and Boyd were avid campers, taking the family on camping trips around the country, and continued in retirement with the Fun Travelers Trailer Club for many years.

While Boyd passionately pursued his music, professionally as well as recreational, Flo worked in her beloved garden, crocheted beautifully at home and “on the road”, collected unusual rocks and shells, baked and visited with friends and family. She reached out quietly to everyone she saw in any kind of need. First Presbyterian Church of Liberty, Texas was her cherished church home.

Mary Lee Daily

Mary Lee Daily, 84, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, March 26, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 28, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Reverend Bob Fosburgh, former pastor of Warren United Methodist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were, Wallace B. Daily III, Jarrod Finley, Brett Finley, Ray Burcham, John Craig, and J.C. Ogden. Honorary pallbearers were bill Boden and Jim Finley.

Visitation was held on Monday, March 27, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Daily was born November 22, 1915 in Woodville, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a professional seamstress. She was the former manager of River Oaks Fabric Store and J.B. White’s Fabric department. She was a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace B. Daily, Sr. and her son W.B. Daily, Jr. She is survived by her daughters, Patsy Boden of Henderson, and Juanita Boyd of Warren; sister, Lela Mae Ogden of Beaumont; grandchildren, Wallace B. Daily III of Woodville, Jarrod Finley, Teressa and Ray Burcham and Brett and Gay Finley, all of Henderson; great grandson, Braydon Finley of Henderson; nieces, Karen Beach and Jackie Martin; and her nephew, J.C. Ogden.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Frank Emmitt Martin

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 1, 2000 at 10 a.m. in Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home Chapel for Frank Emmitt Martin, Sr., 88, who died Friday, March 31, 2000 at 6:45 a.m. in Lafayette General Medical Center in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Father Robert Courville was the officiant for the services. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation was observed Friday, 4:30 to 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. until service time Saturday. A rosary recited at 7 p.m. Friday at Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ann Hebert of Lafayette, Louisiana, Betty L. Riley of Woodville, Texas; two sons, Frank E. Martin, Jr. of Lafayette, Louisiana, Robert Martin of Woodville; and ten grandchildren.

Mr. Martin was born in Crowley, Louisiana on April 30, 1911 and was a resident of Lafayette, Louisiana for most of his life. He retired from his furniture and appliance business in Kaplan. His kindness in helping people in the area was widely known. He was dearly loved and will be missed by many.

He was the son of Alfred Martin and Therese Nassans, 7th generation of the family of Jean
Mouton and Jean Baptiste Mouton. Mr. Martin was preceded in death by his wife, Addie Myers Martin, and all of his brothers and sisters, Paul, Edith, Blanche, Pearl, Rose, James, Fred and Mary Lou.

Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home of Crowley, Louisiana was in charge of arrangements.

**Brigham Eugene Bigby, Sr.**

Funeral services for Brigham Eugene “Chester” Bigby, Sr. were held March 23, 2000 at Mt. Hope Church near Chester, Texas with Brother Delbert Lamb and Brother Larry Trest officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester, Texas.

He was born February 24, 1929 in Humble, Texas and lived in Chester most of his life. He was a retired oil field driller and saw filer for Temple.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Barnes Bigby of Chester; son, Brigham Eugene, Jr. and wife, Pamela Bigby of Livingston; daughter, Mary Beth and husband, Bubba Adams of Chester; grandchildren, Krista, Chess, Brigs, Josh, Elizabeth and Harrison; great-grandchildren, Morgan and Emily.

Pallbearers were Chess Adams, Brigham Eugene Bigby, III, Joshua Lee Bigby, Bubba Adams, Rusty Jernigan and Al Bryan.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Elizabeth Lavelle Recio Aldredge**

Funeral service for Lavelle Aldredge, 71, were held April 2, 2000 at 1 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Richard Eifert officiating.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Nederland, Texas.

Mrs. Aldredge died March 31, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

She was born January 17, 1929 in Broohaven, Mississippi. She lived in Port Neches most of her life before moving to Colmesneil seven years ago. She was a retired bookkeeper.

She is survived by her husband, William “Bill” Aldredge of Colmesneil; daughter, Linda Irwin of Bryan; sons, Mike Recio of Austin, Doug Recio of New Braunfels, Tony Recio of California and Michael Aldrege of Springfield, OR.; eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Gary L. Morvent, Robert L. Chiszar, Jeff Landry, Josh Recio, Jace Recio and Aaron Goswick.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Carl Sidney Allen**

Funeral services for Carl Allen, 61, were held April 1, 2000 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Jerry Dubose and Brother G.W. Patrick officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas.

Mr. Allen died March 29, 2000 at Memorial Health System of East Texas in Lufkin, Texas.

He was born September 28, 1938 in Warren, Texas, he lived in Colmesneil most of his life. He was a retired boiler maker for Serv - Tech.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Graham Allen of Colmesneil; sons, Mark Allen of Colmesneil, Gerry Ellis of Philadelphia, Rocky Ellis of El Paso, Carl Wayne Allen of Houston, Kenneth Allen of California and Randy Allen of Killeen; daughters, Alicia Shelton of Kosciusko, Mississippi, Evelyn Allen of Conyers, Georgia, Gloria Reynolds of Lake Charles, Louisiana and Jewel Ryals of Philadelphia, Mississippi; brother, Ray Allen of Spurger, Texas; twenty-five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were, Ricky Ryals, Gene Russell, Gerald Sanders, Justin Berns, Sam R. Williamson and Gene Clowers.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Melba Stephens**

Melba Stephens, 74, of Woodville, Texas died March 31, 2000 at her residence in Woodville.

Funeral services were Monday, April 3, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Reverend Rick Eifert, pastor of Woodville
United Methodist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were Henry Lee Davis, Scott Kring, Butch Herring, Vernon Irvine, and Billy Frank Eaves.

Visitation was held Sunday, April 2, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Stephens was born November 15, 1925 in Gandy, Louisiana. She was a longtime resident of Woodville. She was a past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star and a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rufus Leon Stephens. She is survived by her sons, Alvin Stephens of Kountze, and Dennis Stephens of Houston; mother, Trudy Corley of Many, Louisiana; sister, Betty Jean Tkonguis of Slidell, Louisiana; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mrs. Rubielee Barros, 75, of Woodville, Texas, died Saturday at Memorial Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

Mrs. Burros was a homemaker and had resided in Woodville for 20 years and was a former resident of Dallas - Fort Worth area.

Mrs. Barros was survived by three children, Billie Thompson of Euless, Texas, Velda Sue Webster of Commerce, Texas; and J.W. Sinclair of Spurger, Texas; 11 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Claybar Funeral Home, directors.

Mrs. Laberta Jones was born on November 19, 1899 in Mineola, Texas to the late Henry and Emma Harrison. She departed this life on Saturday, March 25, 2000 at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. She was baptized at an early age. She united with the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church many years ago.

Laberta united in holy matrimony with Robert Jones who preceded her in death. To this union 5 children were born, of whom 2 preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memories, Mrs. Hazel Jackson of Woodville, Texas, Mr. Carl Jones and wife Gloria Jones of Woodville, Texas; brother, Johnny Thompson of Mineral Wells, Texas; 22 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 2 god sons, Earnest and Tommy Dennis of Lufkin, Texas; god-granddaughter, Sue Miller of Woodville, Texas; many nieces, nephews and friends.

The funeral service will be held Thursday, March 30, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with Rev. C.O. Hadnot officiating. Burial will follow at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Madie Barlow

Madie Barlow, 80, died Sunday, March 26, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. Funeral service will be on Thursday, March 30, 2000 at 1 p.m. at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Woodville, Texas with burial at the Moss Hill Community Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was a native and life long resident of Tyler County. She was a housewife.

Her survivors include daughters, Lesterine Lyons of Tyler, Irene Hart and Lorene Betts both of Doucette, Helen Malvo of Beaumont, Charlesetta Foster of Hillister; sons, Leroy Barlow and J.L. Barlow both of Woodville.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Granville Owen Dennis

Funeral service for Granville Owen “Monkey” Dennis, 34, was held Monday, March 27, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Mark Sloan, Norman Turner, Keith Bellamy and Lewis Tubbs officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the
Mr. Dennis died March 23, 2000 in Woodville, Texas.

Born November 1, 1965 in Woodville, he was a driller for Nabors Drilling Company and a member of the Woodville Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Lee Dennis of Woodville; daughters, Tasha Lee, Mary, and Amanda Dennis all of Woodville; parents, Lee and Nyla Dennis of Woodville; brothers, Dusty Dennis of Woodville, Rowland “Tooty” Dennis of Nederland, Wayne Dennis of Woodville; sisters, Beverly Ann Stafford of Woodville and Wanda Oronigo of Warren; brothers, Butch Dennis and Tommy Dennis both of Oklahoma; nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Jay Smith, Dan Hicks, Ray Russell, Therman Hester, Lee Dennis, Buster Parks, and Tim Dennis. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Lindy Dees, J.W. Courtney, Ryan Dennis and Gerald Dennis and the employees of Nabors Rig # 10.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lillie Fay Harvill

A graveside service for Lillie Fay Harvill, 95, was held Saturday, March 25, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas with Dr. Dwayne Freese officiating.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Harvill died March 23, 2000. She was born February 6, 1905 in Woodville, Texas. She lived in Livingston many years before moving back to Woodville. She was an entrepreneur.

She is survived by her sister, Bertha Young of Woodville and a niece, Verba Hooper of Houston.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Donald P. Burke

Donald P. Burke, former Woodville Dairy Queen manager, died in San Jose, California on March 21, 2000.

From Woodville, he moved to Huntsville as food service manager at Sam Houston State University then to San Jose where he was self employed.

Donald is survived by his wife, Michele (Maltese) Burke; son, Patrick; daughter, Chelcie, all of San Jose; step-son, David Bowden of Houston; and sister, Joanna Heggarty of San Jose.

Ruby Emily Vinson Barclay

Ruby Emily Vinson Barclay, 92, of Woodville, Texas died Wednesday, April 5, 2000 in the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Friday, April 7, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville, with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester, Texas.

Serving as pallbearers were Eugene Lamar Seale III, Keith Ross Seale, Mark Seale, James Michael Barclay, Walter Christopher Barclay, and Dr. George W. Barclay, Jr.

Visitation was held Thursday, April 2, 2000 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Barclay was born October 24, 1907 in Chester, Texas. She was a former resident of Batson, Texas in Hardin County for eleven years, Beaumont for twenty-three years and had lived on Cartwright Street, went to Calvary Baptist Church, taught the Juniors in Training Union, and had worked at Montgomery Wards downtown store. Her husband, George W. Barclay, Sr. was with the Beaumont City Schools. She lived in Woodville for the past thirty-five years and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George W. Barclay, Sr.; parents, James A. Vinson, Jr. and Ada George Vinson; brother, Aldridge Vinson; and sister, Zelda Seamans.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. George W. and Chloettee Ford Barclay, Jr. of Woodville; daughters and son-in-law, Ruby Nell Barclay and Gene Seale of Dallas, and Dr.
Teddy L. Barclay Pope of Woodville; sisters, Jimmie Hayes of Woodville and Mona Bush of Chester; ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mary R. Page

Mary R. Page, 82, of Big Sandy, died Friday, April 7, 2000 at her residence.

Cremation services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mrs. Page was born July 27, 1917 in Victoria, Texas. She was a former resident of Corpus Christi and had lived in Big Sandy for the past thirty years.

She is survived by her son, John Singleton of Robstown, Texas; daughter, Patricia Harmon of Iowa, Louisiana; brother, Joe Wilborn of Utah; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Florence C. Robinson

Funeral services for Florence C. Robinson, 76, were held April 15, 2000 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Chapel in Woodville with Brother Joe Hopkins officiating. Burial followed at Baptist Cemetery in Polk County.

Mrs. Robinson died April 14, 2000 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Robinson was born October 9, 1923 in Louisiana, she lived in Livingston many years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Leon Celestine of Livingston, Randy Robinson of Elton, Louisiana and Curly Robinson of Livingston; brothers, Milton Celestine and Charles Celestine both of Livingston and Wesley Celestine of Chester; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Russell L. Celestine, Garrick B. Robinson, William H. Robinson, Randall Celestine, Colman Celestine and Craig L. Battise.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Carlton Powell

Carlton “Carl” Powell, of Chester, Texas, died Monday, April 10, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 13, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Caney Creek Baptist Church near Chester, with burial in the Nowlin Cemetery near Chester. Officiating at the services were Brother George M. Standley and Brother Mark Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were Kevin Powell, Ronald Bowman, Bob David, Josh David, Bob Yoe, Robert Yoe, and Gary Toler.

Visitiation was held Wednesday, April 12, 2000 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Powell was a life long resident of Chester, a truck driver and was a member of the Caney Creek Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Edvis Powell and his brother, Samuel “BO” Powell.

He is survived by his father, Wilson Powell of Chester; son, Will Powell of Corrigan; daughter and son-in-law, Kris and Steve Willson of Corrigan; brother, John Powell of Chester; sister, Mable Bowman of Channelview; two granddaughters, Kimberly Willson and Hana Powell.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Christopher Noel McClanahan

Funeral services for Christopher Noel McClanahan, 23, was held Sunday, April 16, 2000 at 3 p.m. at His Place Family Outreach Church with Pastor Ron Davis officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Visitiation was held Saturday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Christopher Noel McClanahan died April 14, 2000.

Born December 24, 1976 in Lafayette, Louisiana, he lived in Woodville for 15 years. He was a tree climber and trimmer for East Texas Tree Service.

He is survived by his mother, Rebecca Cummins of Woodville; brother, William
McClanahan of Woodville; grandmother, Goldie L. Grigsby of Wildwood; and grandfather, Jack D. Grigsby of Wildwood; and one niece, Sarina McClanahan.

Serving as pallbearers were William McClanahan, Ray Barandin, Junior Stanford, Johnny Harris, Tony Harris, Josh McClure, Donnee G. Lewis and Chuck Hamilton.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Evelyn Moak Wilson

Funeral services for Evelyn Moak Wilson were held April 18, 2000 at 10 a.m. at Midway Community Church in Polk County, Texas, with Rev. Robert Smith officiating. Burial followed at Midway Cemetery in Polk County.

Mrs. Wilson died April 15, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Wilson was born February 11, 1912 in Lincoln County, Mississippi. She lived in Groves, Texas for 30 years before moving to Polk County 31 years ago. She was the owner and operator of Wilson’s Nursery in Groves, Texas.

She is survived by her sons, Bobby Wayne Wilson of Livingston, Thomas Kent Wilson of Port Arthur and E.O. Wilson, Jr. of Nederland; daughter, Billie Ann White of Houston; sister, Addie Mae Lofton of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Steve Wilson, Bec Wilson, Van Wilson, Ephriam Wilson, Austin Wilson and Bo Wilson. Honorary pallbearers were men of Midway Baptist Church.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Faye Dell Evans

Funeral services for Faye Dell Evans, 59, of Hillister, Texas were held Tuesday, April 18, 2000, at 1 p.m. at Little Baptist Church in Hillister with burial in Hillister Community Cemetery.

Mrs. Evans was a lifelong resident of Hillister. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Roy Evans, Sr.

Survivors include daughters, Shirley Ann Goodjoint and April Perkins both of Woodville, Texas; Claudia Jones, Lenora Evans, and Mildred Hadnot all of Hillister, Dessa Mae Jefferson of Conroe, Peggy Evans of Dallas; sons, Earl Smith of Silsbee, Robert Evans, Jr. of Woodville, Texas, and James Jones of Hillister; sisters; Eula Mae Lee, Daisy Powell, Odessa Bowens, and Lola Johnson, all of Hillister; brothers, Clark Powell of Warren, Sylvester Powell, James Powell, and Ross Steven Powell all of Hillister; aunt, Lois Busby of Hillister; uncle, Eamest Robinson of Hillister; 24 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; a special friend, Linbird Gibson of Hillister; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services were under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Anna Dorothy Tucker Lamb

Anna Dorothy Tucker Lamb, 83, of Woodville, Texas, died Thursday, April 20, 2000 in Bossier Medical Center in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Graveside services were held Saturday, April 22, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother Jerry Marvel.

Visitation was held Friday, April 21, 2000 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Lamb was born October 27, 1916 in Tyler County, Texas. She was a former resident of Baytown and had lived in Woodville for the past seventeen years.

She is survived by her daughter, Thelma Boggs of Plain Dealing, Louisiana; brother, Olen Tucker of Jasper; sisters, Nellie Pearl Swinney of Warren, Edith Crooks of Baytown, and Wilma Lois Orchin of Houston; four grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Blanche Pope Sheffield

Blanche Pope Sheffield, 96, of Lumberton, Texas died Tuesday, April 18, 2000 at Harvest Care Center in Lumberton, Texas.
Funeral services were Friday, April 21, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Reverend Rich Lounsbery.

Serving as pallbearers were Charles Pope, Elton Allison, Elton Spurlock, J.C. Clare, Joe Pedigo, Paul Pope, Joe Summers, and Ronnie Wachtel. Honorary pallbearers were Raymond Pope, Holly Hollenshead, Billy Phillips, and Steve Sheffield.

Visitation was held Thursday, April 20, 2000 from 4 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sheffield was born on January 30, 1904 in Hillister, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and had lived in Lumberton for the past few years.

She was the last surviving child of the late Ronald L. and Julia Etta Pope and was also preceded in death by her husband, Oscar W. Sheffield and her daughter, Jane Chennault.

She is survived by her daughter, Eloise S. Limbocker of Lumberton; granddaughters, Jan Klatt and Vicky Wren; three great-grandsons, Michael Wren, Jason Wren, and Kevin Wren; and two great-great-granddaughters, Kyro and Brenna Wren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral home of Woodville.

Willma Alan Youngblood

Funeral service for Willma Alan Youngblood, 79, was held Friday, April 21, 2000, at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Butch Martin officiating. Burial was held at Town Bluff Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas.

Visitation was held Thursday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Youngblood died April 18, 2000 at her residence.

A native of Thackerville, Oklahoma, she lived in Wichita Falls and Houston before moving to Woodville 27 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Charlotte Elaine Youngblood of Woodville; sons, George Nicholas Youngblood of Cleveland and Edward Eugene Youngblood of Orangefield; sister, Mary Carmichael of Crestview, FL.; grandchildren, Cindy Wright, Janice Youngblood, Jeff Youngblood, Edward E. Youngblood, Jr., Charlie R. Youngblood, and Keith Youngblood; one great-grandchild, Brandon Wright; a special friend, Roger Weese.

Serving as pallbearers were family and friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Loriena Eddings

Funeral services for Loriena Eddings, 77, were held Monday at 2 p.m. April 24, 2000 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother George Alan Jeffcoat officiating. Burial was at Franks Branch Cemetery in Fred, Texas.

Visitation was held Sunday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Eddings died April 20, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

A native of Silsbee, she lived in Hardin and Tyler Counties all of her life. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband Selman Eddings of Spurger; daughter, Sharon Tanton of Arkansas; brother, Archie Gore of New Waverly; sister, Dessie McKee of Silsbee; three grandchildren, Cassandra McCollum, Randy Peck, and William Thomas Eddings II; great-grandchildren, William Thomas Edings III, Korlei Eddings, and Rebecca McCollum.

Serving as pallbearers were William Thomas Eddings II, Wesley McCollum, Randy Peck, Malcolm Gore, Jerry Gore, and Elmer Wayne Eddings.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Raymond L. Sanders

Raymond L. Sanders, 81, of San Augustine, Texas died at San Augustine Memorial Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Forest Oaks Funeral Home with interment to follow.
in Lufkin, Texas at the Largent Cemetery near the Clawson Community at 3 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Visitation will be Monday evening from 6 - 8 p.m. and will resume Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. until service time.

A native of Warren, Texas he moved to Woodville from Highlands, where he lived for the past 22 years until moving to San Augustine one month ago.

Survivors include his wife Vera Opal Sanders of San Augustine, Texas; sons, Delmar Ray Sanders of League City and Gordon M. Sanders of Bronson; brothers, Wayne Sanders, H.L. Sanders both of Baytown, Doug Sanders of Big Sandy; sister, Merle Graves of Baytown; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper, Texas.

Juanita Hyde

Juanita Hyde, 90, of Tyler, died Wednesday, April 26, 2000 in Tyler, Texas.

Graveside services were held Friday, April 28, 2000 at 1 p.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas under the direction of Burks-Walker-Tippit Funeral Home. Officiating at the service was Reverend Wayne Hargraves.

Miss Hyde was born July 18, 1909 in Hillister, Texas. She was retired from Lipscomb and Massey Sporting Supply Company in Tyler and was a member of the Methodist Church in Tyler.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Tom Herman Hyde.

She is survived by her sister, Blanche Lorene Hyde of Tyler, Texas.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lillie Marion Flowers

Lillie Marion “Mae” Flowers, 98, of Colmesneil, Texas died Sunday, April 30, 2000 at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were Tuesday, May 2, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Steele’s Grove Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother Durl Patrick.

Serving as pallbearers were Warren Babin, James Dorrell, George Dorrell, Mark Cox, Greg Cox, and Ronnie Powell.

Visititation was held Monday, May 1, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Flowers was born February 5, 1902 in Colmesneil, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Colmesneil and was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church near Colmesneil.

She is survived by her son, Nelson A. Flowers of Bridge City; daughter, Audrey Mae Babin of Colmesneil, Oddie Lee Cox Stewart of Colmesneil, Wilma Annell Mott of Zavalla and Erma Jean Dorrell of Colmesneil; sister, Belle Nugent Flowers of Colmesneil; sixteen grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Gilbert Borden

Funeral services for Gilbert “Gil” Borden, 61, was held Saturday, April 29, 2000 at 12 noon at the Old Shiloh Church near Woodville, Texas, with Brother Bert Sample and Brother Vern Gallier officiating. Burial was held at the Old Shiloh - Kirkland Cemetery near Woodville.

Visititation was held Friday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Borden died April 27, 2000 at Woodville Convalescent Center.

Born July 27, 1938 in Richmond, Missouri, he lived in Woodville for many years. He was a construction worker and a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Johnny Dele Brown Borden of Woodville; brother, Robert Borden of Apache Junction, AZ.; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Serving as pallbearers were Hugh L. Hales, Jerry Townsend, Jimmie C. Grimes, Bill Driver, Charlie Fairchild, and Conley Moore.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Malrie John Ellis

A memorial service for Malrie John Ellis, 64, was held Sunday, April 30, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the home of Malrie V. Ellis in Colmesneil, Texas. Cremation Service was held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. Ellis died April 28, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Born September 2, 1934 in New York, he lived in Alabama before moving to Colmesneil 21 years ago. He was a retired Merchant Marine.

He is survived by his sons, Malrie V. Ellis of Colmesneil and Daniel B. Ellis of Spurger; step son, Charles Marty Olds of Colmesneil; brothers, William Ellis of Mississippi and Tommy Ellis of Alabama; sister Marian Ellis Johnson of Mississippi; half-brothers, Dewey Saxon, Ronnie Saxon and Larry Saxon, all of Mississippi, Jeffery Saxon, Leslie Saxon, Michael Saxon, Toney Sxon and Douglas Saxon all of Alabama; half-sisters, Elaine Saxon of Mississippi and Linda Saxon of Alabama; and numerous grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Orville T. Evans

Funeral service for Orville T. “Hacksaw” Evans, 91, was held Monday, May 1, 2000, at 10 a.m. at the Spurger United Methodist Church with Rev. Jim Jones officiating. Burial was held at Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Beaumont.

Visitation was held Sunday from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Evans died April 28, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Born January 20, 1909 in Ranger, Texas he lived in Beaumont before moving to Spurger 35 years ago. He was a retired field supervisor for Exxon Refinery.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandra Williford of Spurger; grandsons, Wesley West of Buna and Lance West of Vidor; great granddaughters, Kristi, Carley, Casey, Amanda, Natasha, and Darla; and a special friend Delores Brazeal.

Serving as pallbearers were Norris Harrington, Robert Mayo, Lynn Mayo, John Adams, Jack Jeans, Butch Pachall, Jack Sheffield

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Evelyn Jessie Lemons

Graveside service for Evelyn Jessie Lemons, 79, were held May 5, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the Colmesneil City Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas, with Brother J.T. Riley officiating.

Mrs. Lemons died May 3, 2000 at her residence.

Mrs. Lemons was born May 5, 1920 in Peason, Louisiana. She lived in Colmesneil for 15 years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Scott Lemons of Colmesneil and Julian Lemons of Pasadena; daughter, Jo Ann Williams of Pasadena; granddaughter, Chalayne Cole; grandsons, David Williams and Lee Williams; great-grandchildren, Taylor Williams and Nancy Ann Cole; sisters, Judy Baker of Seguin, Jackie Falt of New Braunfels, Heloise Martin of California and Arline Thompson.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Winfield Hartwick, Jr.

Winfield “Jiggs” Hartwick, Jr., 74, of Woodville, Texas died Monday, May 1, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Thursday, May 4, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. The honors of the flag were presented to the family by members of the V.F.W. Post #2033 with Masonic rites by members of Magnolia Lodge #495, A.F.&A.M.. Officiating at the services were Brother Robert Brock and Brother Larry Fondren.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Frank Eaves, Kevin Upshaw, Justin Hartwick, Jim Smith, Rodney Barclay, and Marshall Murphy.

Visitation was held Wednesday, May 3, 2000 from 1 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Hartfield was born March 8, 1926 in Vidor,
Texas. He was a longtime resident of Woodville and a retired truck driver and heavy equipment operator. He was a member of the Woodville Magnolia Lodge #495, A.F.&A.M. and a veteran of WW II with the U.S. Navy, and U.S. Marine Corps in the Korean Conflict and was a member of the Woodville Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Gay Nell Hartwick of Woodville; sons and daughter-in-law, Randy and Ann Hartwick of Beaumont, and John Abb Scroggins of Winnie; daughters and sons-in-law, Trena Sue and Lynn Richards of Columbus, Ohio, Charlotte and Joe Stafford of Woodville, and Mitzi and Terry Hensarling of Woodville; brothers, J.W. “Blackie” Hartwick of Clarendon, and Donald Hartwick of Beaumont; sisters, Winnie Miguez of Slidell, Louisiana, Maxine Terry of Hennesey, Oklahoma, and Barbara Ann Bond of Beaumont; ten grandchildren, Brandy Upshaw, Justin Hartwick, Ali Richards, Rich Richards, Whitney Scroggins, Amber Stafford, Cody Stafford, Jacob Stafford, Grant Hensarling, and Brady Hensarling; and one great-grandchild, Kade Upshaw.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Martha Kohler Reynolds

Martha Kohler Reynolds, 82, of Woodville, Texas, died Wednesday, May 3, 2000 at her residence in Woodville.

Funeral services were Friday, May 5, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery Woodville. Officiating at the services were Father Egidio Vecchio, pastor of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church, Father Joseph Bertrand, Father Pat O’Connell, Msgr. Michael Jamail, and Msgr. Jack M. Dinkins. Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons.

Visitation was held Thursday, May 4, 2000 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home. A Christian vigil was also held Thursday, May 4, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Father Maurice Linehan.

She was born April 15, 1928 in Beaumont, Texas. She was a former resident of Beaumont and a longtime resident of Woodville where she and her late husband George owned and operated several businesses including the Credit Bureau and Office Supply Center. She was a member of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, George and Ann Marie Reynolds of Beaumont, Pat and Judy Reynolds of Shepherd, Robert Reynolds of Houston, Tom and Ann Reynolds of Montgomery, and John and Gloria Reynolds of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Harvey Zernial of Lumberton, Betsy and Gene Fontenot of Beaumont, and Lorette and Chuck Mott of Woodville; brothers, C.A. Kohler of Beaumont and Jerry Kohler of AZ.; 32 grandchildren, Martha and Denny Wyatt, Harvey and Alex Zernial, Cathy and Jamie Bennett, Ronnie and Barbara Zemial, Barbara and John Enright, Susie and Bruce Campbell, Andy and Priscilla Zemial, Mary and Michael Zermia, Theresa and Jake Ozio, Renee and Larry Fontenot, Steve Fontenot, Eric Bartz, Tricia Bartz, Daniell Bartz, Joe Frank Mott, Chase Mott, Sean and Cara Reynolds, George and Sabrina Reynolds, Tina and Chris Standridge, Leah and John Brelax, Jody and Steve Aranda, Jessica Reynolds, Pat Reynolds, Jr., Gabe Reynolds, Michael and Becky Payne, Brian Baggett, Robert Baggett, Shane Baggett, Cody Reynolds, Amber Reynolds, Tommy Reynolds and Rebecca Reynolds; and 34 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Evie Haskins Morrell

Evie Haskins Morrell, 90, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Friday, May 5, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 8, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial following in Zavalla Cemetery. Officiating at the services was Reverend Darin Hernsberger.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Scott Morrell, Mark Morrell, Bryan Morrell, Jeremy Morrell, Philip Morrell, Dwight Faircloth, James
Stanford, and Ronald Lott.

Visitation was held Sunday, May 7, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Morrell was born February 25, 1910 in Angelina County, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, W.L. Morrell of Colmesneil, J.P. and Margie Morrell of Denver, CO., Herbert and Isabelle Morrell of Woodville, Van and Barbara Morrell of Springdale, Arkansas, Gene and Melba Morrell of Mobile, Alabama, and Wesley and Sue Morrell of Zavalla; daughters and son-in-law, Bell Harvey of Colmesneil and Louise and Billy Faircloth of Colmesneil; 28 grandchildren, numerous great and several great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Wilma Hatton

Funeral services were held for Wilma Gertrude Hatton, 88, May 2, 2000 at Bethel Baptist Church in Warren, Texas with Brother Bill Fabriquze and Brother Bobby Hoffpauir officiating. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery near Warren.

Mrs. Hatton died May 1, 2000 at her residence in Warren, Texas.

Mrs. Hatton was born February 25, 1912 in Warren, where she was a lifelong resident. She was a retired U.S. postal employee.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Murielene Hatton and Wilburn D. and Bobie Hatton all of Warren; brother and sister-in-law, Will Bullock and Gerline Black of Groves; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Otto Neal Riley, Jr.

Otto Neal Riley, Jr., 70, of Woodville, Texas died Wednesday, May 10, 2000 at his residence.

Mr. Riley willied his body to the University of Texas Medical Branch.

Mr. Riley was born February 7, 1930 in Port Arthur, Texas. He was a West Point graduate and a retired Lt. Col. From the U.S. Army. He had lived in Woodville for the past 22 years.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Riley of Woodville; sons, Lt. Col. Michael Riley of Newport, RI., Robert Riley of Heathrow, FL., and Karl Riley of Lawton, OK.; daughter, Michele Kramer of Westmont, IL.; and six grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Carol Ann Goodwin

Carol Ann Goodwin, 56, of Woodville, Texas died Wednesday, May 10, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Mrs. Goodwin was a resident of Woodville 22
years and a native of Port Arthur. She was a retired teacher from the Woodville Independent School District. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville, and Zeta Tau Alpha in college.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Goodwin of Woodville; son, Dr. Erik Goodwin of Conyers, GA.; daughter, April Goodwin of Beaumont; brothers, Stuart Scott of Austin, Texas; and sisters, Verda Brown of Groves, Texas and Katherine Pierce of Houston.

Visitation was held Friday, May 12, at the funeral home from 5 - 7 p.m.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 13, 2000 at 3 p.m. with interment at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Nederland, Texas.

Beverly Ann Hughlett

Beverly Ann Hughlett, 50, of Etoile, Texas and formerly of El Campo, Texas died May 10, 2000. Wake service was held at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Triska Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at St. Philips Catholic Church with Rev. Thu Nguyen officiating. Burial will be at the Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Visitation was held Friday, May 12, 2000 at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Hughlett was born August 3, 1949 in El Campo, Texas. She was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Lois Shimek Vasicek and her first husband C.B. Hughlett.

She is survived by her husband Amos Boyneton of Etoile; daughter, Melanie Hughlett of Lufkin; son Michael Hughlett of Lufkin; sister, Marsha Deitsch of Dardanelle, Arkansas; and niece Beth Goodson of Dardanelle, Arkansas.

Pallbearers were Sean A. Scott, Harold Broussard, Randall Warner, Shane Adair, Jeremy Gray, A.L. Scott of Town Bluff, and James Scott of Port Arthur; nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jerry Waymon Thompson

Jerry Waymon Thompson, 64, died Friday, May 12, 2000 at his home in Livingston, Texas.

He is survived by his wife Katherine; his mother, Nona Thompson Wilson; daughters, De’Aun Kim Thompson, Priscilla Kate Thompson, both of Livingston; son, Abel Duane Thompson of Livingston; granddaughters, Amber Kaye Thompson, Faith Miah Thompson, Marayah Rebecca Thompson all of Livingston; grandson, Brent Isaac Thompson; great-grandson, Grayam Wayman Thompson of Livingston; sisters, Charlotte Romero of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Ethelyn Sylestine of Livingston, Naomi Battise of Livingston; brothers, Webster Thompson and Dennis Battise both of Livingston.

Merlin Ellison Scott

Funeral service for Merlin Scott, 63, were held May 9, 2000 at 5 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Ron Davis and Brother Harold Broussard officiating. Burial followed at Pilgrim Rest Cemetery in the Dies Community near Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Scott died May 7, 2000 at Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville.

Mr. Scott was born May 5, 1937 in Port Arthur, Texas where he lived for 35 years. He lived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for 25 years before moving to Woodville three years ago. He was a retired Seaman and Businessman.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Scott of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; daughter, Chatrist Scott of Denham Springs, Louisiana; granddaughter, Samatha Scott of Denham Springs, Louisiana; sister, Ava Vincent of Georgetown, Grand Caymon; brother, Capt. Millard A. Scott of Beaumont, A.L. Scott of Town Bluff, and James Scott of Port Arthur; nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers were Sean A. Scott, Harold Broussard, Randall Warner, Shane Adair, Jeremy Gray, A.L. Scott, John M. Ball, James A. Mowlam, Ill and Heath Scott.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
He was preceded in death by his father, Ceasar Battise, four sons and one daughter.

He was born June 1, 1935 in Livingston, Texas, the son of Ceasar Battise and Nona Thompson Wilson.

Pallbearers will be Terrell John, Jonas John, Jim Romero, Lyndell Romero, Ian Iscano and Joshlyn Iscano. Honorary pallbearers will be Leland Thompson and Quanah Whitethunder.

Military Honors will be provided by V.F.W. Post #89568. He served in the Air Force.

Visitation will be at the First Texas Indian Baptist Church on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Monday, May 15, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the First Texas Indian Baptist Church. Rev. Roy Jernigan and Rev. Charles W. Haynes will be officiating. Burial will be in the Reservation Cemetery in Livingston.

Arrangements by Cochran Funeral Home of Livingston, Texas.

Lila Faye Handley

Funeral services for Lila Faye Handley, 85, was held Thursday, May 18, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Fairview Baptist Church in Town Bluff, Texas, with Brother John Spanhanks officiating. Burial was held at Camp Ruby Cemetery in Polk County, Texas.

Visitation was held Wednesday, May 17, 2000, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Handley died May 16, 2000 at the Clairmont Nursing Home in Beaumont, Texas.

Born November 6, 1914, in Coleman, Texas, she and her family moved to Polk County, Texas where she was raised. She moved to Town Bluff 20 years ago from Polk County. She was a member of Fairview Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Imogene Enderle of Beaumont; son, Charles Handley of Groves; sister, Lucille Herring of Nederland; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Jim Faure, Scott Enderle, Jim Enderle, Cory Enderle, Leland Collins, Frank B. Herring, Stephen Gunter and Allen Handley.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler county.

Ralph Simon Treadwell

Ralph Simon Treadwell, age 74, of Houston, Texas passed away May 12, 2000.

Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, he graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1950 with a BS in Petroleum Engineering. He was president of his social fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma, and was a member of the American Legion, The Engineer's Club, Inter Fraternity Council, Petroleum Engineer's Club, Pi Epsilon Tau, Scabbard and Blade, Sigma Tau, Tau Beta Pi, and Tau Omega. He was also selected as "An Outstanding Sooner Man" in 1948.

Ralph Treadwell fought in combat with the US Army in Europe during WW II as an enlisted man with the 103rd Infantry Division. He also fought in combat in Korea as an officer with the 235th Field Artillery Observation Battalion. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Field Artillery in May 1948 through the ROTC. He was graduated from the Resident Basic courses at “The Infantry School,” Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was designated a “Distinguished Military Graduate” in 1950 and accepted a Regular army commission. He served for almost four years during the Korean Conflict then reverted to Reserve Status.

Ralph Treadwell continued his Army avocation by completing two correspondence courses; e.g. “TheAdvanced Field Artillery Course” and “The Advanced Transportation Corps Course.” Subsequently, he graduated from the resident course at “The Command and General Staff College,” Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1963. In 1971, he graduated from the non-resident course of “The Army War College,” Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He was promoted to Colonel in 1965 and served the last 13 years of his Reserve Duty with the 75th USAR Maneuver Area Command in Houston. He retired from the military in 1978 with 30 years of commissioned service and almost five years of enlisted service. He was authorized 19 awards and decorations including: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, four Battle Stars, and Meritorious Service Medal.
From 1954 to 1961, Ralph Treadwell was employed by National Tank Company. As a civilian, he was a sales engineer for oil field production equipment in Louisiana and Mississippi. From 1961 to 1963, he was a Consignee for Texaco, Inc. in Natchez, Mississippi where he operated a “Bulk Plant.” From 1964 to 1967, he was a Sales Engineer for the Industrial Products Group of Honeywell Inc. in Houston. From 1967 until early 1983, he was employed by Automatic Sprinkler Corporation of America and had been District Manager for about ten years at the time of his retirement. For six consecutive years the Houston District, under his leadership, had the highest profit level of any district in the company.

Ralph Treadwell was a member of Southwest United Methodist Church for more than 20 years. He later transferred his membership to Westbury United Methodist Church.

He had been a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce (where he served as Director General for the Armed Forces Week Activities during 1976, our bicentennial year, while a member of the Military Affairs Committee of the Chamber.) He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club, Toastmasters and served on several church committees.

He is survived by his wife, Jewell, of Woodville; his daughter, Tamera, and her husband, Daniel Owen, of Houston, and Terri, of Houston; brother, Hugh Wilson Treadwell, of El Paso.

The family will receive friends and relatives on May 15, 2000, Monday, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home.

The funeral will be held May 16, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with a military graveside service at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

**Essie Mae Strickland**

Essie Mae Strickland, 83, of Jasper, Texas, died at her home Friday evening. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday morning at Forst Oaks Funeral Home with interment to follow at the Evergreen Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 12 noon until 8 p.m. Monday at Forest Oaks Funeral Home.

A native of Colmesneil, Texas she lived in Jasper for the last 60 years. She was a former clerk at Due’s Minimax in Jasper, and had been employed as a cafeteria worker with the Jasper Independent School District.

Survivors include a son, Prentice Strickland of Jasper; nephews, Thomas Comte, Bobby Comte, Jim Kellum, and Jack Kellum; niece, Wanda Davis; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper, Texas.

**Robert E. Seaman**

Robert E. Seaman, 60, of Woodville, Texas, died Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at his residence.

Cremation services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home.

A private memorial service will be held on Friday, May 26, 2000 at 5 p.m. in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Mr. Seaman was born January 3, 1940 in Interlaken, New York. He was a former resident of Houston and had lived in Woodville for four years. He was an electrician with the IBEW #716, a member of the Rockland Masonic Lodge #960, Elk’s Lodge #251 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and was a White Tail Ridge Volunteer Fireman.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie Seaman of Woodville; sons and daughters-in-law, Robert E. and Darlene Seaman, Jr. and Richard Seaman all of Houston, Craig and Emery Seaman of Antelope, California, Chris and Rebecca Seaman of Sicily, Italy, and Ben and Tamara Seaman of Tomball; brother Don Seaman of Austin; sisters, Barbara Dailey of Horseheads, New York, Phyllis McCoy of Interlaken, New York, and Donna McElroy of Dallas, Oregon; and three granddaughters, Danielle Seaman, Jessica Seaman, and Saundra Seaman.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Mark Harris

Mark Harris, 40, of Warren, Texas, died Sunday, May 21, 2000 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.
Funeral services will be Wednesday, May 24, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Warren Cemetery in Warren, Texas. Officiating at the services will be Brother Kenneth Cauthen.
Serving as pallbearers will be Will Chessher, Ben Abernathy, Mark Atkinson, Wayne Brackin, Maury B. Wooldridge, Marty Gant Wooldridge. Honorary pallbearers will be J.W. Ray, David Maynard, and Kyle Sterling.
Visitation was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.
Mark was born July 7, 1959 in Beaumont, Texas. He was a self-employed plumber and welder and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Warren.
He was preceded in death by his father, Johnny V. Harris; brothers, Charles Reid Harris and Stephen Paul Harris.
He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Alene Harris Marshall and Elzie Marshall of Jasper; sister, Suzanne Harris King of Houston; uncle, Travis Earl Harris of Beaumont; and a special longtime friend, Amber Lewis.
Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mary Belle Nunn

Mary Belle Nunn, 91, of Woodville, Texas died May 21, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.
Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. at South Park Cemetery in Pearland, Texas.
Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.
A native of Alto, Texas, she lived in Houston before moving to Woodville 37 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of The Woodville United Methodist Church.

Dorothy Mae Kuhn

Funeral services for Dorothy Mae Kuhn, 70, was held Saturday, May 20, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Durl Patrick officiating. Burial was held at Town Bluff Cemetery at Town Bluff, Texas.
Visitation was held Friday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.
Mrs. Kuhn died May 18, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.
Born September 13, 1929 in Port Arthur, Texas, she moved to Woodville 37 years ago. She was a retired nurse's aide.
She is survived by her sons, Darrell Meeks of Abilene and Larry Meeks of Woodville; daughter, Sandra Faircloth of Port Acres; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
Serving as pallbearers were Billy Meeks, Freddie Wolfe, Grant Allen, Robert Foxworth, Obie Fortenberry and David Allen.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

John Thomas Campbell, Sr.

John Thomas Campbell, Sr., age 58, of Mansfield, died Monday, May 22, 2000 at Med Central Mansfield, after a brief illness.
Mr. Campbell was born March 8, 1942 in New Lexington, Ohio, and has been a Mansfield resident since 1964. He was employed as a tool maker at General Motors. He attended the Stewart Road Church of God, graduated from Galion High School, class of 1960. He served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967.
She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Gracie and Jay McDowell of Woodville; sister, Maudis Felder Greenawalt of Angleton; brother, Sam A. Felder of Angleton; daughter-in-law, Pat Seale of Seguin; grandchildren, Nina Britton of Deer Park, Vickie Sumner of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Keith Rimmer, Steven Rimmer, Adrienne Carrio and Melanie Dreamer, all of Houston; and thirteen great-grandchildren.
Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
States Air Force and was a member of the VFW Post #9943, American Legion Post #257 Loudonville, BTW and UAW Local #549.

Surviving are his wife, Lisa K. Campbell of Mansfield, Ohio; sons and daughters-in-law, John T. Jr. and Sherri Campbell of Mansfield, and Marc A. and Laura Campbell of Mansfield; sister, Jo Ann Price of Woodville, Texas; brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert L. Campbell and Nadine Case of Summerfield, North Carolina and James E. and Cathy Campbell of Mansfield; his father and mother-in-law, Willard and Marcie Sellers of Mansfield; four grandchildren, Katie, Jacob, and Josua Campbell and Andrew Meadows; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Birgil A. and Ethel G. Cunningham Campbell; brother, Jack C. Campbell; and brother-in-law, William H. Price.

Funeral services will be at the funeral home on Thursday, May 25, 2000 at 1 p.m. conducted by Rev. Faith Prioette. Burial will be held at Loudonville Cemetery.

V.E. McGee

V.E. "Red" McGee, 75, of Woodville, Texas died Saturday, May 27, 2000 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 29, 2000 at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. The honors of the flag were presented to the family by members of the V.F.W. Post #2033. Officiating at the services were Dr. Rick Erwin, Malcolm Terry, and Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Reid Terry, Matt Thompson, Andy Casey, Matt Casey, Lance Parker, Sidney Allison, and Brian Burton. Honorary pallbearers were Deacons of the First Baptist Church, members of the Woodville Lion’s Club and the Volunteer Christian Builders.

Visitation was held on Sunday, May 28, 2000 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. McGee was born September 5, 1924 in Gary, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Woodville and was retired from Southwestern Bell with 38 years of service as a service technician. He was past Deputy District Governor with 45 years in the Woodville Lion’s Club, Deacon of First Baptist Church of Woodville, Eagle Scout and lifetime supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, lifetime member of the V.F.W., retired member of the Woodville Volunteer Fire Department, active member of the Volunteer Christian Builders and First Baptist Church of Woodville. He was a U.S. Navy, Medical Corps, WW II veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Thelma McGee of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Malcolm Terry of Harrisonburg, Louisiana, Lynn and Dr. Rick Erwin of Nederland, and Beth Casey of Texas City; mother-in-law, Pat Nixon of Woodville; brothers, J.L. McGee of Deer Park, and Thomas McGee of Houston; sisters, Mona Skinner of Lufkin, Dee McDonald of LaPorte, and Shirley Ivy of Spring; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

Nettie Lee Felps

Funeral service for Nettie Felps, 79, were held May 28, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Eldon Jones officiating. Burial followed at Baker - Bell Cemetery near Fred, Texas.

Mrs. Felps was born August 15 1920 in Fred, Texas and she was a lifelong resident of Fred. She was a homemaker, and she was a member of Midway Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Jonell Felps of Fred; sister, Mozelle Broussard of Beaumont; three brothers, Bradford E. Freeman of Nederland, Millard Freman of Beaumont and T.C. Freeman of Silsbee; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jeremy Wilder, Blair Tressler, Iserrif Freeman, Larry Freeman, Randy Freeman, and Lonnie Felps.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
James Hunter Creason

Funeral services for James Hunter “Tunk” Creason, 4, were held May 28, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Braxton, Mississippi.

Burial followed at New Zion Baptist Cemetery in Braxton.

“Tunk” died May 24, 2000 in Warren, Texas due to accidental drowning.

“Tunk” was born April 10, 1996 in Hinds County, Mississippi. He was a native of Hinds County, Mississippi.

Survivors include his parents, James Clint Creason and Roberta Lathero Creason of Braxton; brother, William “Fisher” Creason of Braxton; sister, Vanessa “Sissy” Creason of Braxton; grandparents, William Lathero of Fellsmere, Florida, Tim and Sheila Ridner of Fort Pierce, Florida, James W. Creason of Braxton, Mississippi and W.O. and Vickie Jordan of Warren, Texas; great-grandparents, Wilma J. Wimer of Kountze, Texas and Clarence Dodson of Boone, North Carolina; and great, great-grandparents, Jose Laid Davis of Kountze, Texas, Rosey Craig of Fellsmere, Florida and Edna Travis of Tennessee.

Local arrangements were made by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ora Quaid Watts Sullivan

Ora Quaid “Quaidie” Watts Sullivan, 92, of Woodville, Texas died Tuesday, May 30, 2000 at Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 2, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the Woodville United Methodist Church with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Reverend Rick Effert.

Serving as pallbearers were Huntley Kenesson, George Jarrott, Maxey Kirkley, Sam Gallier, Don Shaw, and Jim Gainey.

Visitation was held Thursday, June 1, 2000 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sullivan was born July 4, 1907 in Cameron, Texas to John Espy Watts and Ora Quaid Watts. She grew up in the Central Texas area. She attended Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina and graduated from the University of Texas with a B.A. and M.A. degrees. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a retired teacher from the Warren I.S.D. She had previously taught in Woodville, Temple and Bartlett. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Teacher’s Society International. After her school retirement, she served for a number of years as director of the Allan Shivers Library and Museum in Woodville.

For many years she was the Tyler County correspondent for the Beaumont Enterprise-Journal newspapers and the Houston Post. She had been long active in civic and church activities. Mrs. Sullivan was the recipient of the 1987 Chamber of Commerce Honorary Outstanding Citizen Award, the Tyler County Dogwood Festival James E. Wheat Award and the Woodville Methodist Church Heritage Award.

She was preceded in death by her husband, F.B. “Sam” Sullivan, and her sister, Martha Watts Wagner.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Karen Sullivan of Woodville; daughter, Martha Jean Sullivan of Nacogdoches; brother and sister-in-law, John Espy and Nancy Watts, Jr. of Summerville, South Carolina; grandchildren, Steven Sullivan of Houston, Kathryn Sullivan of Clear Lake, and Elizabeth Sullivan of Austin.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ola McKee Stanford

Ola McKee Stanford, 45, of Woodville, Texas died Saturday, June 3, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 5, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Brother Earl Rollins.

Serving as pallbearers were John McKee, Royce McKee, James McKee, Kenneth McKee, Tommy McKee, Roger McKee, and Ray McKee.

Visitation was held Sunday, June 4, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.
Mrs. Stanford was born December 5, 1954 in Galveston, Texas. She worked as a LVN at the Woodville Convalescent Center and was a member of the Hopewell First Congregational Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Shelley and Glenn Coats of Woodville and Dana and Bo Land of Livingston; brothers, John McKee of Woodville, Royce McKee of Warren, James McKee of Warren, Kenneth McKee of Nederland, Tommy McKee of Warren, Roger McKee of Woodville, and Ray McKee of Woodville; sisters, Betty Nichols of Warren, Verbie Oates of Woodville, Jerrie Rawls of Woodville, and Linda Henry of Colmesneil; and five grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Dorthy Bel Howard

Funeral service for Dorthy Bel Howard, 74, was held Monday at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. John Bernardini officiating. Burial followed at Sand Hill Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas.

Visitation was held Sunday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Howard died June 3, 2000 at Lufkin Memorial Hospital.

Born December 3, 1925 in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, she lived in Colmesneil 25 years before moving to Goodrich 2 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her loving husband, Farsce Howard of Goodrich; daughters, Billie Sue Martin of Colmesneil, Wanda Sue Hogan of Colmesneil and Lois Ann Neyland of Goodrich; sons, Charles E. Ross, James C. Ross and Clarence E. Howard, all of Colmesneil, and Alton G. Howard of Goodrich; sister, O'Dessa Waldrep of Huntington and Cora Bel Self of Crockett; brothers, Fred Woodward of Crockett and Daniel Woodward of Evadale; grandchildren, Suzanne Parrish, Darlena Danuse, Andrew Martin Jr., Lynette Burnes, Charles Ross Jr., Amy Howard, Carrie Hogan, Ryan Hogan, P.J. Hogan, II, Daniel Hogan, Joey Neyland, Craig Neyland, and Shawn Neyland; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Gary Whitney, George Waldrep, Ryan Hogan, P.J. Neyland, Charles Ross, Virgil Woodward, and Joey Neyland.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Floyd B. McSpadden, Jr.

Funeral service for Floyd B. McSpadden, Jr., 67, was held Sunday, June 4, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Hilltop Baptist Church near Woodville, Texas with Brother J.D. Hughes and Brother H.J. Lott officiating. Burial followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas.

Visitation was held Saturday from 4 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. McSpadden, died June 2, 2000 at St Elizabeth hospital in Beaumont, Texas. He lived in Woodville for many years and he was a self-employed farmer and rancher.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lillian McSpadden of Woodville; sons, Allen West of Graham, Floyd B. McSpaden III of Tipton, MO., Reggie McSpadden of Town Bluff and Monte Buschow of League City; daughters, Loujene Fregia of Saratoga, Alana Pruett of Town Bluff and Charity Unruh of Town Bluff; brother, Leroy McSpadden of Leander; sister, Pearl Farris of San Antonio; fifteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Erik Fregia, Gary Gillum, J.C. Dunlap, Scott Gillum, Norvell West and Bob Thomas. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Randy McSpadden, Monte Buschow, Ambrose Wallace and Alvis Hawthorn.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Raymond E. Neal

Funeral services for Raymond “Buster” E. Neal, 79, was held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Bennet Hanna and Norman Turner officiating. A Masonic graveside service was held at Pine Grove Cemetery in Barnum, Texas under the direction of Corrigan
Lodge #1103.

Visitation was held Saturday from 4 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Neal died June 2, 2000 at Lufkin Memorial Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

Born July 18, 1920 in Barnum, Texas, he lived in Port Neches 30 years before moving to Corrigan 25 years ago. He was a retired mechanic for Jefferson Chemical Company and a World War II Air Corps Veteran.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Geraldine Wilson Neal of Corrigan; daughter, Linda M. Smith of McKinney; son, Thomas E. Neal of Humble; brother, William E. Neal of Lufkin; sister, Connie Lee McKnight of Corrigan; three grandchildren, Brooke L. Neal, Brandi L. Neal and Barrett E. Neal.

Serving as pallbearers were R.L. Bryant, Bud Cox, Bill Knight, Jon Thompson, Tommy Allen, Leslie Crookes, Richard Polk, Buck Rogers, J.W. Wilson, Arkie Davis, W.T. Williams, Franklin Tarver.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Winnie Belle Weaver

Winnie Belle Weaver, 78, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, June 11, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Brother John Spanhanks.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Gary Weaver, Neil Wilson, Robert Wilson, Travis Weaver, Ryan Weaver, Lane Weaver, and Jeff Carruth. Honorary pallbearers were her nephews Billy Weaver, Carl Weaver Eddie Weaver, Cruse Melvin and Joe Melvin.

Visitation was held on Monday, June 12 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Weaver was born December 18, 1921 in Spurger, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and had worked in food Service with the Woodville Independent School District. She was a member of the Fairview Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C.C. Weaver, Sr. on June 23, 1992.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Abby Weaver, Jr. of San Antonio, Kenneth and Charollete Weaver and Tommy and Kathy Weaver all of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Arthur Carruth of Canyon Lake, and Barbara and Allan Wilson of Woodville; brothers, Ennis Kirkland of Jasper, and Quincy R. Kirkland of Woodville; sisters, Arvie Lee Hicks of Beaumont and Joyce Hanks of Port Neches; nine grandchildren, Jeff Carruth, Cynthia Randolph, Robert Wilson, Neil Wilson, Amy Weaver, Gary Weaver, Travis Weaver, Ryan Weaver, and Lane Weaver; and two great-grandchildren, Jeffrey Arthur, and Reed Matthew.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Brenda Carmel Campbell

Funeral service for Brenda Carmel Campbell, 59, were held Wednesday, June 7, 2000 at 5 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Garfield Lamon officiating. Burial followed at Pilgrim Rest Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Tuesday, June 6, 2000 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Campbell died June 4, 2000 at Memorial Hospital of Southeast Texas in Lufkin.

Born November 6, 1940 in Franklin, Louisiana. She lived in Port Arthur most of her life before moving to Woodville 7 years ago. She was a homemaker and a devoted full-time mother. She was a member of Woodville Full Gospel Church.

She is survived by her husband of 20 years, Marshall Campbell of Woodville; daughters, Angelia Rivers of Beaumont and Christy Campbell of Dallas; sons, Darren Musgrove of Port Arthur, Craig Musgrove of Baytown, Britt Musgrove of Jasper, Brett Campbell of Marshall and Blake Campbell of Temple; sisters, Barbara Scott of Beaumont and Woodville, Beryl Kibodeaux of Orangefield, and Sue Sherbaf of Port Arthur; eleven grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were, Tony Falcon, Jeff
Davis, Jimmy Mowlam, Brett Campbell, Dave Rivers, Shannon Scott, Mike Ball, Mark Poole.
Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Travis Ray Gilder**

Travis Ray Gilder died on Tuesday, May 16, 2000. He was born in Doucette, Texas on January 12, 1939 to parents, Henry and Maybell Gilder.
He united with Truevine Baptist Church at an early age.
Survivors include a son, Travis Ray Gilder, Jr., of DeRidder, Louisiana; four sisters, Alma Gilder, Maybelline Brown, Bobbie Gilder and Lula B. Gilder Smythe; one brother Aubrey Lee Gilder; and a host of other relatives and friends.

**Richard Ray Bright**

Richard Ray Bright, 63, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, June 25, 2000 at the Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.
Funeral services were Wednesday, June 28, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services were Tommy Qualls and Gene Greer.
Serving as pallbearers were Dr. James M. Brown, Barney Hall, John Ashworth, Chris Jones, Keith Hatton, and Rusty Hatton. Honorary pallbearers were Carl Seibenthall, Webb Ashworth, and Scott Yosko.
Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2000 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.
Mr. Bright was born October 10, 1936 in Shildler, Oklahoma. He was a driller with Murco Drilling, a member of the Police Academy Alumni Association and Warren Church of Christ.
He was preceded in death by his sons, Jerry Stoops and Bill Stoops, and brother, Bill Bright.
He is survived by his wife, Jean Bright of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Penny and Steve Jones of Woodward, Oklahoma and Nyla and Robert Rebbe of Woodville; brother, Tom Bright of Dyersburg, Tennessee; sister, Doris Padgett of Cushing, Oklahoma; eleven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.
Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Fannie Mae Shaw**

Funeral services for Fannie Mae Shaw, 85, were held June 22, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Thomas Martin officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas.
Mrs. Shaw was born February 19, 1915 in Naples, Texas. She lived in Houston before moving to Town Bluff 30 years ago. She was a homemaker.
Survivors include her husband, William Shaw of Town Bluff; daughter, Vivian L. Rogers of Pasadena, Texas; sons, Neil Hamilton of Longview, Texas and Calvin Ray Shaw of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
Pallbearers were Raymond Brown, William Seale, Chad Shaw, Robert Williams, Robert Rivers, Port Callaway and DeWayne Tarver.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Opal Louise Bass**

Graveside service for Opal Bass, 77, was held June 20, 2000 at 10 a.m. at Village Mills Cemetery in Village Mills, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother Alex Rawls.
Mrs. Bass died June 17, 2000 at St Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.
Mrs. Bass was born June 6, 1923 in Palestine, Texas. She was a former resident of Jacksonville. She had lived in Warren for several years. She was a homemaker.
Survivors include her son, Mike Bass of Kountze; daughter, Carolyn Carlin of Bridge City; brothers, Lacy Oldham of San Angelo and Harold Oldham of Houston; sister, Janice Kelley of Mississippi and three grandchildren.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Louis M. Huffman

Graveside service was held for Louis M. Huffman, 76, June 16, 2000 at Baker - Bell Cemetery near Fred, Texas with Brother Kenneth Hicks officiating.

Mr. Huffman died June 13, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Huffman was born February 16, 1924 in Prairie, Mississippi. He lived in Houston before moving to Fred 16 years ago. He was a retired truck driver for Central Moving and Storage. He was a Navy Veteran of WW II.

Survivors include his wife, Gail Huffman of Fred; three daughters, Edith Catherine Starks, Mattie Carol Wilson, both of Cedar Bluff, Mississippi and Beverly Jeanne Jones of New Albany, Mississippi; six sons, Marion Dewayne Huffman of Houston, James Louis Huffman of Hamilton, Mississippi, Roger Dale Huffman of Cedar Bluff, Mississippi; Ronnie Lynn Huffman of West Point, Mississippi and Barry Keith Huffman of Cedar Bluff, Mississippi; sister, Lois Hayes of Memphis, Tennessee; 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Winnie Marie Laborde

Funeral services for Winnie Marie Laborde, 98, will be held June 22, 2000 at St. Alphonse Catholic Church in Hessmer, Louisiana, under the direction of Grammier Oberle Funeral Home in Port Arthur, Texas. Burial will follow at St. Alphonse Cemetery in Hessmer, Louisiana.

Mrs. Laborde died June 13, 2000 in Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Laborde was born January 20, 1902 in Hessmer, Louisiana. She was a homemaker and had lived in Port Arthur 65 years. She was a member of Little Flower of Jesus Catholic Church.

Survivors include her sons, Donald Laborde of Groves and Huron “Joe” Laborde of Ivanhoe; daughter, Zephyr Ryan of Lima, Ohio; 9 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Laverna Ogrodowicz

Laverna Ogrodowicz, 71, of Hillister, Texas, died Monday, June 19, 2000 at the Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services will be Thursday, June 22, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Ogrodowicz was a native of Brenham, Texas and was a long time resident of Hillister.

She is survived by her husband, Theodore Ogrodowicz of Hillister; sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Kathy Ogrodowicz of Sugarland and James and Chris Ogrodowicz of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Joann and Don Ray of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; and eleven grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Carlyle J. Kirk Kuykendall

Carlyle J. Kirk Kuykendall, 74, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, June 18, 2000 at the Dogwood Tails Manor in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 21, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the Faith Chapel Mausoleum at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Port Arthur, Texas. Officiating at the services will be Dr. Dwayne Freese, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jack Allen, Forrest Beaumont, George Rodgers, Steve Crothers, and Pete Crothers.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2000 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Kuykendall was born November 4, 1925 in Midway, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Port Arthur and had lived in Woodville for the past few months. He was retired from Texaco as an operator.

He is survived by his son, Mark Kuykendall of
Corpus Christi; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Dr. Clint O’Neal of Woodville; brothers, Jim Kuykendall of Mansfield and Carl Kuykendall of Euless; sisters, Mary Beth Purtle of McKinney, Betty McTee of Euless, Martha Mulay of California, and Santa Mae Brewer of Princeton; and two grandsons, Ryan and Jordan O’Neal of Woodville.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Murrel Keith Parks**

Murrel Keith Parks, 76, of Wichita Falls, Texas died Saturday, June 17, 2000 at W. Erle and Emma White Hospice Center of Wichita Falls.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 19 at 11 a.m. at Crestview Memorial Park. Officiating at the services was Burton McIlroy, pastor of Celebration Fellowship Foursquare Church.

Visitation was held at the funeral home Sunday evening from 4 - 6 p.m.

Mr. Parks was born October 31, 1923 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. He was a longtime resident of Wichita Falls. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was also a former member of Odd Fellows Lodge and also of the Downtown Rotary Club. He worked 20 years for Bell Mattress Co. And then was the owner of Midwest Mattress and also of Southwest Bedding.

Mr. Parks was preceded in death by his wife, Mattie on March 4, 1988.

He is survived by his daughters, Susan Meadows of Wichita Falls and Sandy Boettcher of Woodville, Texas; three grandchildren, Jeri Swain Capps and her husband, Matthew, Marc Swain and his wife Felicia, Matthew Swain and his wife Krisanne; and two great-grandchildren, Molly and Maddison Swain.

Arrangements were under the direction of Lunn’s Colonial Funeral Home of Wichita Falls, Texas.

**Shauna Marie Young**

Cremation service for Shauna Marie Young, 31, were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mrs. Young died June 24, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. She was born July 17, 1968 in Salina, Kansas. She lived in Humble before moving to Woodville 2 1/2 years ago.

Survivors include her daughter, Sarah Marie Magum of Huffman; mother, Susan Young of Houston; sisters, Mellanie Young of Woodville and Rhonda Young of Spring.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Oda Mae Swearingen**

Oda Mae Swearingen, 91, of Woodville, Texas, died Monday, June 19, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 21, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with a 12 noon graveside service in Phelps Cemetery near Saratoga, Texas. Officiating at the services will be Pastor Ginna Harrison.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ron Cowart, David Foxworth, Eddie Stafford and Woodrow Wilson.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Swearingen was born August 7, 1908 in Tyler County, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and had worked as a nurse’s aide.

She is survived by her son, Eddie Stafford of Woodville; nieces, Betty Willingham of Woodville and Barbara Jarrott of Warren; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Harold Evertt Osmon**

Cremation service for Harold E. Osmon, 81, were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mr. Osmon died June 24, 2000 at Memorial Hospital of East Texas in Lufkin, Texas.

Mr. Osmon was born April 23, 1919 in Epson Town, Indiana. He lived in Vidor and Jasper before moving to Colmesneil 35 years ago. He was a
retired Marine Engineer of Mobil Oil Co. and he was a Merchant Marine Veteran of WW II.

Survivors include his sons, Harold E. Osman, Jr. of Dunwoody, Georgia and Leroy Osmon of Houston; daughter, Helen Aumiller of Carthage; brother, Ralph Osmon of California; sisters, Shirley Chappel of Florida, Geraldine Nuttal of Blumington, Indiana and Marilyn Summers of Vienecenes, Indiana; and five grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Rev. N.R. Barr**

Rev. N.R. Barr, age 94, died Sunday in a local Waco, Texas hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cooper Creek Baptist Church near Denton, Texas, with Dr. Robert Cannon officiating. Burial followed at the Cooper Creek Cemetery. Rev. Barr laid in state Tuesday at the church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rev. Barr was born August 28, 1905 in Argyle, Texas to Marvin Luther Barr and Sarah LaDonia Moore Barr. He graduated from high school in Denton, Texas and received his degree in 1924 from North Texas University. Rev. Barr was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville, Texas and the Retired Teachers Assn. Rev. Barr served most of his life as a minister and teacher. He was a naturally gifted musician who played the piano, accordion, and hand saw.

He is survived by a daughter, Margaret Nelle Sherrod of Woodway; two sisters, Esther Cloud of Boerne, Kathryn Crouch of San Angelo; three grandchildren, Cherisa York, Dr. Rebecca Guess, and Christopher Barr Cannon; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret Yaw Barr, two sons, Marshall Ray Barr and David Lee Barr.

Services under the direction of Pecan Grove Funeral Home, Waco, Texas.

**Valerie Pray**

Valerie Pray, 83, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, June 18, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, June 27, 2000 at 2 p.m. in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Mrs. Pray was born February 14, 1917. She was a longtime resident of Tyler County and was a retired court reporter with Hardin County.

She is survived by her sister, Ruth Lacey of Mary Island, Florida.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Alberta Smith Williams**

Alberta Smith Williams, 79, of Zavalla, Texas died Sunday, June 25, 2000 at The Woodland Heights Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 1, 2000 at the Rockwall Missionary Baptist Church in Zavalla. Rev. Anthony Collins officiated with burial at Rockwall Community Cemetery.

Ms. Williams was a housewife. She leaves to cherish her loving memories three sisters, Mary Birks and Espenolia Blackstone, both of Zavalla and Stella Malone of Huntington; one brother, Wayne C. Smith of Los Angeles, California; 2 brothers-in-law, Eddie Blackstone of Zavalla, Charlie Kirkwood of Ft. Worth; a very special niece, Clara Boykins of Zavalla; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

**Damenion Matthews**

Damenion Matthews, 30, of Houston, Texas died Saturday, June 24, 2000 at Ben Taub Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 1, 2000 at the Little Baptist Church in Hillister with Rev. C.O. Hadnot officiating, Rev. Bobby Cruse, Pastor. Burial was at the Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister.

Damenion was born in Kountze, Texas and lived in Hillister a short time.

Damenion leaves to cherish his loving
memories his wife, Reba Matthews of Houston; mother, Ester Matthews and James Matthews, Sr. both of Houston; daughter, Alexanderia Matthews of Houston; son, Marqueese Tyrell Matthews of Houston; sisters, Takashi Matthews of Houston, Kenya Matthews of Phoenix, Arizona, Sedalia Matthews of Silsbee, Texas; brothers, James E. Matthews, Jr. of Houston, Lauren Matthews and Michael Matthews, both of Silsbee, Will Matthews of San Antonio; grandmother, Gladys Cruse of Houston; mother-in-law, Helen Wells of Houston; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Services were under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Elizabeth Ann Herring

Elizabeth Ann “Sis” Herring, 62, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, June 25, 2000 at the Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. Funeral services are Wednesday, June 28, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Camp Ruby Cemetery in Polk County, Texas. Officiating at the services are Brother John E. Collins and Brother Steve Hayes.

Honorary pallbearers are her co-workers of Woodville Elementary School Cafeteria.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 27 from 4:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Elizabeth was born to Mur and Coleta Brown Davis on April 6, 1938 in Livingston, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and was the manager of the Woodville Elementary School Cafeteria where she started the “Food Services Scholarship” for graduating seniors. She was the Worthy Matron of the Livingston Chapter of the Eastern Star, had worked at Camp TA-KU-LA Baptist Encampment and was a member of the New Shiloh Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, L.B. “Butch” Herring of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Joe Mur and Kristen Herring of Bryan, Texas; daughters and sons-in-law, Terry and Dean Hendrix of Woodville and Cindy and Roger Chilton of Camp Ruby; brother and sister-in-law, Clint and Jeanette Davis of Camp Ruby; six grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a special cousin, Ricky Davis.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ora Belle Clark

Funeral service for Ora Belle Clark, 90, were held at 11 a.m. June 23, 2000 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Delbert Lamb officiating.

Graveside service was held June 24, 2000 at 2 p.m. at San Saba Cemetery in San Saba, Texas.

She was born October 12, 1909 in McCulloch, Texas. She lived in Channelview most of her life. She lived in Ivanhoe for ten years before moving to Magnolia three years ago. She was a member of Hillister Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Jim Allen Clark of Spring; grandchildren, Charlene Denise Smith of Magnolia, Cheryl Hanson and Brett Hanson, both of Deer Park; great-grandchildren, Krystale Denise Smith and Ryan Smith of Magnolia, and Tiffany Hanson of Deer Park, Texas.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mary Christine Hebert

Funeral service for Mary Hebert, 90, of Warren, Texas were held June 30, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Keith Bellamy officiating.

Burial followed at Zavalla City Cemetery in Zavalla, Texas.

Mrs. Hebert died June 28, 2000 at Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

Mrs. Hebert was born September 21, 1909 in Slagle, Louisiana, she lived in Warren 20 years. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Elmors Hebert of Warren; sister, Jane Cameron of Nederland; eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Mildred Leona Clegg

Graveside service for Mildred Leona Clegg, 85, was held July 5, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Pavillion at Cedar Crest Cemetery in Baytown, Texas.

Mrs. Clegg died July 3, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Mrs. Clegg was born July 6, 1914 in Ora, Mississippi. She lived in Baytown most of her life before moving to Woodville four years ago. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Woodville.

Survivors include her son, Marion "Bo" Lamar Clegg, Jr. of Woodville; daughters, Frances Ladwig of Houston and Barbara Roundy of Utah; thirteen grandchildren and forty-seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Rose Lee Franklin

Funeral services for Rosa Lee Franklin, 80, was held July 9, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Chester Baptist Church with Brother Jimmy Dean officiating. Burial followed at Mount Hope Cemetery near Chester, Texas.

Mrs. Franklin died July 6, 2000 at Columbia Kingwood Medical Center.

She was born July 9, 1919 in Harrelson County, Georgia. She lived in the Baytown and Houston area before moving to Chester 12 years ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Carter Franklin of Chester; sons, Steve and daughter-in-law, Brenda Potts of New Caney and Eugene Potts of Ohio; daughters and sons-in-law, Jeanette and Phil Daniel of Splendora, Jennie and Harold Horton of San Antonio and Wanda and Butch Wheeler of Houston; step son and daughter-in-law, Carter and Carol Franklin of Chester; step-daughters and sons-in-law, Joani and Roger Fullen, of Houston, Darenda and Gilbert Brown of Houston; brother, Steve Ayers of Douglasville, Georgia; sister, Dorthy Rutledge of Douglasville, Georgia; eleven grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Pallbearers were Scott Fullen, Billy Potts, Randy Griffith, Michael Potts, Roger Rios, Scott Howard.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Dora Evelyn Jackson Collier

Funeral services for Dora Evelyn Collier, 86, was held July 3, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Kenneth Cauthen and Brother Joe Saffle officiating. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger, Texas.

Mrs. Collier died July 1, 2000 at St. Elizabeth hospital in Beaumont. She passed away courageously after succumbing to a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Collier was born May 3, 1914 in Silsbee, Texas. She lived in Warren most of her life. She was a retired cafeteria worker for Warren I.S.D. and retired from the First Baptist Church Nursery in Warren, where she was a member.

Survivors include her sons, Billy Royce Collier of Dallas, Judd Collier of Houston and Larry Young Collier of Meadows Place, Texas; daughters, Peggy Lou Tiner and Joyce Evelyn Holmes both of Warren; sisters, Rae Marsh of Cisco and Johnnie Lou Smart of Buna; seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Curtis Dale Holmes, Randy Holmes, Stuart Wayne Tiner, Stan Tiner, Clay Kelley, Michael Collier. Honorary pallbearers were Justin Holmes, Shilow Tiner and Shawn Tiner.

She will be deeply missed by all those fortunate enough to have been a part of her life.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Charles Stafford Brown

Charles Stafford Brown, 96, loving husband, father, and grandfather residing at Devers, Texas went to be with the Lord July 2, 2000 at his residence.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Devers, July 8, 2000 with Rev. Phil Lovelace officiating. Burial followed at Stacy
Cemetery in Devers, Texas.

Visitation was held July 7, 2000 at Allison Funeral Home from 5 - 9:30 p.m.

A native of Woodville, Texas he was a longtime resident of Devers. Mr. Brown lived n Devers for over 66 years. He worked for Gulf Oil, was a rice farmer and cattle rancher. He was a member and former deacon of First Baptist Church Devers. He also served as a loyal member of the Cattleman’s Association, on the Devers School Board and athe Devers Rice Growers. He owed his start in rice farming to Mr. Elmer Boyt.

Stafford was born in Woodville, Texas to Wiley H. and Janie Dickens Brown on January 7, 1904. He was the youngest of thirteen children.

He was proceeded in death by his wife of fifty years. Viola Burrell Brown; son, Charles Stafford Brown, Jr. of Devers; and grandson Billy Wayne Burkett of Baytown.


Serving as pallbearers were Dale Morgan, David Perew, Jeremy Brown, Luke Brown, Bryan Brown, Ronnie Brown, Tim Brown, Wade Foster, Wesley Foster.

Special thanks to Christi Bautc, Terri Schwartz and Chris Bettis.

Services were under the direction of Allison Funeral Service of Liberty, Texas.

Helen E. Gilder

Helen E. Gilder, 85, of Colmesneil, Texas died Saturday, July 15, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral service will be on Wednesday July 19, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Colmesneil. Officiating will be Rev. Calvin Harris, Pastor, with burial at the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Colmesneil.

Mrs. Gilder was a life-long resident of Colmesneil and a retired school teacher of the Colmesneil School District, and a life member of the Retired Teacher Association of Tyler County.

Survivors are daughters, Glynis Gilder and Gwen Smith, both of Houston; sisters, Alberta Perkins of Colmesneil and Luetta Gilder of Dallas; and brother, Raymond Gilder of Dallas.

Services were under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Howell Anderson Dyson

Funeral services for Howell Anderson Dyson, 86, were held July 14, 2000 at 4 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Carl Walker officiating. Burial followed at Rockland Cemetery in Rockland, Texas with a Masonic graveside service by Rockland Masonic Lodge #960.

Mr. Dyson died July 11, 2000 in Hitchcock, Texas. He was born January 2, 1914 in Aldrich, Texas. He lived in Rockland most of his life before moving to Zavalla 20 years ago. He was a retired heavy equipment operator in the clay pit industry.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Willie Maude and Marshall Ray Windham of Hitchcock; daughter, Lucille Lamb of Cleveland; step-son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Cheryl Easley of Ouray, Colorado; twin sister, Viera Craven of Lufkin; thirteen grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Don Kemmerling, Jr., Josh Kemmerling, Gerald W. Lamb, Glen Davis, Chris Windham, Mark Deaman, Donald Kemmerling, Ill, Nicholas Davis, James Lamb, Butch Windham, Cody Kemmerling, Kile Davis, Howell Windham,
Melvin West and Terry Blake.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Florida Christine Moore**

Funeral services for Florida "Flo" Christine Moore, 83, were held July 15, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Richard Eifert officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester, Texas.

Mrs. Moore died July 13, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas. Mrs. Moore was born May 20, 1917 in Tyler County. She lived in Sour Lake 20 years before moving back to Tyler County. She was a homemaker and a member of Woodville United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Randall Moore of Woodville; daughter, Edna Bely of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Orvalene Moore of Refugio, Texas; grandchildren, Debra Trujillo, Dana and Kevin Tucker, Darla and Bubba Dear and Robert Belt; great-grandchildren, Callie and Ket Tucker, Cambria and Trey Dear.

Pallbearers were Billy Fondren, Buddy Fondren, Joe Fondren, Leon Fowler, Mac Moore and Billy Perkins.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**William Debner, Jr.**

William Debner, Jr., 65, of Town Bluff, Texas died July 14, 2000 at his residence.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16, 2000 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with burial at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Visitation will be from 5 - 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Mr. Debner was born November 15, 1934 in Galveston, Texas, he lived in Clear Lake, Texas before moving to Town Bluff 19 years ago. He was a retired correctional officer for T.D.C.J. and he was a Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Ward Debner of Town Bluff; three sons, Michael Debner of Sour Lake, Jeffrey Debner and Sam Debner, both of Houston; daughter, Patricia O'Brien of Kirbyville; brother, Neal Debner of Texas City; one sister, Shirley Bottoms of Austin and eight grandchildren, Kristi Debner, Michael Debner, Gayle Simons, Joe Simons, Jacob Simons, Kortney Debner, Kasen Debner and Kyndal Debner.

Pallbearers will be Don Chandler, Tim Cappolino, Bodie O'Brien, Tan Ward, Tom Wright and Allen Murphy.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Roy Mashaw**

Funeral services for Roy Mashaw, 79, of Jasper, Texas will be 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with Masonic graveside services to follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. Monday, July 24, 2000 at Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper, Texas.

Mr. Mashaw died Sunday, July 23, 2000 at his residence. He was a native of Jasper, longtime resident of Woodville and had lived the past 7 years in Jasper. He was a retired truck driver. He was a WW II Army Veteran. He was a member of the Colmesneil Masonic Lodge #679 AF & AM.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ann Mashaw of Jasper; sons, Charles R. Mashaw of Woodville, William E. “Bill” Mashaw of Granberry, Texas; brothers, J.W. Mashaw of Jasper, Jess Mashaw, Jr. of Lake Jackson; sisters, Betty Brown and Bernice Briggs, both of Woodville; 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper, Texas.

**Doris M. Nowlin**


Memorial graveside services will be held Friday, July 28, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. in the Old Hall Cemetery in Lewisville, Texas under the direction of Dalton and Son Funeral Home in Lewisville.
Cremation services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mrs. Nowlin was born May 16, 1912 in Garza, Texas. She was a former longtime resident of Lewisville and had lived in Warren for the past 14 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Warren, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Foy Nowlin; sons, Foy Earl Nowlin, Jr., and Richard Nowlin; daughters, Joy Nowlin and Jean Johnson; and brother, Ray Nowlin.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Seth Nowlin of Elko, Nevada, Eldon Nowlin of Ft. Worth, Danny and Romie Nowlin of Warren, and Billy and Jane Nowlin of Monahans; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Travis Burrows of Lewisville; daughter-in-law, Eiko King of Killeen; brother and sister-in-law, W.D. “Billy” and Earlene Bradley, Jr. of Albuquerque, NM.; sister-in-law, Katherine Nowlin of Lewisville; fourteen grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Local services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Alline D. Minyard**

Funeral services for Alline D. Minyard, 82, will be held Wednesday, July 26, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Ben Gibbs and Brother Delbert Lamb officiating. Burial will follow at Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Minyard died July 24, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Born March 6, 1918 to Joe and Agnes Sims Davis, she lived in Colmesneil all of her life. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Brother Jack Minyard and a son, Jessie E. Minyard. She is survived by her sons, B.J. Minyard and Ted Minyard both of Colmesneil; a daughter, Sherry Worthey of Colmesneil; a sister, Ina Lee Riley of Beaumont; a brother, Cecil Davis of Colmesneil; ten grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Doyle Cowart, Harold Davis, Leo Conner, Troy Davis, Danny Price Davis, and Carroll Conner. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Loy Conner, C.R. Riley, James Stafford, Murvel Lee Hopson and J.P. Dean.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Paul L. Seago**

Funeral service for Paul L. Seago, 59, will be held Wednesday, July 26, 2000, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Scott Moody officiating. A Masonic graveside service will be held at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery, near Woodville, Texas, under the direction of Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495 of Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Seago died July 22, 2000 in the Tyler County Hospital.

Born June 19, 1941 to John R. and Allie Morris Seago in Hemphill, Texas. He lived in Sabine County most of his life before moving to Warren 12 years ago. He was a construction manager for S&S Contracting. He was a member of Hillister Baptist Church and the Bronson Masonic Lodge #893.

He is survived by his wife, Melody Haygood Seago of Warren; sons, Ray Seago of Houston, Michael Seago of Sour Lake, Lamar Seago of Midlothian, Daniel Seago of Warren, Chad Seago of Bronson; daughters, Angie Daniel of Dallas, Sherry Spring of Rayburn Country; sister, Johannie Seago of Beaumont; brothers, Billy R. Seago of Beaumont, Frank Seago of Tennessee; grandchildren, Nikki Seago, Destiny Daniel, Chelsea Seago, Lindsey Seago, Hunter Spring, and Laney Seago.

Serving as pallbearers will be David Cole, Paul Moore, Art Smith, Weldon Bennett, Roger Richard and Ray Seago. Serving as honorary pallbearer will be Lavelle Haygood.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Joe Thomas Fortenberry

Funeral services for Joe Thomas Fortenberry, 74, of Groveton, Texas will be held Wednesday, July 26, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Groveton First Baptist Church with interment at 1 p.m. at Pilgrim Rest Cemetery, located in the Dies Community, in Tyler County, Texas.

Mr. Fortenberry was born June 19, 1926 to Vestel and Elsie Davis Fortenberry in Tyler County and passed away at his residence in Groveton, Texas on July 17, 2000. He was a veteran of WW II and the Korean War. He was active in many youth organizations and civic organizations, past member of the GISD School Board, and a past member of the Trinity County Sheriff’s Posse. He was a member of the Groveton First Baptist Church and was retired from the Groveton Feed Mill and Supply.

He is survived by his wife, Willie Fay “Bitsy” Fortenberry of Groveton; daughter, Joanna Fay Fortenberry of Groveton; sons and daughters-in-law, Larry Thomas and Jane Fortenberry of Groveton and Lowell Thomas and Luann Fortenberry of Wimberly, Texas; brothers and sisters-in-law, May and Joyce Fortenberry of Port Neches, Texas and Johnny and Kietha Fortenberry of Silsbee, Texas; sisters and brothers-in-law, Jaunice and Emson Smith of Georgia, Shirley and Melburn Minter of Groveton, Pat Carter of Austin, Peggie Grammer of Groveton; grandchildren, Webb Fortenberry, Jake Fortenberry, Trilby Fortenberry and Lodin Fortenberry and many other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elsie and Vestel Fortenberry and Cader Fortenberry.

Pallbearers will be Rod Fortenberry, J.D. Spurlock, Dick Hubert, J.E. Anderson, Bobby Murry and Kerry Minter.

Local arrangements were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Margaret V. Overall

Cremation service for Margaret V. Overall, 101, was held at Wilbert Crematory in Beaumont, Texas under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Overall died July 20, 2000 at the Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

Born October 15, 1898 in New Hope, Virginia, she lived in St. Cloud, Florida most of her life before moving Woodville 16 years ago. She was a retired school teacher.

She is survived by her daughters, Anna O. Smith of Woodville, Virginia O. Donnell of Tampa, Florida; son, Ralph E. Overall of Columbus, Georgia; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Clara Blackwell

Clara Blackwell, 80, of Colmesneil, Texas died Wednesday, July 19, 2000. Graveside services were held at Brookside Memorial Park at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2000 with Msgr. James Anderson officiating.

She moved to Houston in 1920 where she resided until retiring to the “Mini-farm” in Colmesneil in 1980.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Turner Blackwell; sisters, Mary Benfatti, Rosie Davis and Husband Henry; sons, Jerry Wayne Blackwell and wife Jenny Lou, Robert Lee Blackwell; grandchildren, Johnny Blackwell, Michael Blackwell, Angela Liollio and Casey Blackwell.

Pallbearers were Robert Blackwell, Michael Rumore, Frankie Rumore, J.J. Geacone, Johnny Blackwell and Michael Blackwell.

Wilma Griffin

Funeral service for Wilma Griffin, 72, was held July 5, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Speaker Brian Miller officiating. Burial followed at Moss Hill Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Griffin died July 2, 2000 at his residence in Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Griffin was born June 12, 1928 in Beech Grove. He lived in Woodville most of his life. He
was a retired sawmill worker.

Survivors include his brother and sister-in-law, Rufus and Mary Griffin of Beaumont; nieces, Ethel Harris, Billie Andrews, Ruby Daniels and Garner Perry, all of Woodville; nephews, Jeraid Wyatt of Georgia, Andrew Lee Jones, Jr. of Dallas and Eddie Wise, Jr. of Woodville, and a host of nieces and nephews and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Preston Veazia III, John C. Harris, Eddie Wise III, Kendrick Harris, Chris Harris and Damion Wyatt.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Hubert F. Sweatt**

Hubert F. Sweatt, 86, of Colmesneil, Texas died Thursday, July 27, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 28, 2000 at 4 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Brother David Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Colmesneil.

Serving as pallbearers were Matt Sweatt, Alex Davis, Jimmy Davis, John Holzworth, Jewel Jones, and John Hopkins.

Mr. Sweatt was born September 14, 1913 in Dyersburg, Tennessee. He was longtime resident of Texas City, but had lived in Colmesneil for the past twenty years. He was a retired pipefitter with Local #211 in Houston.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Leona Sweatt of Colmesneil; sons and daughters-in-law, Don F. Sweatt of Dyersberg, Tennessee and James H. and Charlene Sweatt of LaMarque, Texas; daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Jimmy Davis of Colmesneil and Dorothy and John Holzworth of Texas City; sister, Thelma Rumley of Woodville; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Bettie Porter**

Funeral services for Bettie Porter, 72, of Colmesneil, Texas will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 27, 2000 at St. Michael’s Catholic Church with burial to follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a wake service at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Jasper, Texas.

Mrs. Porter died Monday, July 24, 2000 at her residence. She was a native of Wyoming, Ohio. She had lived in Houston, Texas for 22 years and had lived in Colmesneil since 1990. She retired as a consultant with Cherokee Hydrocarbon.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Stan Porter of Colmesneil; sons, Charles Porter of Houston, Jeff Porter of Kissimme - St. Cloud, Florida; daughter, Armin Porter and Lore Porter, both of Houston, Candice Porter of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Lisa Reed of Houston, Shari Gellner of Pinckney, Michigan, Darien Maquire of Des Moines, Iowa; brother, William Whelton of Cincinnati, Ohio and 23 grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Marla Beth Ritchie.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

**Sherry Skinner Bates**

Sherry Skinner Bates, 56, of Conroe, Texas died July 27, 2000 at Conroe Regional Medical Center.

A longtime resident of Woodville she was currently living in Conroe, Texas.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas “Dusty” Bates of Conroe; father, Nile Elliott of Calvin, Oklahoma; sons, Lance Skinner of Woodville and Lanny Skinner of Spring, Texas; grandchildren, Alyssa and Tyler Skinner of Woodville, Texas.

**Mae Taylor**

Funeral service for Mae Taylor, 81, will be held Thursday, August 3, 2000 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Douglas Runyan
officiating. Burial will follow at Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 2, 2000 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Taylor died July 30, 2000 at Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

Born October 20, 1918 in Brookland, Texas to Will and Serena Baker, she lived in Houston before moving to Colmesneil 30 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ray Taylor and sons, Wayne Taylor and Lynn Taylor.

She is survived by her grandsons, Sloan Taylor of Austin and Brent Taylor Riley of Tomball; nephew Charles Rudd of Houston and Bronson Baker of Silsbee; nieces, Mattie Sanford of Dam-B, Helen Rogers of Beaumont, Willie Gore of Silsbee, Betty Ward of Silsbee and Gladys Tanton of Kountze.

Serving as pallbearers will be Charles Rudd, Jerry Smith, Jr. Baker, Sloan Taylor, Charlie Rudd, Harold Mathews, and Bobby Masterson.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Marie Langston Carter

On Wednesday, July 26, 2000 Marie Carter of Hillister, Texas reluctantly left this life to be with our Lord and Savior.

A resident of Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville for the past 21 1/2 years, she leaves behind her loving husband of 59 years, Howard L. Carter.

She was born the second daughter of the union of Thelma Bullock Tolar and James J. Langston in Glenmore, Louisiana. A direct descendant of Captain Charles Bullock and James Barclay, pioneers and founders of Tyler County, Texas.

When given the opportunity she returned to her ancestral home after living in Houston and Beaumont. After graduating from Woodville’s Kirby High School in 1933, she attended Chenier’s Business College in Beaumont. She was employed by Little Insurance in Beaumont, Stanlin Oil and Gas Co. in Houston, Clayburn Tile Plant in Woodville and owned and operated Rawls Flower Shop in Woodville and was a member of Woodville United Methodist Church.

Dedicated to her family and home, she served as Hillister PTA President in 1955. In 1964 she was a delegate to the Texas Democratic Convention in Austin. With the late Clyde Gray, a shared dream was realized in 1965 with the birth of Heritage Village utilizing the Tolar Kitchen. In 1980 she received the James E. Wheat award for her unselfish work for many years as the operating director and chairman of the Kingsmen’s Ball of the Tyler County Dogwood Festival.

She was preceded in death by Josie Gilcrease Mgebroff, Marjorie Gilcrease Alexander and Dorothy Gilcrease Lipscomb.

She is survived by her husband, Howard L. Carter of Hillister. She also leaves sisters, Bertha Liddon of New Port Richey, Florida, Rosemary Asta and husband, Anthony of Beaumont, and Grace Gilcrease Scull and husband, Leo of Granbury, Texas; daughters, Jennie Edwards and husband, Bill of Dickinson, Texas and Mary Masias and husband, Sammy of Naples, Florida; grandchildren, Lee Mabry and wife, Karen of Katy, Wendy Mabry of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Jennifer Mathias of Naples, Florida; niece, Sally Ferguson of New Port Richey, Florida; nephew, John Jewell and wife, Bambi of Allen, Texas. Also mourning her death and celebrating her life are many nephews, nieces and cousins along with the multitude of friends and loved ones.

Graveside services were held Friday, July 28, 2000 at 10 a.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Rev. Judy Anderson officiated the graveside rites with interment following.

Visitation was held Thursday, July 27, 2000 from 4 - 7 p.m. in the chapel of Riley Funeral Home.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Linda Pate Elrod

Linda Pate Elrod, 50, of Woodville, Texas died Monday, July 31, 2000 at the Baptist Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.
Funeral services will be Thursday, August 3, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers will be Terry Hensarling, Rodney Fortenberry, Mike Roberts, Jerry Tolbert, Dan Utley, and Eddie Hatton. Honorary pallbearers will be the Ladies of A.B.W.A.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2000 from 2 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Linda was born August 31, 1949 in Beaumont, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Woodville where she owned and operated LaLinda Dance Studio since 1967. She was certified by Dance Masters of America and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her mother, Evelyn Pate of Woodville; husband Tim Elrod of Woodville; sons, Brad Elrod and Brent Elrod, both of Woodville; and stepdaughters, Melanie Elrod and Ginger Elrod, both of Tyler.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Bobby Loy Brewer

Cremation service for Bobby Loy Brewer, 59, was handled by Riley Funeral Home. Mr. Brewer died July 25, 2000 at his residence.

Born August 25, 1940 to Loy and Ina Pearl Brewer in Bastrop, Texas, he lived in Silsbee most of his life before moving to Town Bluff, Texas 5 years ago. He was a quality control engineer for Temple Inland.

He is survived by his sons, Kerry Brewer of Bay City and Wesley Brewer of Corpus Christi; daughter, Heather Hilliard of Bay City; and four grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Sam M. Mahan

Sam M. Mahan, 86, of Colmesneil, Texas died Monday, July 31, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, August 2, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services will be Brother David Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Colmesneil.

Serving as pallbearers are Ben Stewart, David Mahan, Jimmy Mahan, Mitchell Allen, De Wayne Ling and Durwood Ling. Honorary pallbearers are Jamie Davis, Joe Seamans, Clyne Sturrock, John Milton Mahan, and Bobby Pentecost.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Mahan was born May 13, 1914 in Colmesneil, Texas. He was a lifelong resident of Colmesneil and was a retired farmer and rancher. He was a U.S. Army WW II veteran and a member of the First Baptist Church of Colmesneil.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Evelyn Mahan of Colmesneil; sons, Jerry Mahan and Jimmy Mahan, both of Colmesneil; daughters and son-in-law, Virgie and Thomas Trahan and Judy Brown, all of Colmesneil; brother, Jim Mahan of Woodville; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Elmer Sturrock

Elmer Sturrock, 93, of Nederland, Texas died July 31, 2000 at Memorial Herman Baptist Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Bobby Dagnel officiating. Graveside services followed at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Sand Hill Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Thursday from 6 - 8 p.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland.

He was a native of Colmesneil and lived there for 42 years before moving to Nederland. He was a retired operator with Neches Butane and was employed there for 28 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Nederland.

Survivors include his wife, Viva H. Sturrock of Nederland; daughters, Correne Pierce of...
Colmesneil, Shirley Westbrook and Bonnie Sturrock of Port Neches; step-sons, Marc Helvie of Houston, David Helvie of Virginia Beach, Virginia; brothers, Clyne Sturrock of Colmesneil, Allen Sturrock of Woodville; sister, Floy Downing of Colmesneil; 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**Wesley Carey**

Wesley Carey, 86, of Kountze, Texas died Tuesday, August 1, 2000 at his residence. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 5, 2000 at 3 p.m. at the Greater Mt. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church in Kountze with burial at the Trinity Valley District Cemetery in Kountze.

A native of Romayor, Texas, he lived in Honey Island a number of years before moving to Kountze.

Survivors include daughters, Jeanetta Howard (Timothy), Deborah Carey (Jerry), Linda Carey, Felecia Carey, and Arletha Carey (J.W.) of Kountze; eight sons, Donnie Ray Carey (Debbie), Freeman Charles Carey (Carolyn), Henry Edward Carey (Carolyn), Michael Anthony Carey (Sherri) and Desi Howard of Kountze, Carl Wesley Carey (Shirley), Zebedee Carey (Latonia), and Gary Wayne Carey (Anita) of Silsbee; two very special sisters, Margaret Carey Brown, and Annie Mae Carey Burnett of Houston; three very special sisters-in-law, Helen Jubert of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Rosie Lee Williams of Tenaha, Texas and Marie Lacy of Kountze, Texas; two special grandchildren, Allen Michael Carey and Brittany Banks of Kountze, Texas; forty grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home.

**Clarence Gilder**

Clarence Gilder, 85, of Warren, Texas died Tuesday, August 1, 2000 at Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Warren Chapel Baptist Church in Warren, Texas with burial at the Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister, Texas.

He was a native of Hicksbaugh, Texas and a retired employee of Warren, Texas I.S.D.

Survivors include two daughters, Adell Hadnot and Margie Weems; a brother, Rayford Gilder; eight grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

**Jimmie Vinson Hayes**

Jimmie Vinson Hayes, 88, of Woodville, Texas died Friday, August 4, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 7, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services were Dr. Dwayne Freese and Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Dr. George W. Barclay, Ralph W. Seamans, C.S. O'Neal, Jack Clark, Robert Carl and Maxie Young.

Visitation was held on Sunday, August 6, 2000 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Hayes was born September 14, 1911 in Chester, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Houston and had lived in Woodville for 20 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville. She was a homemaker and former school teacher.

**Herman Lee Louvier, Jr.**

Herman Lee Louvier, Jr., 61, of Warren, Texas died Sunday, August 6, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Cremation services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr. Louvier was born November 23, 1938 in Port Arthur, Texas. He was a retired construction worker and a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

He is survived by his parents, Herman L. and Alta Louvier, Sr. of Woodville; son Joshua Louvier Cerny of Houston; daughter, Stephanie Axley of
Panama City, Florida; brother, John W. Louvier of Warren; sisters, Cynthia Haynes and Christine Millard, both of Warren; and two grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**John Alfred Riggins, Jr.**

Cremation for John Alfred Riggins, Jr., 40, was held August 8, 2000 at Wilbert Crematory in Beaumont, Texas, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mr. Riggins died August 6, 2000 at his residence in Woodville.

He was born October 28, 1959 in Phoenix, Arizona. He lived in Camp Verde, Arizona before moving to Woodville three years ago. He was a laborer and a mechanic.

Survived by his wife, Elizabeth Diane Freeman Riggins; two sons, Thomas J. Riggins and Samuel J. Riggins all of Woodville; father, John A Riggins, Sr. and step-mother, Kathy Riggins of California; sisters, Shannon Harper of California and Aaron Sampson of Oklahoma; two brothers, Patrick Riggins and Shawn Riggins, both of California, numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Edward Grosse**

Edward W. Grosse, 81, of the Ridgewood Retirement Center in Beaumont, Texas died August 9, 2000 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral service was held Saturday at the First United Methodist Church with burial at Forest Lawn Memorial Park under the direction of Kelley Watkins Funeral Home. Visitation was held from 7 - 9 p.m. Friday.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, he lived in Beaumont more than 50 years and was retired from automobile sales. During World War II, Ed was a pilot in the Air Corps and served in the European theater. Upon returning to the United States, he remained in the Air Force Reserve and eventually retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Heffer Grosse of Beaumont; son Bill Grosse of Houston; daughter, Christina Torres of Lake Oswego, Oregon; stepdaughters, Ruth Stecher of Woodville, Texas and Sharlotte Jackson of Beaumont; stepson, Robert W. Heffer of Houston, Texas; sister, Thelma Price of Austin; five grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren, ten step great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Jaylinn Wingate**

Graveside service for Jaylinn Wingate, 39, was held August 6, 2000 at 3 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas, with Rev. M. Wayne Hargraves officiating.

Jaylinn died August 5, 2000 at Austin State School in Austin, Texas.

Jaylinn was born May 14, 1961 in Livingston, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J. Milton Wingate and Dorothy Pate.

Survived by her three sisters, Kathy Lamb of Hull, Dianne Recla of Oregon and Marilyn Foster of Magnolia; one brother, Kyle Wingate of Phoenix; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Bobby M. McBryde**

Bobby M. McBryde, 64, of Voth, Texas, died Friday, August 11, 2000 at Select Speciality Heights Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 13, 2000 at 3 p.m. in Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Sand Hill Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas. Officiating at the services was Reverend James West.

Serving as pallbearers were Joe Bailey Holst, Ronny McBryde, Craig McBryde, Jason Ainsworth, Joe O'Leary and George Brown.

Visitation was held on Saturday, August 12, 2000 from 4:30 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. McBryde was born November 15, 1935 in
Voth, Texas. He was a native and longtime resident of Voth, Texas. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Voth and was a retired marine carpenter for Bethlehem Steel in Beaumont. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Jean McBryde.

He is survived by his mother, Alphia McBryde of Lumberton; son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Pam McBryde of Lumberton; daughter and son-in-law, Melanie and David West of Nederland; brother, Ronald McBryde of Lumberton; sisters, Carol Ainsworth of Pearland and Annese McBryde of Lumberton; and grandchildren, Mark Jordan, Kristi McBryde, Craig McBryde and Ray McBryde.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home.

**Roy Chester Weaver**

Roy Chester Weaver, 47, of Warren, Texas, died August 10, 2000 in Woodville. Funeral services were held on Monday at 1 p.m. at the Warren Chapel Baptist Church in Warren.

He was a native of Diboll, Texas and lived in Warren and Houston a number of years. He was self-employed.

Survivors include daughters, Roshana Battle and Ronique Battle, both of Houston; son, LaRoy Battle of Houston; mother, Ozella Barclay of Warren; sister, Lawanda Gilder of Warren and Mary Ann Weaver of Conroe; brothers, Tony Barclay, Michael Barclay, Obie Barclay, all of Warren, Henry Lee Weaver of Conroe.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

**Judy Bell Carter**

Judy Bell Carter, 81, of Kountze, Texas died Monday, August 7, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 12, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Kountze, Texas with burial at the Kirby Cemetery in Silsbee, Texas.

She was born in Doucette, Texas where she lived a number of years before moving to Kountze, Texas.

Survivors include a niece, Delia M. Hoskins of Kountze, Texas and one godchild, Terrell Warren of Silsbee, Texas and a host of relatives and friends.

**Roland Clifton Finkelman**

Roland Clifton Finkelman of Corrigan, Texas died August 8, 2000. He was 64 years of age. Mr. Finkelman was a Korean War veteran. He was retired from the Houston Painters Union after a disabling illness. He attended the Corrigan First Assembly of God.

Services were held at Brookside Funeral Home in Houston on Saturday, August 12, 2000 with the Rev. Phillip Corbett officiating. Interment was at Brookside Memorial Park in Houston, Texas.

Survivors are son, Roland Finkelman, Jr; daughters, Shiela Ivers, Gayla Dufer and Cindy Lou Oquin; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Sybol Keasling, Zenda Oneal and Shirley Gibson; two aunts, Christine Lindberg and Betty Jo Stephens and one uncle, Herman White.

**Betty Sue Brown**

Betty Sue Brown, 72, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, August 13, 2000 at the Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 16, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Hilltop Baptist Church at Dam B, with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother John Spanhanks.

Serving as pallbearers were her nephews, Jack Brown, Thomas Brown, Bill Brown, Doug Mashaw, George Corley, Stacey Corley and Brian May.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2000 from 4:30 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Brown was born March 10, 1928 in the Emille Community in Tyler County, Texas. She was a retired L.V.N. with Jasper Memorial Hospital and was a member of the Hilltop Baptist Church.
She is survived by her sons, James Brown of Jasper, and Curtis Brown of Dam B; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and George Corley of Jasper; brothers, Jess Mashaw of Angleton, and J.W. Mashaw of Jasper; sister, Bernice Briggs of Dam B; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Lector E. Pierson**

Funeral service for Lector E. Pierson, 90, was held Saturday, August 12, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Kelley Watkins Funeral Home with a graveside service at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas at 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Pierson died Wednesday, August 9, 2000 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Born December 23, 1909 in Wortham, Texas, she lived in Lumberton for 28 years. Before that she was a longtime Woodville resident. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Ethel Gardner of Lumberton, Gracie Williams, of Alvin, Phyllis Handcock of Houston, Margaret Rawls of Colmesneil; sons, William Pierson of Woodville, James Pierson of Dallas, Walter Pierson of Silsbee; sister, Beatrice Shockley of Bonham; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

**Virgil Ray Shown**

Funeral service for Virgil Ray Shown, 55, was held Wednesday, August 16, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Pace Funeral Home in Livingston, Texas with the Rev. Larry Trest officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ruby Cemetery.

Mr. Shown died Friday, August 11, 2000 at Lufkin, Texas.

Born November 2, 1944 at Camp Ruby, Texas he lived in Livingston. He was a welder.

He is survived by mother, Maugre Fredregill of Woodville; sons, David Shown of Woodville, Richard Shown and wife, Marcia of Kingwood, Steven Shown of Leggett; brother, Wayman Treadway and wife Debbie of Trinity; sister, Elaine Owen and husband, Clint of Woodville, Darlene Baxter and husband Larry of Corrigan, Sheila Mahan of Woodville; granddaughter, Sarah Shown of Kingwood and grandson, Tanner Shown of Kingwood.

He was preceded in death by father, Virgil Shown, grandmother, Olga Hinson and grandfather Tilmann Hinson.

Pallbearers were Frank Boykin, John Davis, Phil Hart, Gary Hendrix, Hulon Miller and Anthony Williams.

Services under the direction of Pace Funeral Home of Livingston, Texas.

**Victor Bumstead**

Victor Bumstead, 70, of Jasper, Texas passed away August 6, 2000 at his residence. A lifelong resident of Jasper, he was a longtime member of Beech Grove Baptist Church, Jasper County Emergency Corp., Jasper Jewels’ President, 10 year member of Jasper Aero-Modelers Association, and a long standing NRA member. He was also a retired Vo-Tech Jasper High School Building Trades Instructor, and retired Jasper County Sheriffs’ Department Deputy as well as an Angelina River Volunteer Fireman for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Bumstead of Jasper; sons, Stephen Bumstead and David Bumstead both of Jasper; brother, William “Bill” Bumstead of Aurora, Colorado, and 5 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 9, 2000 at 10 a.m. at Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper, Texas.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, August 8, 2000 from 4 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow Wednesday’s services at Bumstead Cemetery in Warren, Texas.

Services are under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper.
Henry H. Hart

Henry H. “Red Man” Hart, 84, of Doucette, Texas died Sunday, August 20, 2000 at the Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 22, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Brother Steve Hays.

Serving as pallbearers were Matt Hart, Clay Holyfield, Dillard Jones, Leroy Lancon, Jason Jones and Thomas Ivey.

Visitation was held on Monday, August 21, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Hart was born on January 7, 1916 in Crockett, Texas. He was a former resident of Nederland and a longtime resident of Doucette. He was a retired warehouse operator with Jefferson Chemical, a member of V.F.W. Post #6384, the Port Arthur Chapter of Eagles, and a U.S. Army WW II veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Robbie A. Hart of Doucette; sons and daughter-in-law, Joe and Barbara Hart of Colmesneil, Larry E. and Carolyn Hart of Beaumont, and Hubert Lamar and Penny Hart of Nederland; daughter, Clara Hart of Doucette; brother, Eli Hart of Woodville; thirteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mary Gutzke

Mary Gutzke, 60, of Irving, Texas died August 23, 2000 at her residence. Funeral services were held August 26, 2000 at 10 a.m. at North Irving Baptist Church in Irving, under the direction of Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home in Irving.

Graveside service was held at 5 p.m. at Seamans Cemetery near Chester, Texas, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

A native of Chester, Texas she lived in Irving for 25 years. She was a retired teacher from the Irving I.S.D.

Survivors include her husband, Karl Gutzke of Irving; sons, Timothy Gutzke of Graysville, Alabama and Thomas Gutzke of Irving; brother, Raymond Hardy of Palestine; mother, Helen Hardy of Chester; and three grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Charles Gordon Conrad

Funeral service for Charles Gordon “Chuck” Conrad, 62, was held Saturday, August 12, 2000, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Elder O. Woodrow Wilson and Brother Jimbo Swinney officiating. A Masonic graveside service was held at Camp Ground Cemetery by Nederland Masonic Lodge #1368 and Magnolia Lodge #495 in Woodville.

Visitation was held Friday from 4 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Conrad died August 9, 2000 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Port Arthur, Texas.

Born September 18, 1937 in Llano, Texas he lived in Nederland 30 years. He was a machinist for Mobil Refinery. He was a member of the Nederland Masonic Lodge #1368.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Curtis and Pat Conrad of Nederland; son, Glen Conrad of Woodville; daughter, Pam Conrad of Nederland; brother, Jimmy Conrad of New Mexico.

Serving as pallbearers were Robert E. Cox, Paul P. Sandel, Bert R. Cox, Terry Hargraves, Carroll Rhodes, James Touchet.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Karen Janell Durham Phillips

Karen Janell Durham Phillips, 34, of DeSoto, Texas, died Wednesday, August 30, 2000 in Colmesneil, Texas.

Funeral services were held Friday, September 1, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Colmesneil with burial in Bethany Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services were Dr. Chris Seidlitz, and Pastor Daren Hearnsberger.

Serving as pallbearers were Vance Cowart, Rusty Minyard, Rusty Hunter, Doug Wood, Phillip
Mashaw, and Ryan Durham. Honorary pallbearers were members of her “Class of 1984”.

Visitation was held on Thursday, August 32, 2000 from 3 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Janell was born September 26, 1965 in Tyler County, Texas. She was a former longtime resident of Colmesneil and had lived in DeSoto for the past five years. She was a member of Winsor Park Baptist Church in DeSoto and an active participant in the “Women’s Race For The Cure.”

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Willie Lee and Jewel Durham. She is survived by her husband, David Phillips of DeSoto; parents, Leonard and Betty Durham of Colmesneil; grandparents, Chuck and Lavern Wood of Colmesneil; brother and sister-in-law, Wendell and Robin Durham of Lawton, Oklahoma; and nieces, Courtney and Hayley Durham of Lawton, Oklahoma.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Rita Jean Sirmons Sheffield

Funeral service for Rita Jean Sirmons Sheffield, 39, was held Thursday, August 31, 2000 at 10 a.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jasper with Brother David Nugent officiating. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger, Texas

Visitation was held Wednesday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sheffield stepped into Glory August 29, 2000.

Born July 18, 1961 in Kountze, Texas to Robert and Dorothy Dean Sirmons, she lived most of her life in Spurger. She was the Chief Deputy Tax Collector for the Tyler County Tax Assessor and Collector. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jasper.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Lawwayne Sheffield of Spurger; loving son and daughter, Joey M. Sheffield and Magen R. Sheffield both of Spurger; caring parents, Robert and Dorothy Sirmons of Spurger; loving brother and sister, Calvin Sirmons of Spurger and Theresa Patterson of Jasper; twelve nieces and nephews.

Seving as pallbearers were Bobby Sirmons, Jimmy Jeansonne, Corey Jeansonne, Blake Patterson, Joshua Redmon, Preston Broom, Pate Sheffield and Nathan Sheffield.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Sheila Ann Sheffield

Sheila Ann Sheffield passed away August 22, 2000 at Christus Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. She was born September 8, 1955 in Jasper, Texas and was a longtime resident of Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services were held August 25, 2000 at Kelley Watkins Funeral Home in Beaumont. She was laid to rest at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Beaumont.

Pallbearers were John Wayne Duke, Michael Landry, Wayne Ezell, Chris Neff, Barry Sheffield and Rodney Sheffield.

Sheila is survived by her husband, Dana Sheffield of Beaumont; step-sons, Mike Sheffield of Dallas, Matt Sheffield of Lumberton; mother, Billie Jean Broom of Woodville; brother, Jimmy Broom of Woodville; sisters, Linda Greene of Ft. Worth, Becky Morrow of Graham, Oklahoma, Debbie Burdette of Silsbee and Candass Broom of Woodville. She had four grandchildren, seven nieces and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Ross Broom of Woodville.

Roberta Barlow

Roberta Barlow, 94, of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, August 27, 2000 at Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, September 1, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Moss Hill Community Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

She was born in Moss Hill, Texas where she lived a number of years before changing her residence to the Convalescent Center in Woodville, Texas.

Survivors include two daughters, Estelle Alexander and Mary Ogletree both of Houston; two step-daughters, Ola Barlow of Houston and Lula Mae Gilder of Woodville; four sons, Lester Barlow
of Warren, Fred Barlow and Joe Lee Barlow both of Woodville and Lee Barlow of Doucette; 23 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Robert Edmund Quick

Funeral service for Robert Edmund Quick, 41, was held Tuesday, August 29, 2000 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Robert Jacks officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Monday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Quick died August 26, 2000 at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Born August 21, 1959 in Houston, Mr. Quick was a longtime resident of Houston before moving to Colmesneil four years ago. He was a welder for Delta Tank Company.

He is survived by his wife, Verna Tarver Quick of Colmesneil; parents Doyle L. and Ramona Quick of Houston; daughters, Melissa Quick Bolanos of Houston and Holly R. Quick of Colmesneil; brother, James L. Quick of Houston; sister, Patricia Quick of Houston; grandchild, Hayley Michelle Bolanos of Houston.

Serving as pallbearers were Jimmy Quick, Ray Wittek, Jack McCarty, Victor Cipola, Gary Foster and Billy Doyle.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Janice Dixie Revia

Funeral service for Janice Dixie Revia, 86, was held Sunday, August 27, 2000 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Richard Eifert officiating. Burial followed at Midway Cemetery in Polk County, Texas. Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Revia died August 25, 2000 at Vencor-Bay Area Hospital.

Born March 5, 1914 in Houston, Texas she lived in Beaumont before moving to Livingston 50 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Dixie Lamb and a grandson, David Lamb.

She is survived by her husband, Sidney Revia of Channelview; granddaughters, Laura Martin and Karen Wiggins both of Channelview; grandson, Jeff Lamb of Woodville; great-granddaughters, Jane Nail, Shanna Wiggins and Katlin Odin all of Channelview.

Serving as pallbearers were Don Shine, Eric Martin, Jeff Lamb, Robert Swien, Luther Milner, and Maxie Lamb.

Arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James Howard Douglas, Jr.

James Howard Douglas, Jr., 68, of Woodville, Texas died August 22, 2000 at his residence.

Graveside service was held August 25, 2000 at Houston National Cemetery in Houston, Texas, under the direction of Veterans Funeral Service Chapel.

A native of Jeelico, Tennessee, he lived in Woodville, Texas. He was a retired long haul truck driver, and was a U.S. Army Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Johnnie May Douglas; son, John Douglas; daughters, Tracy Lynne Lay, Karen Douglas and Stacy Faulke; sister, Bernice Holland; brothers, Donnie Douglas, Ronnie Douglas and Kenneth Douglas; nine grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Peggie Smith

Peggie Smith, 80, of Woodville, Texas died Sunday, September 3, 2000 at her residence.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, September 6, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas. Officiating at the service was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2000 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Clyde E. III and Pam Smith, of Woodville, Joe R. and Cathy Smith of Colmesneil, Stuart D. "Jeb" and Susan Smith of The Woodlands, and Ruel E.
and Cheri Smith of Houston; daughters and sons-in-law, Tessa and Jerry Poindexter of Woodville, and Valerie and Leon Hunt of Madisonville; sister, Lillian L. Hilliard of Albuquerque, New Mexico; seventeen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin funeral Home of Woodville.

Anne Cline Gould

Anne Cline Gould, 83, passed away September 1, 2000, the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. William B. Cline, II.

She was born in Bryan, Texas March 28, 1917 where she graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School.

A graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas and a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Society, Anne was a Registered Medical Technologist for the Houston City Health Department from 1955 until her retirement in 1983. She moved to Dallas in 1994.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Elizabeth and Mary Louise, and brother, Bill.

Survivors include a nephew, Ben Cline; in addition to cousins, great-nephews and great-nieces.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 7, 2000 at the Preston Hollow United Methodist Church in Dallas. She will be interned alongside her family in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas at 1 p.m. Friday, September 8, 2000.

Local arrangements were by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Wanda M. Potts

Graveside services for Wanda M. Potts, 70, were held September 8, 2000 at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas, with Brother Troy Richardson officiating.

Ms. Potts died September 7, 2000 at Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Mrs. Potts was born October 10, 1929 in Chester, Illinois. She lived in Beaumont most of her life. She was retired from Thompson Collection Agency.

Survivors include her husband, Fredrick Potts of Beaumont; two sons, Michael Potts of Sour Lake and Stephen Potts of Houston; sister, Maxine Oakley of Decatur, Illinois; and three grandchildren, Becky, Katy and Michelle.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Janet Proulx

Graveside services for Janet “Pru” Proulx, 45, were held September 12, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Holland Cemetery in Village Mills, Texas.

Funeral services were held September 11, 2000 at 10 a.m. at Farrell Funeral Home in Austin, Texas.

Mrs. Proulx died September 8, 2000 at her residence.

Mrs. Proulx was born June 13, 1955 in Manchester, New Hampshire.

She had lived in Austin, Texas most of her life. She retired from Exaco USA LTD, a wholesale gardening tool import company, in 1999. Mrs. Proulx proudly served two tours of duty in the U.S. Army including combat support during the Gulf War.

Survivors include her friend, Shirley Smith of Austin; son, Matthew Smith of Austin; mother, Jeannine Proulx; sister, Michele Richard; two brothers, Kevin and Geno Proulx, all of Manchester, New Hampshire.

Local arrangements under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Frances Marie Britt

Funeral services for Frances M. Britt, 58, were held at 10 a.m. September 9, 2000 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Ken Lewelling officiating. Burial followed at Warren City Cemetery in Warren, Texas.

Mrs. Britt died September 6, 2000 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

She was born December 27, 1941 in Warren, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Warren and
had also lived in Woodville and Fred. She was the retired owner and operator of Frances Beauty Shop in Woodville.

Survivors are daughters and sons-in-law, Selita and Carl "BO" Gober, Jr. of Ivanhoe and D'Ann and Phillip Darsey of Woodville; sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Jimmy Bell of Fred; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Theresa Langham of Huntington and Cecil and Alice Faye Langham of Warren; three grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, many friends and loved ones.

Pallbearers were Travis Darsey, Wayne Langham, Donovan Langham, Michael E. Gregory, Joe Darsey and Jim Bell.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Cariena Janes Clement**

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in the Delhomme Chapel of the Flowers on Saturday, September 9, 2000 at 2 p.m. for Cariena Janes Clement, 78, who died at her daughter's residence in Lafayette, Louisiana on Wednesday, September 6, 2000. Father John DeLeeuw will conduct the service. Burial will take place in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Cariena, a native of Woodville, Texas was the daughter of the late Jacob Janes and Mary Puse, immigrants from Yugoslavia in 1907. She and her late husband, "Clem" Clement, moved to Lafayette in 1947, where they operated Clement Harley Davidson and Honda until Clem’s death in 1971. Upon her retirement from the family business in 1971, Cariena cared for her mother in Texas, and upon her death moved back to Lafayette to be with her family. She will be remembered for her simplicity in life.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; three brothers, Jacob Janes, Jr., Victor Janes and Johnny Janes; and two sisters, Fran Millard and Mary Lawson Millard; and a son-in-law, Raywood J. Hernandez.

Cariena is survived by one son and his wife, Jesse D. and Jennifer Clement, Jr., stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, WY; two daughters, Carolyn Ann Hernandez of Duson, Louisiana and Donna (Mrs. Donald) Fontenot of Lafayette; one sister, Margie (Mrs. Floyd) Peace of Liberty, Texas; five grandchildren, Deborah Stelly, Bonnie Hernandez, Jesse D. Clement, III., Jordan Clement and Jaimee Clement; and four great-grandchildren, Toby, Brittany and Jared Stelly and Trevor Saunders.

Pallbearers will be Jennifer Maness, Betty Millard, Donald Fontenot, Dallas Turner, Mike Roberts and Murphy Trosclair. Honorary Pallbearers are Tracy Saunders, Jerry Maness, Wade Maness, Edmund J. Racca, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren.

A rosary will be recited by Father John DeLeeuw at 7 p.m. Friday, September 8, 2000 at the funeral home.

Visitation will be Friday, September 8, from 3-10 p.m. and on Saturday, September 9, from 8 a.m. until time of service.

**Leonard Carroll Collier**

Funeral services for Mr. Leonard Carroll Collier, 80, were held Tuesday, September 19, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Trinity, Texas, with Rev. Everett McCollum officiating the services. He was buried at Mayes Addition of Oakwood.

Mr. Collier was born in Colmesneil, Texas. He was a veteran of WW II. While serving in the Army, he received two Purple Hearts. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Trinity, Texas. He had been employed by National Life Insurance Agency for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Nina Collier of Trinity, Texas; daughter and husband, Carolyn and Leon Smith of League City; granddaughter, Patti Shotwell; grandson, Keith Shotwell; four step-daughters, Donna Coffin, Daini Baker, Sarah King, Clara Jones; two sisters; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife LaRue Retherford Collier.
Harold C. Youngblood

Harold C. Youngblood, 79, of Woodville, Texas, died Thursday, September 14, 2000 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.
Graveside services were held Saturday, September 16, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the service was Reverend Rick Eifert.

Visitation was held on Friday, September 15, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Youngblood was born April 27, 1921 in DeRidder, Louisiana. He was a former resident of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and a longtime resident of Woodville, Texas. He was a retired oilfield service engineer with Baker Oil Tool and a U.S. Army and Air Force veteran of WW II. He was a member of Woodville United Methodist Church, a fifty year member of the Masonic Lodge, Fire District Commissioner of Ivanhoe and a former Lion’s Club member.

He is survived by his wife, Jane P. Youngblood of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and George Strickland of Woodville, Diane and Essie Guidry of Porter, and Libby Youngblood of Groves; and six grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lois Bonin

Funeral services for Lois Bonin, 76, were held September 15, 2000 at 1 p.m. in the Metcalf Funeral Home Chapel in Conroe, Texas. Burial followed at Bonin Cemetery in Spring, Texas.

Mrs. Bonin died September 13, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Bonin was born March 5, 1927 in Paluxy, Texas. She was born October 15, 1931 to Minnie and Albert James. She resided in Houston, Texas and moved to Galveston in 1958. She graduated from Scott High School in Woodville, Texas, Prairie View A & M University. She was an educator at Scott High School in Woodville, Texas, George Washington Carver and ended at Stephen F. Austin Middle School in Galveston, Texas. She retired from Galveston Independent School District.

Frederick James Sullivan

Cremation services were held by Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Sullivan died September 18, 2000 at his residence in Ivanhoe.

Mr. Sullivan was born May 6, 1920 in Ottawa Ontario, Canada. He lived there most of his life before moving to Ivanhoe years ago. He was a retired Boiler Maker and was a U.S. Air Force Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Monaghan Sullivan; daughter, Saundra Case of Ivanhoe and one grandson, Jason Abernathy.

Service under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Juanita Nixon

Juanita James Nixon, 68, of Galveston, Texas was called to rest Thursday, September 14, 2000 at U.T.M.B. in Galveston, Texas.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, September 20, 2000, at the Avenue L. Baptist Church at 10 a.m.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2000 at Fields Home in Galveston, Texas from 4 - 6 p.m., followed by a wake service at the Avenue L. Baptist Church from 7 - 9 p.m.

Burial will be at the Moss Hill Community Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

She was born October 15, 1931 to Minnie and Albert James. She resided in Houston, Texas and moved to Galveston in 1958. She graduated from Scott High School in Woodville, Texas, Prairie View A & M University. She was an educator at Scott High School in Woodville, Texas, George Washington Carver and ended at Stephen F. Austin Middle School in Galveston, Texas. She retired from Galveston Independent School District.
after thirty-seven years of service as a librarian.

She was a faithful member of the Avenue L. Baptist Church until her illness. She served as a Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Youth Supervisor, and Sponsor for the sisters in Christ Praise Dancers. She worked faithfully with her mission and was responsible for starting the library at the Avenue L. Baptist Church. She was a member of NEA, TSTA, and Retired Teachers Association.

She is survived by her devoted husband of forty-five years, Willie James Nixon of Galveston; one brother Jessie B. Shaw of Galveston; sisters, Margie Ruth Smith of San Antonio and Johnnie Mae Jackson of Houston; two daughters, Sharon Ann Nixon Conley and husband Nathan Conley, Jr., Willie Jean Hines and husband Ike Hines of Cleveland, Texas; son Lawrence Nixon of Houston; a devoted aunt, Rose Moye of Woodville; four grandchildren, Coyde James Nixon, Ashley Juanita Nixon Conley, Nathan Conley, III, and Chadwick Nixon Conley; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends. Devoted friends Helen Bolden, Ms. Calvin Vincent, Joyce Lacy, Carrie Bell, Elbert Clay, Austin Norman, Ruth Hall, Estelle Shipp, Rosalie Tottenham, Alex Prince, Doris Gilmor, Mary Ann Jones, Rose Bennett and numerous others.

Ella Senora Wagoner

Ella Senora Wagoner, 94, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, September 15, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Services were held Monday, September 18, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Reverend Rick Eifert.

Serving as pallbearers were Ray Johnson, Willie Wilson, Toby Spurlock, Jamie Pike, and Earl Overstreet.

Visitation was held Sunday, September 17, 2000 from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Wagoner was born May 30, 1906 in Carthage, Mississippi. She was a homemaker and had lived in Woodville for the past 39 years. She was a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sisters, Bertie Adamson of Covina, California and Dannie Walker of Belzoni, Mississippi; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

Charles Lee

Services for Charles Lee, 42, were held Saturday, September 23, 2000 at 1 p.m. at Little Flock Missionary Baptist Church in Hillister, Texas.

Mr. Lee died Tuesday, September 19, 2000 in a 3-wheeler accident.

Mr. Lee was a life long resident of Hillister, Texas.

Graveside services were held at Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister.

Survivors include his parents, Walter B. Lee and Mary Stewart Lee of Hillister; son, Michael David Lee of Hillister; sisters, Evelyn Beaty and Barbara Lee both of Hillister; brothers, Walter James Lee of Beaumont, Frank H. Lee of Hillister and Paul Lee of Woodville.

Arrangements were handled by Robinson's Community Funeral Home in Jasper, Texas.

Zella Azie Rainwater

Graveside service for Zella A. Rainwater, 84, were held September 23, 2000 at 4 p.m. at Restlawn Memorial Park in Vidor, Texas.

Mrs. Rainwater died September 21, 2000 at Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Rainwater was born December 13, 1915 in Gist, Texas. She lived in Vidor, Texas for most of her life. She was a homemaker.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Fred Rainwater; son, Cody Nash; grandson, Wally Anderson.

Survivors include her son Glenn Rainwater and wife Karyn of Vidor; daughter, Lamerle Anderson and husband, Glenn of Colmesneil; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements made by Riley Funeral
Jolynne Stewart

Funeral for Jolynne Stewart, 47, will be September 27, 2000 at 10 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas with Rev. James Fetherstone officiating. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. at Egypt Cemetery in Colmesneil, with Rev. Delbert Lamb officiating.

Mrs. Stewart died September 23, 2000 in Huntsville, Texas.

Mrs. Stewart was born December 10, 1952 in Woodville, Texas. She graduated from Brownwood High School and attended Howard Payne University. She worked at Sam Houston State University for 9 years and then went to work as the secretary at TDCJ in the Operational Administration Department.

Survivors include her daughter, Courtney Wright and husband, Bobby of Huntsville; two sons, Benjamin Joseph Stewart of Belton and Samuel Wade Stewart of Huntsville; mother, Lillie Pearl Hopson of Colmesneil; sisters, Gayle Johnston and husband, Brent of Liberty, Jill Rae Fulghum and husband, Mike of San Angelo; one grandson, Caden Wright of Huntsville.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Sarah Elizabeth Martin Dean

Funeral service for Sarah E. Dean, 83, were held September 30, 2000 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with brother George Standley officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Dean died September 27, 2000 at Woodland Heights Medical Center in Lufkin, Texas.

Mrs. Dean was born November 29, 1916 in Hortense, Texas. She lived in Woodville most of her life. She was a caretaker for the elderly.

She is survived by her sister, Elma Clamon of Barnes; sister-in-law, Ila Martin of Corrigan; numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Bill Handley, Les Handley, Randy Seamans, Larry Torrez, Milton Martin and John Martin.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Gladys Trene Turner

Funeral service for Gladys Trene Turner, 85, were held October 2, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Forest Oaks Chapel in Jasper, Texas with Brother Aaron Colley officiating. Burial followed at Town Bluff Cemetery in Tyler County.

Mrs. Turner died Saturday, September 30, 2000 at her residence in Woodville, Texas. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter #954 and S.O.O.B. In Channelview, Texas, and a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

Mrs. Dean was born June 8, 1915 in Winnsboro, Louisiana. She lived in Woodville for 22 years.

She is survived by her husband Jim Turner of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper, Texas.

Sarah Elizabeth Allen McBryde Munday

Funeral service for Sarah E. Munday, 84, were held September 29, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother David E. Miller officiating. Burial followed at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas.

Mrs. Munday died September 27, 2000 at Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

Mrs. Munday was born September 27, 1916 in Colmesneil, Texas. She lived in Houston many years before moving back to Colmesneil. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Royce A. and Donna McBryde of Gig Harbor, Washington; daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Bernie Duellman of Colmesneil; step-sons and daughters-in-law, Howard D. and Ida Munday, Jr. of Buffalo, Texas and Roy and Charlotte Munday of Conroe; step-daughters and son-in-law, June and Curley McKinney of Buffalo and Kathy Ruley of Conroe; seven grandchildren and nine great-
Christine Lewis

Christine Lewis, 41, of Woodville, Texas died Monday, October 2, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, October 5, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the True Vine Baptist Church in Doucette, Texas with burial at the Moss Hill Baptist Church near Woodville.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 6 - 8 at the funeral home chapel.

She was an employee of Holiday Pines Nursing Home and Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville.

She leaves to cherish her memories her parents, Tretha Rigsby of Woodville and Sam Lewis (wife, Alice Lewis) both of Hillister; daughters, Quinchessia Mitchell of Arlington, Texas, Katrina Mitchell, Tyrona Mitchell, Samantha Mitchell all of Woodville; sons Craig Lewis of Huntsville, and Edmond Lewis of Woodville; sisters, Mary Settler of Doucette, Diann Kirkwood of Beaumont, LaTarshe McDaniel of Houston, Courtney McDaniel of Woodville; brothers, Nicholas McDaniel of Houston, Marlon McDaniel and Hollis McDaniel, Jr. both of Woodville and James Lewis of Denver, Colorado; and five grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Randy Reider

Randy Reider, 37, of The Woodlands, died Sunday, October 1, 2000 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 4, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, Texas with burial in Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger.

Officiating at the services were Brother Kenny Rawls and Brother Ricky Stiefer.

Serving as pallbearers were Donnie Langham, Sam Bible, Darryl Sturrock, Jimmy Sutton, Larry Worthy and Mike Ball.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2000 from 5 -9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Reider was born March 19, 1963 in Houston, Texas. He was a former longtime resident of Woodville and had lived in The Woodlands for the past four months. He was a self employed contractor and carpenter.

He is survived by his parents, R.Q. and Dottie Reider of Woodville; brother and sister-in-law, Troy and Sandy Reider of Lumberton; and niece, Jayden Reider of Lumberton.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Edna Collier

Edna Collier, 85, of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, October 8, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 11, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons and great-grandsons, Ky D. Griffin, Jacques L. Blanchette, Bela Nagypal, V., Stuart Bohannon, Bela Nagypal, VI, Blake Blanchette, Brent Blanchette, and Reed Bohannon.

Visitation was held Tuesday, October 10, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Collier was born October 22, 1914 in Temple, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Woodville where she had worked as dietician for Tyler County Hospital, Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home and Woodville Convalescent Center. She had made specialty cakes and cookies for the people of Tyler County for the last sixty-five years. She was a former member of the Sweet Adelines Singing Group, Dogwood Square Dancing club and a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.
She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Malcolm and Carolyn Collier of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Myra and Jack Griffin of Woodville; grandchildren, Ky and Rhonda Griffin of Jasper, Leeza and Jacques Blanchette of Woodville, Kim and Bela Nagypal, V. of Woodville, and Tammy and Stuart Bohannon of Duncanville; great-grandchildren, Brandi Nagypal, Bela Nagypal, VI, Blake Blanchette, Megan Griffin, Brent Blanchette, Blair Blanchette, Collier Griffin, and Reed Bohannon.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Charles Edward Carney

Funeral service for Charles Edward Carney, 58, was held October 10, 2000 at 1 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Warren, Texas, with Brother Bobby Hoffpauir officiating. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery near Warren.

Visitation was held October 9, 2000 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Carney died October 7, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Born January 14, 1942 in Houston, he lived most of his life in Port Arthur before moving to Warren six years ago. He was a base millwright, a Vietnam War Navy Veteran, a member of Bethel Baptist Church, and an avid hunter.

He is survived by his wife, Vickie Howard Carney of Warren; mother, Ina Mae Carney of Warren; son, Shane Carney of Clute; son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Tammy Perkins of Kirbyville; daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Glenn Perritt of Bridge City; daughter and son-in-law, Jane Powell and Richard Spell of Louisiana; grandchildren, Frank Salmon, Bobby Peritt and Jacob Perritt all of Bridge City and Kennedy Perkins of Kirbyville; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Wes Howard, Glenn Perritt, Brett Holcomb, Adouff Kirby, Reuben Phelps, and Ed Holcomb.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Darcy L. Groschke

Darcy L. Groschke, 57, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Tuesday, October 10, 2000 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Graveside services were held Friday, October 13, 2000 at 11 a.m. in the West Oak Cemetery In Jasper, Texas. Officiating at the service was Pastor Gina Harrison, pastor of Agape Church in Colmesneil.

Mr. Groschke was born March 2, 1943 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He was a former resident of Jasper and had lived in Colmesneil for the past five years and was a member of Agape Church. He retired from Delta Air Lines as a ramp service agent.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Kari Groschke of Sugar Land; daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Sean Burchell of San Antonio and Thersa and Bill Pattillo of Conroe; three grandchildren; special friends, Melissa and Joseph Gahan of Colmesneil; and cousins, Bill and Shirley Thompson of Bogalusa, Louisiana.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Grace Mae Gardner

Mrs. Grace Mae Gardner, 76, of Tomball, Texas, died Tuesday, October 10, 2000 at the Tomball Regional Hospital in Tomball, Texas.

Mrs. Gardner was a native of North Little Rock, Arkansas; a resident of Tomball, Texas for the past seven years and for many years she was a resident of Jena, Louisiana. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John L. Gardner in 1995 and her parents, Tom and Thelma Mathis Farrar.

She is survived by three sons, John Gardner of Woodville, Bill and Jim Gardner both of Tomball; a daughter, Barbara McCrory of North Little Rock, Arkansas; a sister, Maxine Redding of Jena, Louisiana; eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 13, 2000 at the Fellowship Baptist Church.
Pallbearers were Glen and Tom McCrory, James, Kenny, Ricky, William and Joshua Gardner.

Interment was in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction Jones Funeral Home of Hamburg, Arkansas.

Marrin Clifford Tolbert, Sr.

Funeral services for Marrin “Johnny” Tolbert, Sr., 73, of Holly Fork Community in Tyler County, Texas, were held Sunday, October 15, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper, Texas with Brother Hughes officiating. Burial followed at Ferrell Cemetery in the Holly Fork Community.

Mr. Tolbert was born April 1, 1927 in Foley, Alabama. He lived in (Holly Fork Community) Colmesneil, Texas for 25 years.

Mr. Tolbert died October 12, 2000 at Woodland Heights Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

He was a supervisor on construction jobs. He was a U.S. Army - 82nd Airborne Veteran and also a Life Member of the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his three sons, Marrin Clifford Tolbert, Jr. of Port Neches, Kenneth E. Tolbert of Mauriceville; three daughters, Shelia Caton of Dolphin Island, Alabama, Kathy Whitley of Mauriceville, and Danette Baggett of Spurger; brothers, William Edward Tolbert of Colmesneil and Robert Eugene Tolbert of Mobile, Alabama; sisters, Viola Martin, Verna Huffmaster and Gloria Smith all of Mobile, Alabama; 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and one dear friend, Ovida Isaacks of Jasper, Texas.

Beatrice Billie Kelley

Graveside service for Beatrice Billie Kelley, 88, were held October 13, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Forest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Beaumont, Texas. Officiating at the service was Rev. Bobby Hoffpaur.

Mrs. Kelley died October 10, 2000 at Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Kelley was born November 24, 1911 in Aldridge, Texas. She lived in Beaumont before moving to Warren 40 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Warren.

Survivors include her niece, Marie Lamberth of Warren; and nephew, Bo Dykes of Spurger, numerous great nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Helen Harrison Huff

Cremation service for Helen Huff, 61, were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Huff died October 12, 2000 at her residence.

Mrs. Huff was born January 9, 1939 in Corpus Christi, Texas. She lived in Woodville 25 years. She worked with Jim Clark, Attorney in the DA’s office, for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Norman Ray Huff of Woodville; daughters, Debra Erhardt of Ruffsdale, PA., and Kimbra Lazarini of New Market, MD.; and son Scott Harrison of Anchorage, AK.; and one sister, Sue Legrand of Las Vegas, NV.; and five grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Robert Eugene McGee

Cremation service for Robert McGee, 66, were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home. Mr. McGee died October 11, 2000 Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Mr. McGee was born January 4, 1934 in Charity, Missouri. He lived in the Houston area before moving to Woodville 20 years ago. He was a retired superintendent with Bechtel Construction.

He is survived by his sons, Kelly B. McGee of Spring, Harold McGee of Scotland and Clifford McGee of Clarkville, Tennessee; and six grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Marquiss Lora Tolar

Marquiss Lora “M.L” Tolar, 85, of Hillister, Texas, died Monday, October 9, 2000 at the Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 11, 2000 at 3 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas. Officiating at the services was Reverend Wayne Hargraves.

Serving as pallbearers were Cleo Bane, III, Troy Bane, Chris Bane, Michael Seif, Rex Johnston, Chad Morelock and Bryan Morelock.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Tolar was born September 21, 1915 in Warren, Texas. He was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a retired foreman with the Texas Highway Department. He was a WW II Army Veteran and a member of Warren United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law, David Wayne and Kris Tolar of Florence, South Carolina, and Marquiss Leroy Tolar of Tupelo, Mississippi; daughters and sons-in-law, Anna Jeanette and Danny Self of Hillister, Doris Lanelle Morelock of Vidor, and Ruby Nell and Colt Palmer of Warren; brother James Lafayette Tolar of Warren; sister, Audrey McBee of Gordon; thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Clyde Allen Bennett

Reverend Clyde Allen Bennett, 85, of Woodville, Texas died Saturday, October 14, 2000 in the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 18, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the First Christian Church in Woodville, with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Reverend Burl Graham.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2000 at 9 a.m. in the First Christian Church.


A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 21, 2000 at St. Anthony Cathedral with burial following at Magnolia Cemetery under the direction of Broussard’s Mortuary in Beaumont, Texas.

Reception of the body at the cathedral was a 2 p.m. Friday with a Christian vigil at 7 p.m. Friday evening.

A native of Ft. Worth, Texas, he was a retired Diocesan Priest for the Diocese of Beaumont.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Bennett of Woodville; sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Catherine Bennett of Miami, Florida and Chris and Joyce Bennett of Houston; sister, Gladys Robinson of Bradley, Maine; and six grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

J.L. Hollaway

Reverend J.L. Hollaway, 76, of Huntsville, Texas, died October 17, 2000. Funeral services
were held October 20, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Burial followed at Pace-Stancil Memorial Rest Gardens.

Mr. Hollaway was born January 28, 1924 in Baytown, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Doris Hollaway; daughters, Sue Cornelius and Connie Johnson; sisters, Dorothy Litton and Inez Barkley; brother, Elzie Hollaway; grandchildren, Rhonda Archer, Ronnie Walling, Rachelle Perry, Jeffrey Johnson and Jodi Lozano; great-grandchildren, Mia Archer, Susan Archer, Rio Walling, Levi Walling and Libby Grace Lozano.

Services were under the direction of Pace Stancil Funeral Home of Cleveland, Texas.

Howell Wooten Grimes, Sr.

Graveside service for Dr. Howell W. Grimes, Sr., 89, were held October 23, 2000 at 1 p.m. at Pedigo Cemetery near Woodville, Texas, with Brother Troy Richardson officiating.

Dr. Grimes died October 17, 2000 in Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Dr. Grimes was born February 4, 1911 in Beaumont, Texas. He was the son of the late Dr. Jasper Grimes and Annie Pedigo Grimes. He was formerly of Woodville. Dr. Grimes was a retired dentist.

Survived by his daughter, Ann Grimes of Goldsboro, North Carolina; and son, Howell W. Grimes, Jr.; and his wife Lea LaDuke Grimes of Houston and one grandson Jarred Grimes.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeal Home of Tyler County.

Lois Ellen Jones James Taylor

Lois Ellen Jones Taylor expired October 4, 2000 in Eden Home Care Facility in New Braunfels, Texas. She was eighty-three years old. She was born in Port Neches to Ellis Edward and Mirtie Lee Jones.

Lois moved to the Doucette, Texas area about 1930. She met and married Rick James and bore six children: Steven of Houston, Jo Linda of Austin, Carole of West Milford, West Virginia, Bonnie of San Antonio, Jane of Houston and Sharon of Frisco.

She was interred at Cook Walden Cemetery in Round Rock, Texas. Rick died in a house fire in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1969 and is buried in Hineston, Louisiana.

Chrystal Renee Holland

Chrystal Renee Holland, 26, of Woodville, Texas died October 15, 2000, at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 18, 2000 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Fred, Texas, with burial at Frank’s Branch Cemetery in Fred.

A native of Fred, Chrystal was a 1992 graduate of Warren High School. She was a student at Lamar University, and assistant girl’s coach at Woodville Middle School.

Survivors include her parents, Raymond and Patt Holland of Fred; brother, Damon Holland of Fred; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and a host of friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Marion and Dorothy Bass and Virginia “Faye” McInnis Mathis.

Pallbearers were Corey Ard, Jamie Bass, Steven Crawford, Brian Moore, Tommy Neal, and Nick Thompson. Honorary pallbearers were the coaching staff of Woodville ISD.

Jimmie Evelyn Raimer Neal

Funeral services for Jimmie Raimer Neal, 82, were held November 2, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Mrs. Neal died October 31, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Mrs. Neal was born April 14, 1918 in Warren, Texas. Her parents were Henry Raimer and Many Allison. She was a lifelong resident of Warren, and she was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Bobby and wife, Rosie Foxworth of Vidor, Lavelle and wife, Betty Foxworth, Leroy and wife Joan Foxworth, Clyde
and wife, Sherry Foxworth and Larry and wife, Shelia Neal, all of Warren; daughters, Anne and husband, Rodger Reese of Warren and Joyce and husband, Lonnie Grissom, Sr. of Woodville; sisters, Dannie Toney of Lumberton and Ruth Heufelden of Pasadena; fifteen grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Tommy Neal, Robert Foxworth, Rodney Foxworth, John Foxworth, Todd Foxworth, Ricky Foxworth, Todd Foxworth, Ricky Foxworth, Lonnie Grissom, Jr., Randall Grissom, Gary Foxworth, Joseph Foxworth, James Foxworth and Shane Foxworth.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Huey Pierce Jeane

Graveside services for Huey Pierce Jeane, 76, were held November 5, 2000 at 3 p.m. at Mount Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas, with Brother Troy Richardson officiating.

Mr. Jeane died November 3, 2000 at the Sweeny House in Sweeny, Texas.

He was born January 11, 1924 in Vernon Parish, Louisiana. His parents were Garett Jeane and Emma Hall. He was a former resident of West Columbia and had lived in Bay City for several years. He was a retired barber and a Army and Merchant Marine veteran of WW II.

He is survived by his wife, Vera Jean Riley Jeane of Bay City; sons, Don Jeane of Angleton, Clinton Jeane of Palacios, and Stephen Jeane of Austin; sisters, Imelda Shell of Leesville, Louisiana and Norma Thigpen of Corsicana; brothers, Winston Jeane of Leesville, Louisiana and Orville Jeane of Atlanta, Georgia; twelve grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Preceding him in death were his son, Larry and sisters, Carolyn and Wanda; brothers, John, Willie, Glenn and Garrett, Jr.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Faye Poindexter Haney Rowlett

Funeral services for Mrs. Faye Poindexter Haney Rowlett, 59, of Nacogdoches, Texas were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 1, 2000 at Laird-McGill Funeral Home, with Rev. M.A. Ervin officiating. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Park.

Mrs. Rowlett died October 29, 2000 at her residence.

Born April 29, 1941, in Doucette, Texas. She was the daughter of Thelma Lois Smith and Earl Poindexter. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include husband, Raymond Rowlett of Nacogdoches; son, James Gordon Haney of Nacogdoches; daughter, Amber Evelyn Winters of Colmesneil and Lori Lee Wade of Houston; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers include Lavaughn Parrish, Scott Parrish, Brad Williamson, Greg Williamson, Jimmy Battle and John Blankenship.

Laird - McGill Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Lee Lasalle

Funeral services for Lee (Boy) Lasalle, 82, were held Saturday, November 4, 2000 at 1 p.m. at Little Flock Baptist Church in Hillister, Texas.

Burial followed at Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister.

Mr. Lasalle died Friday, October 27, 2000 at his residence in Warren.

Mr. Lasalle was an Army veteran.

He is survived by his daughters, Ora L. Glover and Margie R. Harris both of Houston, Ima G. Barclay of Warren; sons, Samuel Barclay, Jr. of Houston, Gene A. Barclay of El Paso, Texas; sister, Inez Regan of San Francisco, California; brothers, Walter Lee of Spurger, and Frank Lee of Woodville; thirty-four grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Robinson’s Community Funeral Home in Jasper, Texas.
Joe H. Hart

Joe H. Hart, 62, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Sunday, November 5, 2000 at the Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home. Full military honors by Ft. Polk Honor Guard will be conducted with a committal ceremony at the Colmesneil Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be members of the Ft. Polk Honor Guard. Honorary pallbearers will be Matt Hart, Jason Jones, Leroy Lancon, Clay Holyfield, Timothy Wilkinson, Larry Fontenot, and Bill Handy.

Visitation was held Tuesday, November 7, 2000 from 2 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Hart was born to Henry and Robbie Hart on November 6, 1937 in Grapeland, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Tyler County and was a retired Sergeant First Class in the United States Army.

He was preceded in the death by his father, Henry H. Hart.

He is survived by his mother, Robbie A. Hart of Doucette; wife, Barbara "Bobbie" Hart of Colmesneil; sons, Tommy Martin, of Buna and Mark Toole and daughter-in-law Tina Toole of McKinney; daughters, Deanna Martin, Iris Kilpatrick of McKinney, and Christina Ann Fry of Colmesneil; brothers, Larry E. Hart of Beaumont, and Lamar Hart of Nederland; sister, Clara Hart of Doucette; and nine grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Sam Rivers

Sam Rivers, 85, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Friday, October 27, 2000 at Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 29, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Colmesneil with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas. Officiating at the services were Brother Bo Owens and Brother David Miller.

Serving as pallbearers were Doyle Cowart, Jamie Davis, Kevin Lowrance, E.W. "Joe" Seams, Dwight Faircloth, and Jimmy Wayne Davis.

Visitation was held Saturday, October 28, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Rivers was born on August 18, 1915 in Laurel, Mississippi. He was a retired service manager from Ogden Chevrolet in Colmesneil. He was a deacon of the First Baptist Church in Colmesneil and served with the Volunteer Fire Department and on the City Council.

He is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Tom Lowrance of Beaumont, Sammie and Larry Seamans of Colmesneil and Debbie and Mark Palumbo of Beaumont; brothers, Harold Rivers of Laurel, Mississippi and Maxwell Bruner of Alabama; sisters, Bobbie Sullivan of Laurel Mississippi, Willie Rae Perkins of Ellisville, Mississippi, and Louise Pollard of Biloxi, Mississippi; and three grandsons.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Raymond D. Pope

Raymond D. "Gaga" Pope, 65, of Woodville, Texas, died Tuesday, October 24, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 27, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Tommy Carter, Toby Spurlock, Oscar Clayton, Edgar Mitchell, Kenneth Daniels, Art Spurlock, Tommy Mackey, Richard "Bugs" Weeks, Allen Hightower, Tommy Ogden, and Leon Fowler.

Visitation was held on Thursday, October 26, 2000 from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Pope was born to Carl and Grace Brown Pope on March 5, 1935 in Hillister, Texas. He was a retired foreman with the Tyler County Precinct #1 and had served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Pope of Woodville; sons, Carl D. Pope and Jeffery T. Pope both of Woodville; mother, Grace Pope Bostick of
Woodville; brothers, Paul Pope of Orange, Charles Pope and Johnnie Bostick both of Woodville; sisters, Nancy Willis of Pasadena; three grandchildren, Maegan Best, Heath Pope and Garrett Pope.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Richard Lee Chaddicks**

A graveside service for Richard Lee Chaddicks, 18, will be held Thursday, November 2, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Turner’s Branch Cemetery in Spurger, Texas, with Brother Walter Ray Cowart officiating.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Richard Chaddicks died October 30, 2000 at St. Elizabeth hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Born November 14, 1981 in Galveston, Texas, he lived in Woodville most of his life before moving to Newton. He was a student at Newton High School.

He is survived by his father, Clyde Chaddicks of Newton; mother, Kimberly Clay Chaddicks of Spurger; sisters, Lisa Chaddicks of Spurger and Amanda Chaddicks of Newton; grandparents, Thamer Gore of Spurger and Kay Cunningham of Beaumont; aunts, Martha Tubbs of Lufkin, Diana Wimberly of Little Cypress and Julie of Ft. Worth.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**David Michael Lowe, Sr.**

Funeral service for David Michael Lowe, Sr., 55, will be held Thursday, November 2, 2000 at 11 a.m. at G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home in Indianapolis, Indiana with burial at Roundhill Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at the First Christian Church in Woodville at a later date.

Mr. Lowe died October 29, 2000 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Born June 13, 1945 in Indianapolis, Indiana, he lived in Woodville for a short time. He was a retired truck driver for the Indianapolis Newspaper Transportation Department after 28 years of service. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Woodville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Lowe; mother, Virginia Rieman; and brother, Joseph Wright.

He is survived by his wife, Jessica Haney Lowe of Woodville; son, David Michael Lowe, Jr. of Indianapolis, Indiana; daughters, Angenette Lowe and Natalie Lowe both of Woodville; brother, Gregory Martin Wright of Indianapolis, Indiana; and seven grandchildren.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Ebra Martin**

Ebra Martin, 105, of Woodville, Texas, died Tuesday, October 31, 2000 at the Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville, Texas.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2000 at 10 a.m. in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Mrs. Martin was born to Edward and Georgia Hopson on April 18, 1895 in Woodville, Texas. She had taught school many years ago in the Harmony Community and was a member of the First Christian Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her son, Billy Gene Martin of Woodville; step-daughter, Carrie Chambers of Shreveport, Louisiana; niece, Pearl Martin and other nieces and nephews.

Service is under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Vida Jean Elmore**

Vida Jean Elmore, 72, of Woodville, Texas, died Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 11, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services were at 1 p.m. in the Memory Garden Cemetery in Nederland. Officiating at the services was Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were Bryan Davidson, Eddie Stafford, Tim Stafford, Preston Williams,
Tracy Williams, and Bill Wood.

Visitation was held on Friday, November 10, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Elmore was born to Alexander H. and Grace Ola Elmore on March 5, 1928 in Houston, Texas. She had lived in Woodville for the past year and was a former longtime resident of Port Neches. She was a retired RN with 35 years of service to Dr. G.R. Solis. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her sister, Bessie Davidson of Woodville; cousins, Beverly Davis of Orange, Joe Lombard of California, Betty Jo Williams and Goldie Johnson of Port Arthur, Jimmy Ihle of Florida, Paul Lombard of Texas City, and Bobby Ihle of Houston; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Roy Joseph Daigle, Sr.

Funeral service for Roy Joseph Daigle, Sr., 78, was held Monday, November 13, 2000, at 10 a.m. at Twin City Funeral Home in Morgan City, Louisiana. Burial followed at Morgan City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Sunday, November 12, 2000, from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Daigle died November 11, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

A native of Morgan City, he lived in Woodville most of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandchild.

He is survived by his sons, Roy J. Daigle, Jr. of Amelia and Curtis Daigle of Woodville; sisters, Ola Mae Natali of Lake Charles, Louisiana and Louella Gilmore of Berwick, Louisiana; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Helen Constance McCann Todd

Cremation service for Helen Constance McCann Todd, 99, was held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mrs. Todd died November 10, 2000 at the Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

Born January 27, 1901 to Owen Parks and Sarah Ann Bullock McCann in Longview, she lived in Beaumont most of her life before moving to Woodville. She was self-employed in the child care industry.

She is survived by her son, Leon Todd of Woodville; granddaughters, Candace Hill of Lumberton and Suzette Kelly of Beaumont; grandson, Lance Todd of Lakeview; four great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mary Bailey Johnson

Funeral service for Mary Bailey Johnson, 61, was held Monday, November 13, 2000, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Stephen S. Linck officiating. Burial followed at 2 p.m. at Grandview Cemetery in Pasadena.

Visitation was held Sunday from 2 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ms. Johnson died November 10, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Born October 8, 1939 in Houston, Texas to James K. and Louise Arnold Bailey, she lived in the Houston area most of her life before moving to Woodville 5 years ago. She was the assistant county auditor. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Woodville.

She is survived by her daughter, Pamela Posey of Woodville; sons, Eddie Felder of Bloomfield, New Mexico and Ricky Felder of Coral Springs, Florida; brother, James Bailey of Gallup, New Mexico; six grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Terry McKissick, Scott Yosko, Don Bradley, Charlie Pryor, Dick Coker and Lonnie Posey. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Joe Thompson, Raymond Johnson and James Bailey.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
John David May

Services for John David May, 53, of Lufkin, Texas, will be held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday in the Gipson - Metcalf Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be in the Center Hill Cemetery in Houston County, Texas.

Mr. May was born July 18, 1947, in Lancaster, California, and he died Saturday, November 11, 2000, in a Lufkin hospital.

Mr. May had been a resident of the Lufkin State School since 1989.

Survivors include his father, Joseph May of Woodville; mother, Dorothy Branam of California; brother, Elmer May of Woodville; sisters, Georgia Adineh and Shirley Racicot, both of California; step-sisters, Linda Jackson of Rangely, Colorado; step-brother, Robert Boyd of Grass Valley, California; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services under the direction of Gipson - Metcalf Funeral Directors of Lufkin, Texas.

Ruth Jones

Graveside service for Ruth Jones, 78, will be held at 2 p.m. November 22, 2000 at Rockland Cemetery with Brother Floyd French officiating.

Mrs. Jones died November 19, 2000 at her daughter’s residence in Spurger, Texas.

Mrs. Jones was born February 23, 1922 in Philadelphia, PA. Her parents were Samuel Barrett and Emma Ruth Robinson.

Survivors include her daughters, Gloria King of Spurger and Mary Donahey of Orangefield; sons, Samuel Jones of Youngstown, Ohio and David West of Vidor; four granddaughters, Tonya Reynolds, Kim Throckmorton, Amanda King and Wendy Donahey; eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were David West, Claude King, Andy King, Phillip King, Jimmy Ratcliff and Kenneth Donahey.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Wayne W. Davenport


At news time services were pending at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Dorothy Jean Allport

Dorothy Jean Allport, 76, of Arlington, Texas died Monday, November 20, 2000 at Mariner Health Care Outreach in Arlington.

Graveside services were held Saturday, November 25, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Seamans Cemetery near Chester, Texas. Officiating at the services was Reverend Judy Anderson, pastor, Cade Memorial United Methodist Church of Chester.

Serving as pallbearers were Mike Enoch, Kevin Bolash, Kevin Enoch, Seth Enoch, Wayne Smith and Rodney Smith.

Visitation was Friday, November 24, 2000 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Allport was born September 16, 1924 in Deweyville, Texas. She was a former resident of Beaumont and had lived in Arlington for 31 years. She was a school teacher, homemaker and a member of St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Arlington.

She is survived by her husband, Daryl E. Allport of Arlington; two sons, Joe Allport of Garrison and Norman A. Allport of Arlington; two daughters, Susan Jane Enoch of Mont Belvieu, Texas and Mary Kathleen Bolash of Grafton, New Hampshire; one brother, Jack Veston Smith of Ingram; six grandchildren and one great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

Aaron Allen Rhodes

Funeral services for Aaron Allen Rhodes, 71, of Jasper, Texas were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 24, 2000, in the First Baptist Church of Jasper with burial in Camp Ground Cemetery near
Woodville.

Visitation was held at 5 p.m. Friday, November 24, 2000, at the funeral home.

A native of Woodville, he was a longtime resident of Jasper. He worked for many years in Southeast Texas as a forester. He also owned and operated Alvis and Rhodes Insurance Agency in Jasper and Woodville. He was a United States Army veteran and was a member of the Dewitt Clinton Masonic Lodge #29 AF & AM.


Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

Michael Kreger

Michael Kreger, 47, of Woodville, Texas died Saturday, November 25, 2000 in Schulenberg, Texas.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 30, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Kreger was born July 21, 1953 in Houston, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Woodville and had lived in Schulenberg for a short time. He worked at Golden Triangle Yellow Pages for ten years. He was an inspiration to friends and a sponsor for the 9th District Fellowship.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Richard Barnes of Schulenberg; and his aunt and uncle, Betty and Ed Hesketh of Spring.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Phillip Stanley Smith

Phillip Stanley Smith, 56, of Village Mills, Texas, died Sunday, November 26, 2000 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 28, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Village Mills Cemetery in Village Mills, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother Port Callaway.

Serving as pallbearers were Robert Trahan, Prentice Crawford, John Smith, Russel Smith, Darel Smith, Homer Tyler, and Nathan Potter.

Visitation was held on Monday, November 27, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Smith was a carpenter for Kitchens Unlimited in Nederland and had served in the United States Navy.

He is survived by his wife, Margie L. Smith of Village Mills; sons, Daniel Nelson and Phillip Smith, of Warren; daughters, Rhonda Watson of Conroe and Romona Corbello of Channelview; brothers, Jerald Smith of Conroe, Donald Urton Smith of Warren, Kenneth Urton Smith of Florida, John Carr of Waco, and Jerry Don Smith of Conroe; and six grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Gertrude E. Epperson

Gertrude E. Epperson, 89, of Texas City, Texas died Wednesday, November 22, 2000 at Danforth Gardens in Texas City. She was born October 30, 1911 in Jasper, Texas.

She was a lifelong resident of Texas City, a member of the 14th Street Church of Christ in Texas City and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, Reginald F. Epperson of Texas City; daughter, Carol Chesshir of Woodville; sons, Duane R. Epperson of Lake Jackson and Harold Epperson of Alamagordo, New Mexico; two sisters, May Bean and Jessie Westberry; and twelve grandchildren.

Visitation was held Friday, November 24, 2000
from 6 - 8 p.m. at the James Crowder Funeral Home in LaMarque, Texas.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 25, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with F.J. Delaney officiating. Burial followed at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster, Texas.

Her grandchildren served as pallbearers.

Izetta Williams

Izetta Williams, 82, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Sunday, November 26, 2000 at the Baptist Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were Wednesday, November 29, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Pine Grove Cemetery near Camden, Texas. Officiating at the services was Eugene Greer.

Serving as pallbearers were Taylor Williams, Tim Williams, Doug Williams, R.L. Bryant, Robert Trojan, and James Hale. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Earl Overstreet and Earl Nugent.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Williams was born July 5, 1918 in Picayune, Mississippi. She was a longtime resident of Tyler County and was retired from Montgomery Wards as a department manager. She was a member of the Woodville Church of Christ.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Taylor and Betty Williams of Colmesneil; brothers, Claybourn Bounds of Picayune, Mississippi and Clarence Bounds of North Carolina; sisters, Idell of Picayune, Mississippi and Ireana of Buffalo, New York; grandson, Tim Williams of Cleveland; granddaughter, Connie Williams of Springfield, OR.; and four great-grandchildren, Clay Williams, Taya Williams, Emily Starkey and Kody Williams; and special friend, Sheila Williams of Cleveland.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Dayle L. Davis Gardner

Funeral service for Dayle L. Davis Gardner, 43, of Silsbee, Texas, was held November 25, 2000 at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Silsbee with Rev. Randy Carrion and Rev. R. Eugene Jonte officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville.

Dayle Gardner died November 23, 2000 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born February 11, 1957 in Woodville, she lived in Silsbee for 33 years. She was a Silsbee Independent School District teacher.

She is survived by her husband, Harold L. Gardner of Silsbee; son, K. Reese Gardner of Silsbee; daughter, Victoria L. Gardner of Silsbee; parents, James L. “Buster” and Vivian K. Davis of Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were Richard Davis, Keith Fuller, Ray Bodle, Rod Singleton, Steve Beiga, Randy Odom, Butch Sheppard and Danny Flowers.

Arrangements were handled under the direction of Farmer’s Funeral Home in Silsbee.

Francene Rosier

Funeral service for Francene “Fran” Rosier, 43, was held December 1, 2000 at 1 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Troy Richardson and Brother Michael Prescott officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff, Texas.

Visitiation was held November 30, 2000 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Rosier died November 29, 2000 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born September 29, 1957 in Beaumont, Texas, she was a longtime resident of Tyler County. She was a finance manager for Security Finance in Beaumont.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Lee Rosier of Woodville; mother, Mildred J. Mitchell of Woodville; daughters, Melissa Fancher Conner of Chester and Amanda Fancher of Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were John Grass, Jr., Dennis Crawford, John Grass, Sr., Jeff Harmel, Robin Chesser, and Redick Smith. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Ronnie Loving and Edward Fancher.

Services were under the direction Riley
McKinley Jackson

McKinley Jackson, 69, of Woodville, Texas, died Monday, November 27, 2000, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 2, 2000 at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Woodville with Rev. Michael Hadnot officiating.

He was a native of Dies, Texas and a veteran of the United States Army and a retired barber. He served on the Deep East Texas Council of Government Board of Directors from 1989 to 2000. He was the chairman of the Woodville Housing Authority, on the Boys and Girls Club Committee, Neighborhood Watch Committee, Minority Representatives (DETCOG), and held many other civic and public duties in Tyler County.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Jackson; daughters, Cheryl Cauley, Donna Humphrey, Theresa Mitchell, and Valene Jackson all of Woodville; sons, Aubrey Jackson, Sr., Michael Jackson both of Woodville, Willie Jackson, and Bobby Jackson of Jasper.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Raymond Jim Welch, Sr.

Raymond Jim Welch, Sr. 72, of Beaumont, Texas died Wednesday, November 29, 2000 at the Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Graveside services were held Monday, December 4, 2000 at 10 a.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the service was Reverend George Helton, pastor of Woodville United Methodist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were George Jarrott, Don Shaw, Dr. Brian Babin, Ernest W. Gassiott, Rodney Smith, John Yearwood, Fred Sullivan, Doug Bennett, Herb Branch, Wayne Smith and Huntley Kenesson.

Visitation was held Sunday, December 3, 2000 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Clemmons was born June 10, 1921 in Beaumont, Texas to Morris Cook Clemmons, Sr. and Esca Dee Clemmons. On July 3, 1943 he married Marilyn Ramsey in Beaumont. They moved to Woodville in 1950 where he was involved in the real estate appraisal and insurance business for over 45 years. Mr. Clemmons was a graduate of Lamar University and served as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps during WW II. He was a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

He was past president of the Woodville Rotary Club, receiving the Paul Harris award, and past president of the Deep East Texas Board of Realtors and past president of the Tyler County Board of Realtors, receiving the Realtor of the Year award. He was also awarded Man of the Year by
the Woodville Chamber of Commerce, and the James E. Wheat award by the Tyler County Dogwood Festival. He was active in numerous civic activities and was co-founder of the Allan Shivers Library and Museum, the Tyler County Airport and Dogwood Country Club. He was also co-developer of the Chesswood and Dearwood residential areas. For many years he served on both the Tyler County Hospital Board and Woodville School Board. He was chairman of the Tyler County Democratic Party for over 40 years.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Carolyn Clemmons in 1966.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Clemmons of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Jack Kuehn of Woodville; brothers, Martin Clemmons of Sugar Land and Ted Clemmons of Livingston; grandchildren, Kathy Kuehn of Houston, Bill Kuehn of New York City and Beth Kuehn of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

**Loyde E. Maclin**

Funeral service for Loyde “Bear” Maclin, 86, was held December 5, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Delbert Lamb and Brother Troy Richardson officiating.

Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Maclin was born October 2, 1914 in Colmesneil, Texas. He was a lifelong resident of Tyler County, and was retired from the maintenance department of the Texas Highway Department with 42 years of service, and he was a deacon of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church in Woodville.

He is survived by his daughters, Lynda Bonsall of Bridge City, Barbara Hatcher of Woodville and Rose Byars of Houston; sons, James Loyd Maclin of Dalvell, South Carolina, Tommy Maclin of Alamogordo, New Mexico and Charles Maclin of Woodville; sister, Ineda Woods of Nederland; fifteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bryan Maclin, Robert Loyd Hatcher, Weldon Leonard, Otis Reynolds, Chester J. Cartwright and Alva Cook. Honorary pallbearers were deacons of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Ira Barclay**

Ira Barclay died Thursday, December 7, 2000 at Memorial Hermann Baptist East Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 16, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Little Baptist Church in Hillister, with burial at the Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister.

He was a lifelong native of Hillister and worked in the logging industry, and he was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

Survivors include a son, Bobby G. Barclay of Houston; sister, Christine Fleming of Beaumont; brothers, Eddie Barclay and Charles Barclay both of Hillister; four grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

**Sidney Jack Martindale**

Sidney Jack Martindale, 82, of Jasper, Texas died at St. Elizabeth Hospital Tuesday, December 5, 2000. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, December 8, 2000, at the First Baptist Church in Jasper with interment following at the Martindale Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 5 p.m. Thursday evening at Forest Oaks Funeral Home.

A native of Remling, Texas, he lived in Jasper most of his life. He owned and operated Martindale Land and Cattle Co.

Survivors include his wife, Loucille Warner Martindale of Jasper; son, Sidney Jack Martindale II of Woodville; daughters, Laurette Martindale Powell of Jasper, Suzanne Martindale Hill of Buna, Janet Martindale Shofner of Jasper, and Myrtis Gibson Martindale of Woodville; sister, Sue Martindale Dietz of Jasper; eleven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.
Services under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper, Texas.

**Ermine P. Shepard**

Ermine P. Shepard, 88, of Woodville, Texas died December 10, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services were Father Egidio Vecchio and Dr. Raymond Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Jamie Pike, Herbert Branch, Charles Hale, Albert Pessarra, Carl Pessarra, Charles E. Soileau, Kenneth Soileau, and Mike Brune.

Visitation was held on Monday, December 11, 2000 from 5 - 9 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Shepard was born September 7, 1912 in Port Arthur and had lived in Woodville for 20 years. She was a typing teacher for Port Arthur Business College and was a member of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville.

Survivors include three nephews, Albert Pessarra of Houston, George Bechtel of Palo Alto, California, and Carl Pessarra of Shreveport, Louisiana; three nieces, Pat O’Rear of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Barbara Soileau of Woodville, and Joyce Bargainer of Waco; and numerous grand nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Larry A. Phillips**

Dr. Larry A. Phillips, 58, of Woodville, Texas, died Saturday, December 9, 2000 at the Christus St. Elizabeth hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 13, 2000 at 2 p.m. in the Woodville United Methodist Church with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the service will be Reverend George Helton, pastor of Woodville United Methodist Church.

Serving as pallbearers are Don Shaw, Chuck Boettcher, John Yearwood, Jr., Mark Perkins, Pat Gibson, Steve Levine, Rick Graham, and Dr. Randy Harrell.

Visitation was held Tuesday, December 12, 2000 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Dr. Phillips was born October 5, 1942 in Longview, Texas. He was a former resident of Dallas and had lived in Woodville for the past fourteen years. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Veterinary Medicine and owned and operated Dewberry Creek Animal Clinic. He was past Mayor of Woodville and had served on the Woodville City Council for many years. He also served as President of the Woodville Rotary Club and the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce and was active in several other civic organizations. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Bennett Phillips of Woodville; daughter, Karen Phillips of Houston; son, Bryan Phillips of College Station; parents, Rupert and Mona Phillips of Dallas; sister and brother-in-law, Sara and Jerry Park of Pottsboro; and brother-in-law, Doug Bennett of Woodville.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Youna Louise Coplen**

Youna Louise Coplen, 61, of Doucette, Texas, died Saturday, December 16, 2000 at the Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, December 19, 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the service was Brother Larry Trest.

Serving as pallbearers were William Leo Courtney, Barney Eugene Courtney, Tommy Joe Courtney, Charles Ray Barnes III, Johnathen Scott Barnes, Robert Alan Cason, Larry Travis Eugene Coplen, Jeffrey Thomas Wilson, and Samuel Eugene Coplen.

Visitation was held at the Coplen’s home in Doucette on Monday, December 18, 2000.

Mrs. Coplen was born October 27, 1939 in
Lufkin, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Doucette.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lou Ella and Leonard “Buck” Keiffer. She is survived by her beloved husband of 45 years, Sherwood Eugene Coplen of Doucette; son, Larry Eugene Coplen and partner, Cindy Rushing of Lumberton; daughters and sons-in-law, Sherilyn Louise and Leo Courtney of Doucette, Sarah Lee and Doug Fowler of Benton, Louisiana, Deborah Lynn and Charles Ray Barnes, Jr. of Chester, Cynthia Ann and James Dupre of Woodville, Lela Bernice Coplen Hernandez of Louisiana; mother-in-law, Minnie Levie Foxworth of Woodville; brother, Jim Mann Keiffer of Nacogdoches; sister and brother-in-law, Carrie Inez and Earl Howell of Corrigan; grandchildren, William Leo Courtney, Barney Eugene and Trina Courtney, Tommy Joe and Tammy Courtney, Robert Alan Cason, Jennifer Levie Cason and partner, Chad Puckett, Charles Ray and Dawn Barnes III, Johnathen Scott Barnes, Debra Rene Barnes, Larry Travis Eugene Coplen, Skylynn Janne Coplen, Christian Young Rushing, Tanner Lee Rushing, Clara Elizabeth Wilson, Jeffrey Thomas Wilson, Samuel Eugene Coplen, Maria Krystal Hernandez; and great-grandchildren, Cheynne Grace Cason, Eric Joseph Smith, Andrew Jordan Smith, and Hunter Kristen Barnes.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Terrance Hanks

Terrance Hanks, 32, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, December 15, 2000 at Woodland Heights Hospital in Lufkin. Military services were held Wednesday at 12 noon at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville. Officiating at the services were Rev. C.O. Hadnot, Pastor, and Rev. Bobby Cruse with burial at the Kirby Cemetery in Silsbee.

Visitation was held on Tuesday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home chapel.

He was a native of Woodville and a Navy Veteran.

Survivors include his parents, Rev. Jesse N. Hanks and Sherry Hanks both of Woodville; sisters, Deborah Beverly of Beaumont and Sheila Merchant of Overton; brothers, Harvey Hanks of Silsbee, Herbert Hanks of Beaumont and Jesse Hanks II of Houston.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Charley Richard Riley

Funeral service for Charley Richard Riley, 81, of Doucette, Texas, was held Saturday, December 16, 2000 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother John Spanhanks and Dr. Clint Hines officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester with Brother Bill Gardner officiating.

Visitation was held Friday, December 15, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Riley died December 14, 2000 at St. Luke’s Hospital in Houston.

Born April 13, 1919 in Groveton, Texas to Carter and Mattie Dewitz Riley, he lived in Tyler County most of his life. He was a retired logging contractor for Kirby Forest - Louisiana Pacific with 55 years of service. He was a life member of the Texas Forestry Association, Texas Logging Council and he was selected by his peers as Logger of the Year. He was a charter member of the First Baptist Church in Doucette.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eva Lou Foxworth Riley of Doucette; daughters and sons-in-law Barbara Ann and Bob Ray of Houston and Beverly Sue and Richard Shaw of Doucette; sisters Exier Daniels of Athens, Nadine Roberts of Woodville, Louise Perkins of Mobile, Alabama, and Louise Perkins of Woodville; grandchildren, Colleen Ray, Richard “Kooter” Shaw and wife, Kim, and Ramon Riley Shaw and wife, Lyndsey; great-grandson, James Riley Shaw; a large family of nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Serving as pallbearers were his grandsons and nephews, Charles Robert Riley, Jr., Charles Riley, Carter Riley, Leon Robertson, Mike Roberts, Steve Riley, John Riley, Richard “Kooter” Shaw, Jr., and Ramon Riley Shaw, and Todd Riley.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were his nephews, Dr. Lyndon Perkins and Kevin Perkins.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Grace Glenn

Grace Glenn, 91, of Woodville, Texas, died Saturday, December 16, 2000 at Rosemont Assisted Living Center in Humble, Texas.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 20, 2000 at 10:30 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Jack Clark, Jim Parker, Adrian Tucker, N.P. Carruth, Ray Johnson, Dr. Gayle Burton and Maxie Young.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2000 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Glenn was born May 28, 1909 in Searcy, Arkansas to Charles and Cora Carter Rodgers. She and her husband made Pt. Neches their home from 1941 - 1972 where she had retired from B.F. Goodrich as a tool clerk. She had lived in Woodville since 1972.

She was preceded in death by her husband, D.D. Glenn on January 14, 1997. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, David W. and Ida Glenn of Santa Fe, Texas and Milton G. and Barbara Glenn of Huffman; sisters, Gertie Taylor of Spur, Texas, Lou Price of Crosbyton, Texas, and Jo Glenn of Greenville, South Carolina; eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

Bertha Raye Langston Liddon

Bertha Raye Langston Liddon, 87, died Sunday, December 17, at North Bay Hospital in New Port Richey, Florida.

She was born in Village Mills, Texas on January 4, 1913, and was the daughter of the late Thelma Bullock Tolar and James L. Langston.

She was a direct descendent of Captain Charles Bullock and James Barclay, founders of Tyler County.

An avid golfer, she served as president of the Panama City Ladies Golf Auxiliary and also was president of the Florida State Ladies Golf Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Col. Harvey Liddon and a sister, Marie Langston Carter of Hillister, Texas.

She is survived by her daughter, Sallie Liddon Forguson; granddaughter, Amy Forguson Maguire; great-granddaughter, Kenzi Maguire, all of New Port Richey, Florida; sisters, Rosemary Tolar Asta of Beaumont and Grace Gilcrease Scull of Grandbury; brother-in-law, Howard Carter of Hillister; nephew, John Jewell of Allen; two nieces, Jennie L. Edwards of Dickinson and Mary Joe Masias of Naples, Florida.

Services will be held Wednesday, December 20, 2000 at 11 a.m. in Woodville under the direction of Riley Funeral Home with burial at Hart's Mill Cemetery near Woodville.

Elmore Louis Hebert

Elmore Louis Hebert, 90, of Warren, Texas, died December 18, 2000 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Cremation service was handled by Riley Funeral Home.

Born September 25, 1910 in Port Allen, Louisiana, he lived in Tyler County many years. He was a retired merchant seaman for the steam ship company.

He is survived by a sister, Rome H. of Louisiana; and special friends, Alvin and Elsie Gonzales of Warren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Norman E. Schutt

Norman E. “Tubby” Schutt, 89, of Dam-B, died Wednesday, December 20, at Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at a later date at Hayden Funeral Home in Wyoming, Iowa with burial in Massillon Cemetery in Massillon, Iowa.

Mr. Schutt was born July 4, 1911 in Clarence, Iowa. He was a former longtime resident of Lost Nation, Iowa and had lived in Woodville, Texas since 1994. He was a retired farmer and a member of St. Marks Luthern Church in Oxford Junction,
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Iowa.

He is survived by his longtime close personal friend, Viola Breese of Dam-B, Texas; nephew, Gene Wead of Raymore, MO; nieces, Beverly Crandall of Washington, Iowa and Ardythe Goff of Des Moines, Iowa; and several grand nieces and nephews.

Local arrangements were handled by Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Madelyn Marie Knight

Madelyn Marie Knight, infant daughter of Tom and Christina Knight, died Thursday, December 21, 2000 at her residence.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Sunday, December 24, 2000, at Wesley United Methodist Church under the direction of Broussard’s Mortuary in Beaumont, Texas with burial at the Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Survivors include her parents; grandparents, Tom and Inez Knight of Beaumont, Texas; grandparents, Martin and Susan Nusynowitz of Clear Lake and J. and Patty McFarland of Kerrville; great-grandmothers, Inez McCarthney of Seattle, Washington and Erma McFarland of Shreveport, Louisiana; great-grandfathers, Milo Davis of Beaumont and Sidney Sheffield of Houma, Louisiana.

Patricia Francine Jackson

Funeral service for Patricia Francine “P.J.” Jackson, 51, of Kirbyville, Texas was held Wednesday, December 27, 2000 at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Burbe Cherry, Brother Elzie Kelley, and Brother James Stephens officiating. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Visitation was held Tuesday, December 26, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Jackson was born May 29, 1949 and died December 25, 2000 at her residence. A native of Hillister, Texas, she lived in Kirbyville most of her life. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Jackson of Kirbyville; son, Scott Baughn of Kirbyville; parents, Clifford and Faye Jones, Jr. of Woodville; sisters, Karen Norton of La Porte, Joyce Haynes of Village Mills and Debbie Jones of Doucette; brother, Mike Jones of Woodville and three grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Ernest Haynes, Bubba Haynes, Burt Moore, Timmy Moore, Darrell Jackson, Ronney Jackson, Jerry Powell, and Larry Gray.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

R.H. Harris

Funeral service for R.H. “Blackie” Harris, 91, of Woodville, Texas, was held December 22, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Dewayne Freese and Brother Byron McWilliams officiating. Burial was held at 2 p.m. at White’s Cemetery in Highlands, Texas.

Mr. Harris died December 19, 2000 at his residence. He was born June 19, 1909 in Wooster, Texas and lived in Highlands before moving to Woodville 23 years ago. He was a retired supervisor for Humble Oil Company.

He is survived by his wife, Minnie Lee Harris of Woodville; daughter, Betty Westcotts of Livingston; sons, Wayne Harris of Livingston, James Harris of Warren and Thomas Harris of Fred; eight grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Charles Edward Ingle, Casey Harris, Kurt Wilsonray Toney, Toby Spurlock and Art Spurlock.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ina Leona Weatherford Toups

Ina Leona Weatherford Toups, 92, was born in Village Mills, Hardin County, Texas on October 8, 1908, and died at 2:32 a.m. Tuesday, December 19, 2000 at Brazosport Memorial Hospital in Lake Jackson, Texas.

Her parents were Seleste Osceola Weatherford, born in 1866 in Mobile, Alabama and Frances Eldorado Holland, born in 1884 In Village
Mills, Texas.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Joe Arbrie Guest, Walter Matthews, and Ernest Toups; son, Joe Arbrie Guest, Jr. and daughter-in-law, Beverly Ann Matthews.

Her children are James Stanley Guest and wife, Olline of Brazoria, Betty Ann Guest and husband, Randy of Port Bolivar, Glenda Lea Guest Flynn of New Britian, Pennsylvania, Michael Matthews of Freeport and daughter-in-law, Barbara Guest of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. She had 17 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

She was trained as a nurse and lived in Galveston, Texas during the years of WW II where she worked at the hospital. She stayed in Galveston until her retirement during the 1970's, when she moved to Pennsylvania to live with one of her daughters.

She later moved to Brazoria County where she lived with one of her sons until entering the Lake Jackson Nursing Home about 1990.

Ina Weatherford Toups was the oldest of her siblings, who were her brother, Clyde Polk Weatherford and her two sisters, Nina Weatherford Hendrix and Letha Weatherford Wilson, who are buried in the Holland Family Cemetery with her parents.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2000 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Baker Funeral Home in Brazoria.

Services were held on Thursday, December 21, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Baker Funeral Home Chapel in Brazoria. Burial was in the Holland Family Cemetery at Kountze in Hardin County, Texas at 3 p.m.

Arrangements were under the direction of Baker Funeral Home, Brazoria Texas.

Stuart Dorow

Dr. Stuart Dorow, 59, of Tuttle, Oklahoma passed away December 15, at his home of a brain tumor. He was born on December 18, 1940 in Beaumont, Texas. Dr. Dorow was a recent resident of family practice at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Oklahoma Cit y, Oklahoma.

Dr. Dorow loved life to the fullest and never passed up an opportunity to a witness for Jesus or an educational adventure. During high school he was a three time national RSOA roller skating pairs champion. After high school Dr. Dorow had an opportunity to attend Julliard School of Music but instead decided to join the United States Marine Corps. During this time he achieved the Honorman Award, the CMC 3 year Rifle Expert Award, the USMC Good Conduct Medal. He left the Marine Corps for a short period of time to obtain his B.S. degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology at Lamar University in Texas. He loved the Marine Corps and returned as an officer and retired as a Captain. During his Vietnam service he earned the Bronze Star with Combat “V”, Presidential Unit Citation (two), Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal with device, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Polm and Frame, Vietnamese Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, Certificate of Commendation, and Appreciation and Noteworthy Performance letters from the USMC.

In 1973, Dr. Dorow earned his M.A. in Audiology from the University of Maryland; in 1979, his Doctor of Chiropractic degree; in 1991, his M.S.M. in Management from S. Nazarene University; in 1992 his PhD. in Health Care Administration and Management from Walden University and in 1999, his M.D. degree from Ross University School of Medicine.

He was a diplomat in the American Academy of Pain Management, certified in Thermology, Chiropractic Neurology and Orthopedics.

He was promoted to the 9th degree black belt in Isshinryu Karate, and the chief instructor for the Penn State Karate Club for almost 30 years promoting over 100 students to the rank of black belt.

He loved to sing gospel music, play his guitar, harmonica and write poetry. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Dr. Carol Dorow of the home; son, Stuart Allen Dorow II and wife, Leighnae of Texas; daughter, Lisa Rasmussen of Texas; four grandchildren, Bronwyn
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Mona Vinson Bush

Funeral service for Mona Vinson Bush, 83, of Chester, Texas, was held Tuesday, December 26, 2000 at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Troy Richardson officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester.

Visitation was held Tuesday, December 26, 2000 from 9 a.m. until the time of the service.

Mrs. Bush died December 24, 2000 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Born July 29, 1917 in Chester, she was a life long resident of Chester. She was a retired Manager for Buck Veal Store and City of Chester Secretary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Ada Vinson; son, Julian Bush; brother, Aldridge Vinson; sisters, Zelda Seamans, Ruby Barclay and Jimmie Hayes.

She is survived by her nieces, Linda Hayes of Woodville, Dr. Teddy Pope of Woodville and Ruby Nell Seale of Dallas; nephews, Dr. George W. Barclay of Woodville and Ralph W. Seamans of Silsbee; daughter-in-law, Lavelle Bush of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Molly A. McCrary

Funeral services for Molly A. McCrary will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 26, 2000 in the Hixson Funeral Home Chapel in Leesville, Louisiana. Burial will follow in the Stephens Cemetery in Leesville.

Mrs. McCrary, 53, of Leesville, Louisiana died Saturday, December 23, 2000 in Livingston, Texas.

She was a native of Texarkana, Arkansas and was a longtime resident of the Leesville/Vernon Parish area and a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Stephen McCrary, Jr. of Anacoco, Louisiana; daughters, Pamela Kerr, of Burkeville, Linda Sanders and Brenda Young of Leesville, Louisiana, Tammy Young of Corpus Christi, and Patricia LaCaze of Pitkin, Louisiana; step-children, Mark McCrary of Humble, and Shari Anderson of Kemah; brothers, Glenn Daily of Livingston, Bobby Daily of Tyler, Bill Daily of Mississippi, and David Daily of Waller; sisters, Pat Duncan of Arkansas and Sharon McQueen of San Antonio; 18 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held at the funeral home beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday and continued until service time.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Sidney Revia

Funeral service for Sidney Revia, 92, was held Saturday, December 23, 2000 at 3 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Judy Anderson officiating. Burial followed at Midway Cemetery in Polk County.

Visitation was held Saturday, December 23, 2000 from 9 a.m. until the time of the service.

Mr. Revia died December 22, 2000 in Highlands, Texas.

Born March 18, 1908 in Beaumont, Texas, to Judd Revia and Irene Vanderwater Revia, he lived in Midway for 50 years. He was retired from the Texas Forest Service. He was a WW II Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his brothers, Kirby Revia and Dub Revia of Beaumont; granddaughters, Laura Martin and Karen Wiggins of Channelview; grandson, Jeff Lamb of Channelview; great-granddaughters, Jane Nail, Shanna Wiggins and Katlin Odin of Channelview; great-great-grandson, Michael Rasco of Channelview.

Serving as pallbearers were Luther Milner, Bob Sween, E.T. Newton and Don Shine.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Jenny V. Fortenberry Howell**

Funeral services for Jenny Howell, 76, of Woodville, Texas, were held December 30, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating at the services was the Rev. R.C. Tillery. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville.

Mrs. Howell died December 27, 2000 at her residence. She was born June 23, 1924 and was a life long resident of Woodville. She was a retired activity director for the Woodville Convalescent Center. She later returned to work part time in the referral office of the Nutrition Center in Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her parents Maynard and Maye Fortenberry; one sister; four brothers; and nieces and nephews.

Survivors include her son, Charles Ray Lewis of Chester; step-son, Tim Howell of Chester; sisters, Pauline Broom of Baytown, Joyce Smith and Evelyn Fritsche of Woodville; three grandchildren and one step-grandson; two great-granddaughters; and numerous relatives and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Harold Broom, Don King, Greg Miller, Patrick Fortenberry, Billy Meeks, and Robert Fortenberry.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Charles Thomas Mooneyham**


Mr. Mooneyham died December 30, 2000 at his residence. He was born March 5, 1937 in Waynesboro, Virginia, and lived in Port Neches before moving to Warren 10 years ago. He was a retired pipe fitter for Union Local #602, and also was a retired T.D.C.J. correctional officer, and an Army Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Basil Dee Goodwin Mooneyham of Warren; sons, Craig A. Mooneyham of Port Neches, Mark Wayne Mooneyham of Nederland and Tracy L. Mooneyham of Nacogdoches; sister, Patricia Ann Humphreys of Roanoke, Virginia; brother, Wallace Leon Mooneyham of Ocean Isle, North Carolina; and five grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Richard Dean, James Dean, Neil Dean, Major Kenneth Gaston, Mike McGough and Rick Perry. Honorary pallbearers were Vic Bodden and Carl Maddox.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Henry Sherman Winters, Sr.**

A memorial graveside service for Henry Winters, Sr., 76, of Jasper, Texas, was held December 30, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Mr. Winters died December 27, 2000 at Dickerson Hospital in Jasper, Texas. He was born February 14, 1924 in Oakhurst, Texas, but he lived in Jasper most of his life. He was a retired iron worker for Local #1555 and was a WW II veteran and POW.

Survivors include his wife, Carmen Powell Winters of Jasper; daughters, Linda Papin and Harley Winters of Jasper, Kimberly Jordan and Becky Laurent of Kirbyville; sons, Henry Winters, Justin Winters, George Schafer and Edna Prichard of Jasper; brother, George Winters of Colmesneil; sisters, Betty Jane Odom, Lilian Wigley, Merlin Fortenberry, Jean Kearsn and Lena Pearl Mayshaw of Woodville; five grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Willie Ruth Busselle Tolar**

Funeral service for Willie Ruth Tolar, 91, of Warren, Texas, was held December 31, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Warren with Brother Bobby Hoffpaurir and Brother Billy Fabriquez officiating. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

She was born May 24, 1909 in Beaumont, but
she had lived in Warren for many years. She was a faithful member of Bethel Baptist Church and a member of Eastern Star # 638. She was also a homemaker.

She is survived by her two sons, Billy M. and wife Bettie Tolar of Nederland and Robert A. Tolar of California; eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Jerry Hatton, Davis Hatton, Dale Johnson, Charles Roberts, Hales “Doc” Taylor and Johnny Swafford.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Luke Harrison Clinton

Graveside services for infant, Luke Clinton were held January 1, 2001 at Midway Cemetery in Polk County.

Luke was born December 29, 2000 at Texas Children's Hospital when he went to heaven. He died December 31, 2000.

He is survived by his parents, Rebecca and Kevin Clinton of Knoxville, Tennessee; sisters, Mikaela and Morgan Clinton of Knoxville; grandparents, Mildred and Garon Bates of Midway, Texas and Dorothy and Charles Clinton of Graham. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was loved by so many for a short time, but we will all remember him forever.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Bobbie Jean Fortenberry Swinney

Bobbie Jean Fortenberry Swinney, 68, of Silsbee, Texas died Wednesday, December 27, 2000 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 29, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the New Shiloh Baptist Church with burial in Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services were Brother Delbert Lamb, Brother Kevin McClusky and Brother Luis Tubbs.

Serving as pallbearers were W.A. Adams, Noel Adams, Keith Fortenberry, Josh McClure, Bruce Fortenberry, Kevin Fortenberry, Brian Best and Chad Swinney.

Visitation was held on Thursday, December 28, 2000 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Swinney was born November 20, 1932 in Woodville, Texas. She was a former resident of Pt. Arthur and was a longtime resident of Silsbee. She had worked in retail sales and was a 50-year member of New Shiloh Baptist Church.

She is survived by her loving husband, Henry Foy Swinney, Jr. of Silsbee; sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Stephanie Swinney of Silsbee and Tracy and Tracey Swinney of Buna; brothers, Lloyd Fortenberry and Cecil Fortenberry of Woodville; sisters, Billie Polk and Jayne Best of Woodville; brother-in-law, Dan T. Swinney of Livingston; and four grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

Anna Hughes

Anna Hughes, 85, of Woodville, Texas died Wednesday, January 3, 2001 at Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital in Beaumont.

Services were held on Saturday, January 5, 2001 at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville with Rev. C.O. Hadnot officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

She was a native of Camden and a retired school teacher with the Woodville ISD.

Survivors include her husband, Wilford Hughes of Woodville; nieces and nephews.

Services under the direction of Coleman Tyler County Funeral Home.

Sybil Minyard

Funeral services for Sybil Minyard, 86, of Jasper, Texas were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 7, 2001 at the First Baptist Church in Jasper. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Visitation was held at 4 - 8 p.m. Saturday, January 6, 2001 at the funeral home.
Mrs. Minyard died Thursday, January 4, 2001 at Comfort Care and Personal Care Home in Houston. She was a native and longtime resident of Jasper and she had lived in Houston for the past ten years. She was past president and charter member of the Edgewood Garden Club and past president and charter member of Jasper A&M Mother’s Club. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, and needle work.

Survivors include her son, Herbert T. Minyard and wife Ethel Lea of Houston; daughter, Annis Marie Harrison and Husband Mark of Houston; four grandchildren, Ltc. Michael T. Minyard, Herbert R. Minyard, Mark Andrew Harrison and Reuben Booker Harrison; three great-grandchildren, Thoms E. Minyard, Courtney R. Minyard and Cody M. Minyard.

She was predeceased by her husband Herbert Minyard in 1969 and two sisters, Evelyn Bishop Ivy and Velma Bishop Williams.

Arrangements are by Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper, Texas.

Josephine Copes Gilder

Josephine Copes Gilder was born to the late Rev. C.H. Copes and Beatrice Jackson Copes on October 5, 1944 in Woodville, Texas. She attended and graduated from the Henry T. Scott High School in Woodville. She was employed by the City of Woodville for many years and was a former board member of the Woodville Housing Authority Association. She united with the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church at an early age and later became a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and was a musician to various churches in the Tyler County area.

She leaves to cherish her memories a very special friend, Sylvester Carter; daughters, Gretchen White and fiance Joseph Adams of Jasper, Tenisha Gilder and fiance Allen Adams of Woodville; son, Glendon White of Woodville and fiance Carolyn Barnes of Houston; sisters, Maxine Wooten of Woodville, Charlene Childress of Orange, Wanda Copes of Woodville; brothers, Joe Copes of Woodville and Herbert Copes of Beaumont; four grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

James Douglas Thornton


Funeral service was held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Brother Jimmy Graham officiating. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. at Ivie Cemetery near Kennard, Texas.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

A native and long time resident of Lufkin, he lived in Colmesneil eight years. He was a self employed carpenter and a Marine veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Harrell Thornton of Livingston; daughters, Bridgette Charlie of Livingston, Susie Tolbert of Nacogdoches and Robin Ferguson of Beaumont; sons, Randy Thornton and Jamie Thornton of South Carolina; parents, D.P. and Alberta Thornton of Colmesneil; brother, M.F. “Herky” Thornton of Lumberton; sister, Sonja Albarado of Lumberton; eight grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Warren Carroll, Robert Barnett, Bob Allemand, Tim Charlie, Donnie Michael, and Russell Moreau. Honorary pallbearers were Wayne Butchee, Jony Newton, and Tommy Richards.

Forrest Eugene Skinner, Sr.

Graveside service for Forrest “Strut” Eugene Skinner, Sr., 72, was held January 5, 2001 at Rockland City Cemetery with Brother Troy Richardson officiating.

Mr. Skinner died January 1, 2001 at his residence. He was born May 7, 1928 in Rockland, Texas. He lived in Blanchard, Louisiana for 28 years. He was retired from the U.S. Marine Corps and Allright Parking.

He is survived by his sons, Forrest E. Skinner,
Jr. and Timothy A. Skinner of Louisiana, Gary R. Skinner of California and Randall K. Skinner of Houston; sisters, Dorothy Harrison of Woodville and Patsy Stewart of Tyler; brothers, Charles Skinner of Hockley and Jo Earl Skinner of Caldwell; and seven grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Bentley Cain

Bentley Cain, 81, of Village Mills, Texas died Sunday, January 7, 2001 at the Holiday Pines manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 9, 2001 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Village Mills Cemetery in Village Mills. Officiating at the services will be Reverend Richard Perry, Reverend Carl Davis and Reverend Ronnie Culberth.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ronnie Culberth, Tony Cain, Zachary Cain, Buck Cain, Jimmy Cain, and Allen Bell.

Visitation was held on Monday, January 8, 2001 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Cain was born March 10, 1919 in Polk County, Texas. He was a lifelong resident of Village Mills and was retired from Kirby Lumber Company. He was a U.S. Army WW II veteran and a member of the Warren United Pentecostal Church.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mattie Lean Cain of Village Mills; sons, Thomas Cain of Spurger, Jerry Cain of Winnie, and Donald Cain of Village Mills; daughters and Son-in-law, Darlene and Ronnie Culberth of Splendor and Thelma Cain of Warren; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Martin R. Belanger

Funeral service for Martin R. Belanger, 77, of Woodville, Texas, was held Saturday, January 13, 2001, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held Friday, January 12, 2001, at the funeral home.

Mr. Belanger died January 10, 2001, at Clear Lake Medical Center.

He was born August 17, 1923 in Ontario, Canada, and lived in Houston most of his life before moving to Woodville 12 years ago. He was a retired maintenance foreman for Ethyl Corporation. He was a WW II Navy veteran and a member of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lea D. Belanger of Woodville; daughters, Debby Langridge of Newber, OR., Bonnie Belanger of Friendswood, and Brenda Newman of Wimberley; brothers, Robert Belanger of Baudette, Minn., Ronald Belanger of Hibbing, Minn., and Edward Belanger of International Falls, Minn.; sister, Harriett Ensrud of Sacramento, CA.; five grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Terry Langridge, David Newman, Will Newman, Jimmy Gazzaway, Chet Cook, and Ray Lagrappe.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ercelle Kincaid

Ercelle Kincaid, 80, of Warren, Texas, died January, 15, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A native and life long resident of Warren, she was a retired bookkeeper for Allison and Beech Creek Lumber Companies.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W.L. “Tobe” Kincaid in 1983 and son, Lloyd “Mickey” Kincaid in 1990.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Sheila Kincaid of Houston; granddaughter, Amy Kincaid of Dallas; and brother, Blilly Jack Elliott of Jasper.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, January 17, 2001, at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, with burial following at Allison Cemetery near Warren.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.
Barbara Jean Cartwright

Funeral services for Barbara Jean Cartwright, 73, of Woodville, Texas, was held Friday, January 12, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Troy Richardson officiating. Burial was held at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held Thursday, January 11, 2001, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Cartwright died January 9, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

She was born March 29, 1927 in Foremand, Arkansas, and lived in California twenty years before moving to Woodville many years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Chester Cartwright of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Lois Cartwright of Kingwood; brother, Charles Callan of Tallant, OR.; Delores Pain of Lake Worth, FL., and a host of friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Carol Jeanne McKinney Littler

A cremation service for Carol Jeanne McKinney Littler, 71, of Colmesneil, Texas, was held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Littler died January 9, 2001, at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

She was born December 23, 1929, in Anderson, Indiana, and she lived in Beaumont before moving to Colmesneil. She was a retired school teacher for the Beaumont Independent School District.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Littler of Colmesneil; sons, Robert Littler of Chicago, Illinois, and Christopher Littler of Denton; daughters, Elizabeth Norris of Houston and Priscilla Hogg of Madison, Wis., and Jennifer Vitemb of Dickinson; and two grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Nelson Glen Kirkland

A graveside service for Nelson Glen Kirkland, 58, of Dallas, Texas, was held Friday, January 12, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Magnolia Cemetery with Brother Dwayne Freese officiating.

Visitation was held Thursday, January 11, 2001, at the funeral home.

Mr. Kirkland died January 8, 2001, at his residence in Dallas.

He was born February 22, 1942, in Port Arthur, and lived in Dallas for many years. He was a retired purchasing agent with Tejas Architect.

Mr. Kirkland was preceded in death by his parents, John Lewis and Signora Watson Kirkland.

He is survived by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Elizabeth and Don Caballero of Houston, Lauretta and Don Wessinger of Frisco, and Christi and Louis Havens of Port Arthur; several nieces and nephews from Houston, Groves, Nederland and Louisville, Kentucky.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Isabelle Harriet Knecht

Isabelle Harriet Knecht, 89, of Woodville, Texas, died January 14, 2001, at Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, January 19, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Woodville with the Rev. John Wells officiating. Inurnment is scheduled at a later date in Christ Episcopal Church, Warren, Ohio.

She was born in Philadelphia, PA. In 1911, the daughter of Emma and J. Arthur Ewing, and lived in Warren, Ohio 55 years before moving to Woodville 14 years ago. Mrs. Knecht was an active member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and faithfully attended the Monday Morning Sewing Group.
Isabelle was preceded in death by Frank, her husband of 62 years. Survivors include daughters, Jane K. MacEllven of Woodville, Susan K. Marshall of London, Ohio; sons, Frank W. Knecht III of Boardman, Ohio and James A. Knecht of Woodville; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was a graduate of Connecticut College for Women and was active for many years in the Red Cross, Trumbull Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Altar Guild of Christ Episcopal Church in Warren, Ohio. Mrs. Knecht leaves a legacy of beautiful needlepoint. Her work can be found in churches in Ohio, Vermont and Texas. She was recognized by the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Houston, Texas for the nine kneelers she needlepointed for the cathedral. Her family and many friends have also been blessed with her needlepoint creations.

Riley Funeral Home of Woodville will handle the arrangements.

Ruth C. Tobey

Ruth C. Tobey, 87, of Hillister, Texas, died Monday, January 15, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Memorial service will be Friday, January 19, at 10 a.m. in the St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Woodville. Officiating at the service will be the Rev. John Wells, vicar of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 18, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Tobey was born to Effie Price and Milo Rockwell Cox on November 19, 1913 in Denison, Texas. She was a former resident of Houston and had lived in Hillister for the past twenty years. She was a retired registered nurse and an active member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Woodville.

She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, H.E. “Gene” Tobey, Jr. of Hillister; sons and daughter-in-law, David Eugene and Judith Tobey of Leander and Thoms Rockwell Tobey of Hillister; daughter and son-in-law, Deborah Ruth Tobey and Phillip Morton of Buffalo; and two grandchildren, Travis B. Tobey and Tina K. Tobey.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Iva Brown Gray

Iva Brown Gray, 95, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Friday, January 19, 2001, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 21, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Colmesneil with burial in Sand Hill Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Brother David Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Colmesneil.

Serving as pallbearers were J.T. Brown, Charlie Branch, Steve Brown, Jeremy Brown, and Glen Brown.

Visitation was held on Saturday, January 20, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Gray was the oldest of four children and was born to Eula Allen and Elishia Butler on October 13, 1905 in Colmesneil, Texas. For many years she was a actively involved in First Baptist Church of Colmesneil, where she was a member of the Dorcas Sunday School Class and the choir. She will be remembered for her faithful work as Benevolent Chairman. As a member of the Colmesneil Order of the Eastern Star, she enjoyed the fellowship where she served as treasurer for several years. She enjoyed sharing her love of cooking and preserving foods, her gardening skills, her knowledge of her family history, and the history of the Colmesneil area. Her family and friends will treasure these special memories of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elishia and Eula Butler, husband, Jeff Gray, sister, Odna Ogden, and her brother, Cecil Butler. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, James Harold and Jackie Brown, Kenneth and Joyce Brown, and Travis and Evone Brown all of Colmesneil; sister, Hallie Mae Jones of Austin; nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Bob H. Martin

Bob H. Martin, 67, of Houston, Texas, passed away at his residence on January 12, 2001. He was born in Hope, Arkansas on January 12, 1934. Bob served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 - 1956 and the U.S. Coast Guard from 1956 - 1986. During that time he was a policeman with the Houston Police Department from 1958 - 1966 then worked as a claims adjuster for 19 years in the Insurance Industry.

He was preceded in death by his mother Lola Jeanette Martin.

He is survived by his wife Gwen Hulsman of Houston, Texas; ex-wife, Frances Diane Martin of Colmesneil; father Robert Albert Martin of Houston; sons, Steve Martin of Dallas, Scott Martin and wife Michelle of Colmesneil; daughters, Lysanne McCreary and husband Greg of Richmond, Dixie Knights of Ft. Worth, Diane Johnston of Ft. Worth, and Tammy Martin of Woodville; 14 grandchildren; brothers, Bill Martin and wife Pat of Porter; sister, Nancy Kate Martin of Houston; nephews, Jon Sneed, Ricky Petty and Danny Petty; niece, Anjenette Goss, and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial service held on Tuesday, January 16, at 3 p.m. in the Chapel at the Houston National Cemetery with military honors rendered by the VFW District #4 Ceremonial Detail.

Services under the direction of Aldine Funeral Chapel of Houston, Texas.

Linnie Mae Hadnot

Linnie Mae Hadnot died Thursday, January 18, 2001, at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Monday at 11 a.m. at the New Shady Grove Baptist Church in Woodville with burial in Moss Hill Community Cemetery. She was a native of Emilee, Texas.


Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Wallace Brown

Wallace Brown, 56, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, January 19, 2001, at the Holiday Pines Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville with burial following at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. He was a native of Hampton, Arkansas.

Survivors include a sister, Josephine Brown Williams of Woodville.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Beulah Mae Ratcliff Bingham

Funeral services for Beulah Mae Bingham, 88, of Spurger, Texas, were held January 20, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Tkom Ratcliff officiating. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger.

She was born August 16, 1912 in Spurger, where she lived all her life. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ramsey Bingham; children, Robert Bingham, Leona Harvey, Betty Murphy, and Paris Bingham.

She is survived by her daughters, Marie Coffield of Cleveland, Willie Hilton of Conroe and Patsy Casale of Los Angeles, California; sons, Arles Bingham of Orange, Bill Bingham, Jr. of Katy, Charles Bingham of Porter, and Paul Bingham of Spurger; 27 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Johnny Harvey, Jim Davis, Frank Hursh, Mike Bingham, and Larry Hilton.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Aaron D. McElroy

Funeral service for Aaron D. “Pete” McElroy, 92, of Chester, Texas, was held Wednesday, January 24, 2001 at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home with Norman Turner officiating. Burial followed at 2 p.m. at the Lone Star Cemetery in Pineland.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. McElroy died January 22, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. He was born March 29, 1908 in Lone Star, Texas. He lived in Camden before moving to Chester thirty-two years ago. He was a retired barber with forty years of service. He was a member of Pine Grove Church of Christ and an Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Belle McElroy of Chester; son, David J. McElroy of Chester; granddaughter, Becky Lynn McElroy of Colorado Springs, CO.; and a host of family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were his granddaughter, nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Warren Willard Cravey

Cremation arrangements for Warren Willard Cravey, 84, of Town Bluff, Texas, will be under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mr. Cravey died January 26, 2001, at Lufkin Memorial Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

He was born July 8, 1916 in Orange, Texas. He lived in Town Bluff many years and was a retired Merchant Marine Seaman and U.S. Navy WW II veteran.

Survivors include daughters, Lorna Tillman of Spring, Londa Cravey of Galveston, Lorene Baros of Houston, and Cheryl Sloniger of Srlington; sons, Warren Cravey of Arlington and Bill Duboce of Livermore, California; 11 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ralph A. Gregory

Ralph A. Gregory, 76, of Highlands, Texas, died January 22, 2001, in Baytown. He was born in Baytown, Texas, January 6, 1925.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 25, at 10 a.m. at Navarre Funeral Home with Rev. Hollis Hoffman officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville at 2 p.m.

Visitation will be at Navarre Funeral Home Wednesday, January 24, from 6 - 8 p.m.

Mr. Gregory retired from Ethyl Corporation, was a graduate of Texas A&M University, taught agriculture at Milano High School, was a U.S. Navy veteran of WW II, charter member of Wooster Baptist Church, and a member of Goose Creek Masonic Lodge #1192.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Lula Burch Gregory; sons and daughter-in-law, Jeffery Allen and Daphne Gregory of Baytown and Garry Wayne Gregory; daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Gary Campbell of Keller; daughter-in-law, Annie Kettlehut of Katy; sisters, Dorothy Walker of Cleveland, Ohio and Joyce Hall of Highlands; and 9 grandchildren.

Local arrangements under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Virgil Earl Caraway

Funeral service for Virgil Caraway, 77, of Town Bluff, Texas, was held January 28, 2001, at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Hershel Lott and Brother Harold Davies officiating. Burial followed at Town Bluff Cemetery in Town Bluff.

Mr. Caraway died January 26, 2001, at Jasper Convalescent Center in Jasper, Texas. He was born December 14, 1923 in Silsbee, where he lived most of his life before moving to Town Bluff 30 years ago. He was a retired welder.

Survivors include his wife, Johnnie M. Caraway of Town Bluff; daughter, Carylon Caraway of Hillsboro; sons, Thomas Caraway of Lumberton and Wade Caraway of Silsbee; step-son, Harvey L. Robinson of Silsbee; brother, Billie Caraway of
Silsbee; sisters, Melba Taft and Bobbie Caraway both of Silsbee; 21 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were A.E. “Bo” Willis, Glenn P. McFall, David Harris, Wayne McClanahan, Les Lanier and Billy Baker.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Joe E. Hopkins

Joe E. Hopkins, 63, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, February 2, 2001, at Christus Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont after an illness.

Services were held Sunday, February 4, at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Seamans Cemetery near Chester. Officiating at the services were Brother Shawn Runquist, pastor of First Texas Indian Baptist Church, and Brother Larry Trest.

Serving as pallbearers were Lyndon Alec, Guy Kowena, Harold E. John, Perry Williams, Oscar Williams, Elvis Battise, Derek Battise, Johnny Walker, Johnson Williams, and Burk Walker.

A community Christian wake service was shared Saturday, February 3, 2001 from 5 - 9 p.m. at First Texas Indian Baptist Church.

A native of Chester he was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a longtime bi-vocational pastor of churches in Lubbock, Colorado, and both Tyler and Polk counties, having most recently served as pastor of the First Texas Indian Baptist Church at the Indian Reservation and was a printer with Stamps Commercial Press in Jasper. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Chester.

Joe is survived by his wife of 39 years, Sue Hopkins of Woodville; mother, Ruby Hopkins; sons and daughters-in-law, Winn and Anita Hopkins of San Antonio, Jo and Nikki Hopkins of Chester, Cpl. Paul Hopkins, USMC, and David Hopkins of Woodville; grandchildren, Logan Will Hopkins and Sadie Lee Ann Hopkins.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Herschel Cecil Ratcliff

Funeral services for Herschell Ratcliff, 69, were held February 3, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Spurger United Methodist Church with Rev. James Jones and Brother Tom Ratcliff officiating. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger, Texas.

Mr. Ratcliff was born in Spurger where he lived all his life. He was a retired shipper for Temple-Inland Inc. with 40 years of service and was a member of Spurger United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lila Fay Ratcliff of Spurger; two sons, Lawayne Ratcliff of McGehee, Arkansas and Milton Ratcliff of Spurger; daughter, Jackie Ratcliff of McGehee, Arkansas; four brothers, Tom Ratcliff of Marshall, Billy Ratcliff of Spurger, Jimmy Ratcliff of Friendswood and Jeff Ratcliff of Livingston; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Steve Butz, Butch Pachall, Jack Sheffield, Lynn Mayo, Bob Mayo and Jack Jeans. Honorary pallbearers were Jess Collins, Ralph Davis and Mac Dobbs.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jimmie Dancer McDowell

A graveside service for Jimmie Dancer McDowell, 77, will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Mission Park Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.


Born May 8, 1919 in Hamilton, Texas, she lived in San Antonio most of her life where she retired as a cashier for the San Antonio Zoo. She moved to Houston and then to Woodville six years ago.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Gracie McDowell of Woodville; granddaughter, Nina Britton of Deer Park; two great-grandchildren, Casey Laine McAninch and Dakota McAninch.

Services are are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Darrell Scott Thigpen

Services for Darell Scott Thigpen, 31, of Pollock, Texas, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 7, 2001, in the Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. John Williams officiating. Interment will follow in the Gann Cemetery.

Mr. Thigpen was born September 14, 1969, in Lufkin, Texas, and he died Sunday, February 4, in south Angelina County from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Darrell was employed by Piney Woods Tractor and Implements, and had been a resident of Angelina County all his life.

Survivors include his mother, Shirley Thigpen of Central; father and stepmother, Jerry and Kathy Thigpen of Woodville; sisters and brothers-in-law, Leasa and Donnie Davis of Forney, Teresa and Roho Rouland of Diboll, Melissa and Brian Smith of Hudon; stepsisters, Shannon Devore of Hudson, Rachael Johnson of Woodville; stepbrothers, Jerry Knight of Maryland, Paul Knight of Gladewater; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Thigpen, Cody Fowler, Mike Thigpen, Brian Thigpen, James Klare and Brent Dew.

The family will receive friends from 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Home.

Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Directors of Lufkin are in charge of the arrangements.

L.C. Edwards


Graveside services were held Monday, February 12 at 10 a.m. in Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the service was Reverend Robert Carter.

Visitation was held on Sunday, February 11 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Edwards was born to Albert and Elise Hanks Edwards on February 7, 1927 in Colmesneil, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Lumberton and a retired Merchant Seaman with the National Maritime Union.

He is survived by his wife, Kyae Soon Edwards of Lumberton; daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Chris Schneider and Kim and John Allen of Lumberton; brother and sister-in-law, Quinton and Virginia Edwards of Lufkin, and three grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Willie Sols

Funeral service for Willie “Bill” Sols, 76, of Magnolia, Texas, were held February 7, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother R.C. Tillery officiating. Burial followed at Shady Grove Cemetery near Woodville.

Mr. Sols died February 5, at Regional Hospital in Tomball, Texas.

He was born October 12, 1924 in Honey Island, Texas, and lived in Colmesneil most of his life before moving to Magnolia one year ago. He was retired maintenance for the City of Woodville.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Curtis and Jonna Sols of Tomball; one daughter, Melissa Anderson of Woodville; three grandchildren, Curtis Patrick Sols, Joseph Sols and Angelia Sols.

Pallbearers were Robert McKee, Ray Buck Bailey, Marvin Ray Murphy, Paul Werner, Preston Broom and Howard Riley.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Sam T. Gustafson


Funeral services were held Monday, February 12 at 2 p.m. in Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Reverend C.O. Hadnot.

Serving as pallbearers were Jimmy Meyka,
Jackie Carter, Drew Gustafson, Matthew Gustafson, Johnny Harris and Bill Seale.

Visitation was held on Sunday, February 11 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Gustafson was born to Gore and Anna Wright Gustafson on October 23, 1914 in Woodville, Texas. He was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a retired logger for John Whitmore Logging Contractor.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Betty P. Gustafson of Warren; sons and daughters-in-law, Ralph and Lavanna Gustafson of Dermott, Arkansas, Preston and Laura Gustafson of Kirbyville, and Roy and Karen Gustafson of Houston; daughter, Kathy Myatt of Kirbyville; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Andy Cryer

Andy Cryer, 56, a photoengraver, died Monday, February 12, 2001, in a Fort Worth, Texas hospital.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Wiley Funeral Home in Grandbury. Graveside Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, at the Ferrell Cemetery in Tyler County, Texas.

Visitation was held Wednesday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Cryer was born April 30, 1944 in Fort Worth. He married Carol Ann Trotter in Kelso, Washington, in 1978.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Billie Cryer and a sister, Linda Cryer.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Ann Cryer of Grandbury; three sons, Troy Cryer of Evergreen, Colorado, Vance Cryer of Uma, Arizona and Steven Thompson of Keller; two daughters, Kecia Burkham of Bedford and Debbie Reed of Haltom City; father, Ecil Cryer of Woodville, Texas; brothers, Roy Cryer and Tommy Cryer, both of Haltom City; sisters, Pat Humphrey of Crowley, Jimmie Bloss and Ann Fontenot, of Fort Worth; and 11 grandchildren.

Essie Parrott

Essie “Granny” Parrott, 85, of Woodville, Texas died Saturday, February 17, 2001 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 19 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was her great-nephew Jason Williams.

Serving as pallbearers were Buddy Maxwell, Mike Maxwell, Robert Hardesty, David Atwell, Ted Watts, and Sonny Ferrell. Honorary pallbearers were Cory Maxwell and Justin Maxwell.

Visitation was held on Sunday, February 18 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Parrott was born May 9, 1915 to William and Emma Richardson Beddingfield in Reese, Texas in Cherokee County. She lived in the Dam B community for the past 32 years where she was a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Frasier Parrott in 1981 and her daughter, Nelwin Maxwell in 1983.

She is survived by a sister, Elba Booth of Woodville; 3 grandchildren, Deborah Hardesty, Mike Maxwell and Buddy Maxwell; and 5 great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Jessica, Justin, Cory and Chad Maxwell.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Kenneth Edward Longworth

Cremation for Kenneth Edward Longworth, 69, of Woodville, Texas were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

A memorial service was held February 19, 2001 at 10 a.m. at the Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Dwayne Freese officiating.

Mr. Longworth died February 14, at his daughters residence.

He was born October 18, 1931 in Missouri and he lived in Woodville for three years. He was a cement finisher and an Air Force veteran.

He is survived by his sons, Larry L. Longworth
of Arnold, Missouri, Damon Longworth of Camdenton, Missouri and Mark Longworth of St. Louis, Missouri; daughters, Lori Longworth of Dubu, Illinois, Penny Risch of Woodville, Melody Strong of Houston and Vicki Young of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; sisters, Evelyn Grasser of Bridgeton, Missouri and Gloria Heidbrick of St. Louis, Missouri; brother, Niel Longworth of Fenton, Missouri; twenty two grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Merrion Calva Lynch Crawford

Funeral services for Merrion Crawford, 82, of New Caney, Texas were held February 18, 2001 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother David Emmons and Brother Paul Holmes officiating. Burial followed at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Mrs. Crawford died February 15 at the Triumph Hospital in Houston.

She was born October 17, 1918 in Chico, Texas. She was a homemaker. She lived in Doucette before moving to New Caney.

She is survived by her daughters, Sandra Sherlock of New Caney, Patsy Lou Darby of Dallas and Beverly Hope Dalton of Isle of Carpi, Florida; and ten grandchildren.

Pallbearers were William Davis, James Sherlock, William Lindros, Christopher Boucher, Daniel Duvall and George Monckton.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jerry Eugene Tolar

Jerry Eugene Tolar, 58, of Doucette, Texas died Thursday, February 15, 2001 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 17 at 2 p.m. in the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services were the Rev. Charles Haynes and the Rev. John Spanhanks.

Serving as pallbearers were his nephews, Brad Tolar, Billy Tolar, Bobby Tolar, Ricky Kenner, Travis Weaver, Ryan Weaver, and Lane Weaver. Honorary pallbearers were Teddy Minyard, Johnny Grammar, Joe Grammar, David McPherson, Ralph Smith, S.A. Smith, Ben Read, Roy Schorlemmer, John Reynolds, Joe Hensarling, and Edwin Smith.

Visitation was held on Friday, February 16 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Tolar, a Woodville businessman, was born August 19, 1942 in Woodville, and lived most of his life in Doucette and Woodville. He graduated from Kirby High School in Woodville and attended Sam Houston State University. He was stationed in Korea during his military service. Mr. Tolar was the owner and operator of South Magnolia Drive-In Grocery over 30 years and during the past few years he worked in the logging business. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Doucette.

Mr. Tolar was preceded in death by his father, LeRoy Tolar, on December 13, 1968.

He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Bell Grammar Tolar of Doucette; sons and daughter-in-law, Casey Eugene and Neslie Tolar of Woodville, Justin Cain Tolar of Doucette, Marcus LeRoy Tolar of Conroe, and Clinton Wayne Tolar of Chester; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jesse LeRoy and Christine Tolar, Bill Wayne and Diana Tolar, all of Doucette; sisters and brothers-in-law, Sherry Janet and John Kenner of Woodville, and Kathy Harriett and Tommy Weaver of Doucette; one granddaughter, Avery Brooke Tolar.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Odelle Franklin Gray

A graveside service for Odelle Franklin Gray, 76, of Pineville, Louisiana we be held Wednesday, February 21, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas, with Brother Clyde Yates officiating.

Visitation will begin Wednesday morning from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gray passed away February 18, at her residence.

She was born December 1, 1924 in Buckner,
Louisiana, and lived in Woodville many years before moving to Pineville. She was a retired Administrative Assistant at U.T. Medical School. She was a past president of the Ivanhoe Civic Club.

She is survived by her husband, E.K. Gray of Pineville, Louisiana; daughter, Ann Gresham of Pineville, Louisiana; son Robert Scarbrough of Lowell, Arkansas; granddaughter, Jan Barker of Ft. Worth; grandson, Robert Ford, Jr. of Springdale, Arkansas; great-grandsons, Nicholas Barker of Ft. Worth and Robbie Ford of Springdale, Arkansas; great-granddaughter, Shelby Ford of Springdale, Arkansas; step-son, Robert Gray of Nebraska City, Nebraska; step-daughter, Peggy Hobbie of Nebraska City, Nebraska; six step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Curtis Alexander Sanford**

Funeral service for Curtis Sanford, 91, of Port Arthur, Texas, were held February 22, 2001 at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Brother Michael Sheffield officiating. Burial followed at Ebenezer Cemetery in Jasper County.

Mr. Sanford died February 20, at Gulf Healthcare Center in Port Arthur, Texas.

A native of Shelby County, he lived in Port Arthur most of his life. He was a retired boiler maker at Gulf Refinery.

He is survived by his son, Frank Sanford of Port Arthur; daughters, Marie McCoy of Kingsville, Wanda Boudreaux of Nederland, Bobbie Kennon of Vidor and Linda Hall of Woodville; brother, James Sanford of Silsbee; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-seven great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were, Ronald Kennon, Robert Kennon, Cory Stewart, Marc Holcomb, Rusty Kennon and Michael Sanford.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Eunice Marie Walker**

Cremation for Eunice Walker, 64, of Beaumont, Texas, was under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. Mrs. Walker died February 27, 2001, at Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Walker was born August 17, 1936 in Galveston, Texas. She lived in Beaumont most of her life, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Keith Walker of Beaumont; daughter, Sherry Bridges of Beaumont; sons, Keith Walker III of Lumberton and Gary Walker of Beaumont; mother, Mildred Powell of Brookeland; step-father, Louis Powell of Brookeland; six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Gwendolyn Davis Askins**

Gwendolyn Davis Askins, 63, of Woodville, Texas, died Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at her daughter’s residence in Bellaire, Texas.

Funeral services were held at the Woodville United Methodist Church on Friday, March 2 at 3 p.m. with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Reverend Bill Parsons and Reverend George Helton.

Serving as pallbearers were F.E. Abernethy, Bill Ferguson, Buddy Ogden, Jim Pool, Don Shaw, and Ken Wood. Honorary pallbearers were Patrick Perkins, Christopher Perkins, Rick Davis, Blake Davis, Zack Davis, Derek Rodriguez, Jim Davis and Ryan Davis.

Visitation was held on Thursday, March 1, 2001 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Askins was born to Dr. Charles and Neva Davis, Jr. in Woodville on September 6, 1937. She was a former resident of Houston and Nacogdoches, and had lived in Woodville for the past six years where she was a high school teacher of computer applications. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Nacogdoches. Gwen’s steadfast strength and love nurtured her family and friends. Her candid sense
of humor helped us laugh at life’s difficulties and find joy in all things. Now, her spirit will remain close in our hearts and give us comfort and love.

She is survived by her son, John Askins of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Martha Askins and Derek Rodriguez of Bellaire; mother, Neva Davis of Woodville; brother and sister-in-law, Charles W. “Chuck” and Marilyn Davis of Nacogodches; nephews and families, Rick and Melanie Davis, Blake, Ryan and Ashley, Jim and Tia Davis, Zack, Jordan McKenzie and Haley; and niece and family, Jackie and Patrick Perkins, Jennifer, Christopher and Courtney.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Clellion Irene Marshall Miller**

Funeral service for Clellion Irene “Bill” Marshall Miller, 80, of Woodville, Texas, were held March 2, 2001, at 2 p.m. at the New Shiloh Baptist Church near Woodville with Brother Luis Tubbs officiating. Burial followed at Bethany Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Mrs. Miller died February 28, at Christus St. Mary’s Hospital in Port Arthur.

Mrs. Miller was born March 28, 1920 in Bethany Community. She lived in Beaumont 26 years before moving back to Woodville 12 years ago. She was a homemaker and a WW II Army nurse veteran.

She is survived by her husband, Paul N. Miller of Woodville; daughter, Donna Louise McGill of Baytown and Wanda Sue Henry of Manchaco; sons, Michael W. Miller of Baytown and Miles R. Miller of Albuquerque, N.M.; sisters, Sallie Richardson of Alvin, Ruth Brentzel of Baytown and Thelma Almond of Woodville; twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mark Brentzel, Boyd Turner, Roger Marshall, Marshall Turner, Brent Brentzel, and Charles A. Marshall. Honorary pallbearers were Alvin Flowers, Calvin Flowers, Greg Richardson and Todd Marshall.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Gwen Athelene Taylor Brueck**

Funeral service for Gwen Athelene Taylor Brueck, 95, of Woodville, Texas, was held Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Raymond Parker officiating. The eulogy was given by her grandson, Britt Taylor Morgan and music was provided by her nieces, Vickie and Shae Harvey. The burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Brueck passed away March 4, at the Tyler County Hospital.

She was born July 15, 1905 in Jennings, Louisiana to Elmer J. and Mattie Taylor. She made Groves her home for forty years before moving to Woodville thirty years ago. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Woodville, Woodville Garden Club and Woodville #462 Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother E.L. Taylor and sisters, Velma Davis and Geraldine Rourke.

She is survived by daughter, Dorothy Moran of Mt. Pleasant; sons, W.L. Brueck of Kingwood; sister, Mildred Smith of Woodville; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were William Brueck, Mike Brueck, Britt Morgan, Jerry Cowan, Rick Shepherd, and Terry Bean.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Hinda Guillory Durham**

Funeral service for Hinda Guillory Durham, 72, of Warren, Texas, will be held Wednesday, March 7, 2001, at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Woodrow Wilson officiating. Burial will follow at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 6, from 4 until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Durham passed away March 5, at
Christus St. Mary’s Hospital in Port Arthur.

Born April 22, 1928 in Port Barre, Louisiana to Atonise and Annie Guillory, she moved to Port Arthur where she lived many years before moving to Warren twenty years ago. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her loving husband, Thomas Durham of Warren; daughters, Sandra Holland and Beverly Binagia both of Port Arthur; son, Wayne Durham of Houston; sisters, Alice Noel of Many, Louisiana and Elizabeth Noel of Dam - B; brothers, Dave Guillory of Dallas, Pat Guillory and Wilbert Guillory of Louisiana and J.B. Fuillory of Penn; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Iverson Read, Sammy McAlpin, Raymond Durden, Walter McAlpin, Ira Simmons, and Jim Bo Swinney. Serving as honorary pallbearer will be Glen Durham.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Wilma Howell Barclay

Wilma Howell Barclay, 76, passed away March 11, 2001, in Sulphur, Louisiana, after a lengthy illness. She resided in Dequincy, Louisiana and was a former resident of Beaumont and Woodville. A native of Colmesneil, she was a retired Real Estate Agent.

Services were held Tuesday, March 13, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Rev. Robert Sharpton, Sr. officiating. She was buried at Sand Hill Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Monday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Barclay was preceded in death by her son, Nathan Paul Barclay.

She is survived by her daughters, Pamela Sharpton of DeQuincy, Louisiana and Charlene DeLeon of Houston; sisters, Margaret Kirkland of Nederland and Helen Saunders of Colmesneil; five grandchildren, Angela Hollis of DeQuincy, Louisiana, Charla Balette of Houston, Corey Weeks of Orange, Robert Sharpton, Jr. of Dequincy, Louisiana and Paul Barclay of Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were Gilbert Deleon, Corey Weeks, Robert Sharpton, Jr., Scott Hollis, Jason Balette and Paul Barclay.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Allie Sikes Davidson

Allie Davidson passed from this life into the next on Monday, March 12, 2001 in Woodville, Texas. She was 94 years old and had lived 39 years in the Midway Community. The past three years she had been a resident at the Holiday Pines Nursing Facility.

Mrs. Davidson was born September 30, 1906 in Benchley, Texas in Brazos County. She moved to Port Arthur as a young girl and there she raised her own family with her husband A.F. Davidson. A devout Christian, homemaker, wife, and mother all of her life. She touched all whom she came in contact with. She was a member of the Livingston Church of Christ.

Her husband Albert Davidson preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughters, and their husbands, Mildred and Garon Bates and Betty and Bill Ayers of Midway; sons and their wives, Charles and Sara Beth Davidson of Dallas and Bob and Myrt Davidson of College Station; 16 grandchildren to whom she imparted many words of wisdom. She also has a clan of great-grandchildren to continue her legacy of love and hope. She will be missed by so many and forgotten by none.

Visitation will be at Riley Funeral Home, Friday, March 16, from 5 - 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17 at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. Burial will follow at the King Cemetery in Milam, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Larry Raydale Hale

Larry Raydale Hale, 37, of Beaumont, Texas, died Wednesday, March 7, 2001 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral service was held Sunday, March 11, at 3:30 p.m. at the New Zion Baptist church in Spurger, with burial at the Town Bluff Community Cemetery in Town Bluff. Lester Mitchell officiated at the service.

A native of Spurger, he lived in Beaumont a number of years. He was a construction operator.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Hale of Spurger; Dorothy Banks of Beaumont; daughters, Shalana R. Hale and Shawana A. Hale of Beaumont; sisters, Linda Lee of Hillister, Renata Powell of Huntsville and Shirley Warren of Springfield, Missouri; brothers, Marcus Hale of Beaumont, and Timothy Hale of Lufkin.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Willie Mae Porter

Willie Mae Porter, 96, of Hillister, Texas, died Saturday, March 10, 2001, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Little Baptist Church in Hillister with Rev. Bobby Cruse officiating. Burial will follow at the Hillister Community Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 12 - 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home chapel.

Mrs. Porter was a life long native of Hillister and a housewife.

Survivors include, daughters, Mary Frashier of Atlanta, Georgia, Evelyn J. Richardson of San Antonio, and Ruthie B. Gibbs of Berkeley, California; sons, James E. Porter of Lufkin, Alvin R. Porter of Houston, and Henry E. Porter of Los Angeles, California; 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

John Wesley Wolf

John Wesley Wolf, 60, of Hillister, Texas, died Wednesday, March 7, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Memorial services were held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Spring Hill Baptist Church in Woodville.

Cremation services were by Beaumont Haven of Rest, under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville. The Reverend Dale A. Moye officiated.

Mr. Wolf was a native and life long resident of Hillister and a retired logger.


Lola McWilliams Meshell

Lola McWilliams Meshell, 78, of Town Bluff, Texas, died at her home Monday afternoon.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday afternoon at Forest Oaks Funeral Home with interment to follow at the Hancock Cemetery.

Visitation will be Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Bronson, she lived in the Nedville Community for many years until moving to Town Bluff in Tyler County about 33 years ago.

Survivors include her husband, George Meshell; daughter, Judy Glaze; brother, Junior McWilliams of Town Bluff; sisters, Frances Jones of Marshall, Lois Jones and Virginia Hancock of Jasper; grandson, Marshall Glaze and great-grandson, Charles Dale Glaze.

Services under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper.
Ben E. Reppond, Jr.

Ben E. Reppond, Jr., 52, of Rockland, Texas, died Monday, March 12, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 14, at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Rockland Cemetery in Rockland. Officiating at the service will be Brother Fred Yount.

Serving as pallbearers will be Travis Collier, Kevin Lott, Trey Grammar, Johnnie Ray Ferris, David Lott and Jeremy Lott.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 12, from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ben was born July 14, 1948 to Ben and Lois Reppond, Sr. in Rockland. He was a member of the Rockland Baptist Church.

He is survived by his parents, Ben and Lois Reppond, Sr. of Rockland; sisters and brothers-in-law, Glenda and Jerry Lott of Houston and Deirdre and Johnny Ray Eaton of Corrigan.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Nora Irene Bucy

Funeral services for Nora Irene Bucy, 76, of Humble, Texas, were held Friday, March 16, 2001, at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Billy Hensarling officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Bucy passed away March 12, 2001 at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Born April 19, 1924 in Roger Mills County, Oklahoma, she lived in Houston most of her life before moving to Woodville and then to Humble eight years ago. She was a retired office manager for Buffalo Warehouse in Houston.

She is survived by her daughters, Darla Dugan of Woodville and Ginger Hester of Splendora; brothers, Lester Jones of Moore, Oklahoma and Lloyd Jones of Portland, Oregon; sisters, Betty Vogt of Crescent, Oklahoma and Edna Evans of Nashville, Tennessee; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Josephine Copes Gilder

Josephine Copes Gilder was born to the late Rev. C.H. Copes and Beatrice Jackson Copes on October 5, 1944. She was the niece of the late McKinley Jackson of Woodville, Texas.

Josephine attended the Henry T. Scott High School in Woodville. She was a retired employee of the City of Woodville and was a former member of the Woodville Housing Authority Association. She united with the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church at an early age and later became a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and was a musician for various churches in the Woodville and Tyler County area.

She leaves to cherish her memories, daughters; Gretchen White and fiancé Joseph Adams of Jasper, Texas, Tenisha Gilder and fiancé Allen Adams of Woodville, Texas; son, Glendon White of Woodville and his fiancé Carolyn of Houston; sisters, Maxine Wooten and Wanda Copes of Woodville, and Charlene Childress of Orange; brothers, Joe Copes of Woodville and Herbert Copes of Beaumont; 4 grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. And a very special friend Patsy Ann Turner.

Willie Joe Sturrock

Willie Jo Sturrock, 68, of Chester, Texas, died March 15, 2001, in Huntsville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 18, at 4 p.m. in the Caney Creek Baptist Church in Chester with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester. Officiating at the service was Brother George M. Standley and Brother Mark Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were Mike Toney, Curtis Toney, David Toney, Odis Toney, Duane Jordan, and Charles R. Sturrock. Honorary pallbearers were Christin Sturrock, Cecily Sturrock,
Haley Sturrock, Luke Sturrock, and Justin Sturrock. Mrs. Sturrock was born to Bob and Minnie Lee Morrell on May 24, 1932 in Tyler County, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Chester where she was very supportive of the members of her community. She was a member of Caney Creek Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents Bob and Minnie Lee Morrell; husband Charles D. “Shorty” Sturrock; sister, Hazel Morrell Byers; and brother, Robert Morrell.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Charles D. and Cathy Sturrock of Huntsville, and Mark and Angie Sturrock of Parrish, Alabama; daughter, Cynthia Diane Sturrock of Chester; sister and brother-in-law Emma Lee and Odis Toney of Chester; brothers, Lester Peck Morrell of Moscow and Taylor Morrell of Chester; and six grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Ralph L. Myres**

Ralph L. Myres, 74, of Zavalla, Texas, died Friday, March 16, 2001 at Memorial Medical Center in Lufkin.

Services were held Sunday, March 18, at 1:30 p.m. in Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Rockland Cemetery in Rockland. Officiating at the services was Reverend Dean Hearnsberger, pastor of Colmesneil Assembly of God Church.

Serving as pallbearers were Terry Lamon, Joe Marshall, Mike Marshall, Jerry Lamon, Chester Marshall, and Paul Marshall.

Visitation was held on Saturday, March 17, 2001 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Myers was born at Nancy in Angelina County to George Milton and Edna Victoria Myres on September 25, 1926. He was a former resident of Beaumont and had lived in Zavalla for the past 3 years. He was a retired custodian from the South Park ISD in Beaumont and was a World War II, Navy and Air Force veteran.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Willard Myers and his sister, Helen Bell.

He is survived by his wife, Evalena Myres of Zavalla; sons, Jery Miller of Zavalla and Hubert Earl Miller of Phoenix, Arizona; brother, Kenneth Myers of Sillsbbee; sisters, Mary Marshell of Rockland, and Betty Lamon of Lufkin; 4 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Tara Mickaela Kayle Freestone**

Tara Mickaela Kaye Freestone, 2, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Thursday, March 15, 2001, in Colmesneil.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 19, at 2 p.m. in Agape church in Colmesneil, with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating at the services was Rev. Ginna Harrison, Pastor of Agape Church.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Anderson and Paul Freestone.

Visitation was held on Sunday, March 18, from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Tara was born July 7, 1998, at Galveston, Texas. She was a former resident of Legget and had lived in Colmesneil a short time.

She is survived by her parents, Paul and Laura Freestone of Colmesneil; brothers, Michael Paul Freestone and Joshua Ryan Freestone both of Colmesneil; sister, Emily Caitlyn Ann Freestone of Colmesneil; Grandparent, Agnes Freestone of Legget; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Gary Alan Cook**

Gary Alan Cook, 38, of Woodville, Texas, died Thursday, March 15, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 17, at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the service was Dr. Dwayne Freese, pastor of First Baptist Church in Woodville.
Serving as pallbearers were Walt Davis, Dr. James M. Brown, Kenneth Weaver, Dr. Gayle Burton, Jeff Morris, Gregg Wallace, Steve Taylor, and Clyde Taylor. Honorary pallbearers were the nursing staff and administration of Tyler County Hospital and the Tyler County Hospital Auxiliary.

Visitation was held on Friday, March 16, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Gary was born August 20, 1962 to Alva and Ivy Jo Cook, Jr. in Woodville. He was a lifelong resident of Woodville.

He is survived by his father and mother, Alva and Iva Jo Cook, Jr., of Woodville; sister, Teresa Cook Hanson of Austin; brother and sister-in-law, Rodney and Crystal Cook of Scottsboro, Alabama; grandmother, Della Hanks of Woodville; aunt and uncle, Alice and Jeff Morris of Houston.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Billy Don Gay

Billy Don Gay, 65, of Dallas, Texas, died at his home on February 26, 2001.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the service was Rev. Paul Jacks.

Mr. Gay was born to Arthur and Ruth Gay on July 2, 1935 in Snyder, Texas. He was employed with United Artist in Dallas.

He is survived by his niece, Darlene Gardner of Birmingham, Alabama; and great nephew, Donald A. Gardner of Birmingham, Alabama.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Henry Mangram Carroll

Harry Mangram Carroll, 68, of Hillister, Texas, died Tuesday March 13, 2001 at his residence in Hillister.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 15, at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating at the services was Brother Robert Cheek and Brother Charles Haynes.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Hickman, Lonnie Johnson, Al Prichard, Melvin Gilbert and Gerald Grimes and Weldon Leonard.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, March 14, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Carroll was born January 27, 1913 in Grimes County, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Hillister and was retired with 42 years of experience from Keller Industries in Woodville. He was a member of Hillister Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Carroll of Hillister; son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Rose Byers of Houston; daughters and sons-in-law, Dolores and Jimmy Ray Patterson of Cypress and Janice and Dick Hall of Colton, California; brother, Tommie Carroll, of California; sisters, Tommie Larsten of Houston, Patsy Baates of Pasadena, Sandy Briant of Crosby and Karen Dill of Nacogdoches; eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Deidre Denise Finley

Funeral service for Deidre Denise “Dede” Finley, 27, of Woodville, Texas, will be held Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Bill Gardner officiating. Burial will follow at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Mrs. Finley passed away March 17, 2001 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born August 2, 1973 in George Town, she lived in Tyler County most of her life. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her mother, June Clancy McKee.

She is survived by her husband, Patrick Gayland Finley of Woodville; father, Curtis McKee of Warren; brothers, Clancy McKee of Oakley, California and Casey McKee of Warren; sister, Robyn Dollinger of Vidor; grandmother, Robyn
Clancy of Cleburne; step-children, Laura Aarnold of Riverton, Louisiana, Megan Finley, Molly Finley, and McKenzie Finley of Sour Lake; nieces, Gabrielle Dollinger of Vidor and Shavla McKee of Warren; nephews, Jared Dollinger of Vidor and Brayden McKee of Warren.

Serving as pallbearers were her closest friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Phil Heber Reed, Jr.

A graveside service for Phil Heber Reed, Jr., 83, of Woodville, Texas, was held Saturday, March 17, 2001, at 1 p.m. at Midway Cemetery, in Polk County, with Rev. Burl Graham officiating.

Mr. Reed passed away March 14, 2001 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Born August 6, 1917 in Houston, he lived there most of his life before moving to Woodville 25 years ago. He was the owner of Gold Crest Hardware Store in Houston.

He is survived by his wife, Lelia Reed of Woodville; daughters, Carolyn Ann yarbrough of Rye and Suzanne Sudduth of Houston; step-sons, David Sterling Austin of Sherman and Charles G. Austin of Woodville; brother, Rege M. Reed of California; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Leonard Blackshire Conner

Funeral service for Leonard Blackshire “L.B.” Conner, 81, of Colmesneil, Texas, will be held Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at 3 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Ben Gibbs and Brother Durl Patrick officiating. Burial will follow at Colmesneil City Cemetery with the V.F.W. Post #2033 presenting the flag to the family.

Visitation will be held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Conner passed away March 18, 2001 at Woodland Heights Medical Center in Lufkin, Texas.

Born December 4, 1919 to John Thomas and Emma Holten Conner, he lived in Colmesneil all of his life. He was a heavy equipment operator for Tyler County and spent many years in the logging industry. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Wood Conner of Colmesneil; daughter, Jackie Russell of Colmesneil; sons, Leonard Burtis Conner, Sr. and Cleonard Curtis Conner, Sr. both of Colmesneil; step-children, Darlene Jackson of Georgia, Donald Patrick of Colmesneil and Kim Milner of Colmesneil; eight grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren and fifteen step-grandchildren.

Mr. Conner’s grandsons will serve as his pallbearers.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Gwen A. Brueck

Gwen A. Brueck, 95, of Woodville, Texas, died March 4, 2001, after two weeks illness in Tyler County Hospital.

Born July 15, 1905 to Elmer J. and Mattie Taylor, in Jennings, Louisiana. After she married she lived in Port Arthur and Groves, Texas. Gwen and her husband W.L. Brueck, Sr. retired to Woodville in 1964. W.L. preceded her in death in 1975. For the past year and a half she had been residing, with her sister, in The Orchard, an assisted living community in Woodville.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Garden Club and the First Baptist Church of Woodville. She was a Sunday School teacher, WMU and Training Union leader and homemaker.

Her memorial service was held March 6, in the Riley Funeral Home Chapel and burial was in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Dr. Raymond Parker officiated. Music was provided by her nieces, Vickie and Shae Harvey. Vickie accompanied Shae on the piano while she played a flute medley. Vickie sang “In the Garden” as a special request. The Eulogy was given by her grandson, Britt Taylor Morgan, and he played his acoustic guitar and sang a special song he had...
written, "I Will Mount Up With Wings As Eagles."

Grandsons and a nephew were her pallbearers, William Brueck, Mike Brueck, Jerry Cowan of Baytown, Britt Taylor Morgan of Arlington, Rick Shepherd of Kingwood, and Terry Bean of Bridge City.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, twol sisters, Velma Davis of Woodville and Geraldine Rourke of Texas City; broother, E.L. Taylor of Vero Beach, Florida; and son-in-law, Talmadge Morgan of Mt. Pleasant.

Survivors are her daughter, Dorothy Moragn of Mt. Pleasant; son, Dr. W.L. Brueck, Jr. of Kingwood; sister, Mildred Smith of the Orchard in Woodville; grandchildren, Britt Morgan of Arlington, Tessa Morgan Siegel of Los Angeles, California, William Brueck, Mike Brueck, Terry Cowan of Baytown, Tracy Solomon of New York; three great-grandcaughters; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Thelma Haynes Minyard

Thelma Haynes Minyard, 83, of Woodville, Texas, died Tuesday, March 20, 2001 at U.T.M.B. in Galveston.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 22, at 10:30 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the service was Brother Hails Taylor.

Serving as pallbearers were Mickey Minyard, Marty Fraley, Jerry Minyard, Randal Minyard, Johnny Rushing, and Bruce E. Kuerbis.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, March 21, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Minyard was born to Willis and Hettie Haynes on November 7, 1917 in Austin, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a retired teacher with W.I.S.D. She was a member ofthe Women's Reading Club, Retired Teacher's Association, Eastern Star, Golden Triangle Quilt Guild/County Quilters and the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gerald E. and Elina Ray Minyard of Pt. Neches, sister-in-law, Jiggs Minyard of Colmesneil; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Jesse Leon Fowler

Jesse Leon Fowler, 68, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Sunday, March 25, 2001, at his residence.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 27, at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Gregory Cemetery near Colmesneil. The honors of the flag was conferred upon the family by members of the V.F.W. Post #2033. Masonic rites were offered by Yellowpine Lodge #679. Officiating at the services were Brother Durl Patrick and Brother Larry Dondren.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Fondren, Mack Anthony, Wade Skinner, William Jacobson, Buddy Fondren and Joe Marshall.

Visitation was held on Monday, March 26 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Fowler was born August 30, 1932 to Smith and Zemma Fowler in Colmesneil. He was a lifelong resident of Colmesneil and was a former Tyler County Commissioner and Sheriff. He was a member of Yellowpine Masonic Lodge #679, VFW Post #2033 and Katy Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife Thelma Jean Fowler of Colmesneil; daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda Gail Payne, Glenda Rene and Billy Snider, and Gina Denise and Chastyn Graham of Colmesneil; sisters, Evelyn Mahan of Colmesneil, Arnice Spence of Houston, Nell Fuller of Woodville and Helen Craven of Emilee; six grandchildrenJustin Wayne and Heather Diane Mitcham, Bridgette Danielle Snider, William Brandon Snider, Jesse Marcus Payne, Haley Jean Rains, and Hannah Leigh Guillory; one great granddaughter, Alicyn Diane Mitcham.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Shirley Rose Wilburn

Cremation services for Shirley Rose Wilburn, 59, of Woodville, Texas, were held under the
Mrs. Wilburn died March 21, 2001, in Houston, Texas. She was born May 18, 1941 in San Diego, California. She lived in Woodville many years. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Dave Wilburn of Woodville; mother, Luvern E. Cook of Woodville; daughters, Myr Magehee of Woodville and Tracy Spears of New Albany, Indiana; son, Raymond Young of Arkansas; brothers, Leonard E. Cook of LaPort and George L. Cook; ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Harvester Scott, Sr.

Harvester Scott, Sr., 73, of Hillister, Texas, died Sunday, March 18, 2001, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 24 at 1 p.m. at the Little Baptist Church in Hillister, with Rev. Bobby Cruse officiating. Burial followed at the Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister.

Mr. Scott was a native of Jasper, and lived in Woodville a number of years before residing in Hillister. He was married to the late Stella Mae Foster Scott.

He became an Entrepreneur of Agriculture at the Richardson Dogwood Acres Ranch in Woodville. Harvester developed and managed his own business of agriculture in Hillister, known to the family as The Circle S.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen R. “Deanna” Scott, Sr. of Hillister and Harvester Scott, Jr. of Beaumont; four grandchildren, Devin Smith, Devon Smith, Stephen R. Scott, Jr. and Drew Scott of Hillister; one sister, Emma Alice Telford of Woodville.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Fred Scott

Fred Scott, 96, of Doucette, Texas, died Sunday, March 18, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. Funeral services, officiated by Rev. Will Limbrick, were held Thursday, March 22, at 1 p.m. at the Moss Hill Baptist Church near Woodville, with burial at Moss Hill Community Cemetery.

He was a native of Emilee, Texas and lived there a number of years before moving to Doucette. He was also a retired logger.

Survivors include two daughters, Johnny Mae Jackson and Evelyn Sowell of Houston.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Earnest Robinson

Earnest Robinson, Sr., 69, of Hillister, Texas, died Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at his residence. Funeral services officiated by Rev. Bobby Cruse, were held Friday, March 23, at 1 p.m. at the Little Baptist Church in Hillister. Burial followed at the Hillister Community Cemetery.

Mr. Robinson was a native of Doucette, but resided in Hillister for many years.

Survivors include three sons, Earnest Robinson, Jr. of Houston, Cedric Ray Robinson of Hillister, and Johnny Ray Robinson of Amarillo; daughter, Ethel Faye Garner of Houston; stepdaughter, Elaine Monroe of Houston; and a host of grandchildren and other relatives.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Leroy Blackmon

Leroy Blackmon, 81, of Houston, Texas, died March 22, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 29 at the True Vine Baptist Church in Doucette with burial at the Doucette Community Cemetery. The Rev. J. Booker officiated at the services.

He was a native of Doucette, and had lived in Houston a number of years. He was a retired bricklayer with the Long Star Cement Corp. in Houston.

Survivors include four sisters, Ruby Brooks, Sharon Baker and Gaynell Pierre of Doucette, and
Ester Gill of Woodville; three brothers, Jerry Blackmon of Hillister, Erskin Blackmon, Jr., and Robert L. Balckmon, Sr., of Doucette.

Huey Lee Williams

Huey Lee Williams, 49, of Woodville, Texas, died March 25, 2001, at his residence. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 31, at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville with Rev. James Mitchell officiating. Burial followed at the Doucette Community Cemetery.

He was a native of Doucette, Texas and was a logger.

Survivors include a daughter, Audrey Bean of Woodville; mother, Jerrylene Williams of Doucette; sisters, Beverly Hadnot and Josephene Williams of Beaumont and Nadene Barlow of Woodville; and five grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Vina Caldwell Gartner

Vina Gartner passed away Friday, March 30, 2001, after a short illness. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis H. Gartner, in June, 1991. Her brother, Rowe D. Caldwell, Sr., and sisters Katherine Stanley and Fay Riley also preceded her.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, in the church of her birth, Haynie Chapel Methodist Church of Garfield, followed by interment in the Haynie Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Gartner was born December 23, 1906, in a small cabin on the Caldwell farm by the Colorado River near Garfield, Texas. She graduated from Austin High School in 1924, and graduated from the University of Texas in 1929 with a degree in Home Economics. After her first teaching assignment in Midlothian, Texas, she moved to Corpus Christi and retired after a long teaching career with the Corpus Christi schools. She was a life member of Texas Retired Teachers and the American Association of University Women. She was also a member of Corpus Christi Association of Retired Teachers, the National Association of Retired Teachers, and a Silver Sister in the honorary teachers’ sorority of Alpha Delta Kappa. In Corpus Christi, she was a member of the First Methodist Church, the Conley Wesley Bible Class, and United Methodist Women.

She is survived by her children, Joella Gartner Knapp of Woodville and Robert Louis Gartner of Austin; grandchildren, James Caywood Knapp of Woodville, Christopher Louis Knapp of Austin, Robert Thomas Knapp of Hurst, David Robert Gartner of Austin, Laura Ann Gartner of Canyon Lake, and Katherine Louise Jewell of New Braunfels; great-granddaughter, Lauren Elizabeth Jewell of New Braunfels, and numerous nephews and nieces.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the caring staff of the Heartland Health Care Center and Hycrest House Group Home, both of Austin.

Services under the direction of Amey Funeral Home of Austin, Texas.

Lillie Nolan

Lillie Nolan, 63, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Saturday, March 31, 2001 at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 4 at 2 p.m. at Farmer Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper, with burial to follow in Frank’s Branch Cemetery in Fred.

Visitation was held Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Nolan was a native of Welch, Louisiana. Before retirement she was the manager of Adams Department Store in Winnie.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Nolan of Woodville; son, Bryan Nolan of Winnie; two daughters, Paughnee Fontenot of Dallas and La Sonya Nolan of Woodville; four brothers, Willard Thibodeaux of Haynes, Louisiana, Walter Thibodeaux, Calvin Thibodeaux, and Theodore Thibodeaux of Winnie; three sisters, Marie Craycraft of Bledsoe, Kentucky, Lillian Wright of...
Jasper and Thelma Cain of Warren. And four grandchildren.

**Johnny Lee Huff**

A memorial graveside service for Johnny Lee Huff, 78, will be held Wednesday, April 4, 2001, at 2 p.m. at the Pedigo Cemetery near Town Bluff, Texas.

Mr. Huff passed away March 25, in California. Born August 25, 1922 to Beenie and Johnathan R. Huff, he grew up in East Texas before moving to California.

Mr. Huff was a fireman in Palo Alto, California. He worked in Real Estate and the Viking Satellite program at Varian Associates in California. He was a WW II Air Force veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Juanita Louise Huff of Turlock, California; daughters, Barbara Hayes of San Jose, California, Carol McCabe of Yorktown, Va., and Donna Vasko of Turlock, California; sister, Mattie Lou Hinson of Jasper; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Veda Ashford Jones**

Funeral service for Veda Ashford Jones, 95, of Woodville, Texas, will be held April 4, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. at San Jacinto Memorial park in Houston.

Mrs. Jones was born December 29, 1905 in Red Rock, Bastrop County, Texas, to William and Mary Ashford. She lived most of her life in the Houston area before moving to Woodville three years ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her two daughters, LaVern Bragg of Broadus and Edna Mae Bundick of Fannett; daughter-in-law, Frances Jones of Houston; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons and great-grandsons, Jimmy Frazier, Steven Frazier, John Frazier, Hank Bundick, Steven Parker, and Wesley Parker.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Kathleen Suzanne Galiano Peacock**

Kathleen “Kitty” Suzanne Galiano Peacock died April 6, 2001, in the Tyler County Hospital at Woodville, Texas, after a long battle with emphysema and related health problems. She was 76, born July 31, 1924 in Beaumont. She was educated in the public schools and won honors as a champion debater in statewide competitions. Gifted with a rich soprano voice, she studied classical music and sang for weddings, funerals, other special events, on radio programs, and for dance orchestras. During World War II she served in the U.S. Navy at Naval Intelligence Operations in Washington, D.C. In 1948 she married Howard Peacock, a Beaumont newspaper reporter and feature writer.

The couple moved to Houston in 1951. She became active in the First Unitarian Church and helped integrate the then all-white congregation by enrolling two daughters of a single African American woman in her Sunday School class. She also sang in the choir and played leading roles in productions of the Channing Players, the church’s theatrical group which she helped form. In 1959, while serving as a volunteer in the headquarters of the Harris County Democrats, she was asked by Mrs.R.D. Randolph, then national Democratic Party Committeewoman for Texas, to become her secretary. She served as Mrs. Randolph’s personal secretary and assistant for the 12 years of Randolph’s legendary leadership of liberal causes in Texas. After Mrs. Randolph retired due to illness, Kitty turned her efforts to various humanitarian projects in the community. She marched with the Reverend Bill Lawson in the Freedom Marches of the 1960’s. In 1976 she and Howard moved to Woodville. She participated in the educational and civic projects of the Women’s Study Club until illness led to her retirement. In all her endeavors
through the years, Kitty was known for her abilities, energy, loyalty, wit and good humor, outspoken opinions, and striking good looks (5'2" and 103 lbs., near-perfect figure and fine features). Emphysema and its complications took a severe toll on her physical presence, but it was the beauty of her spirit and character that attracted and cemented lifelong friendships throughout Texas and elsewhere. She was a dutiful and devoted citizen, a delightful companion, great friend, and for 52 years, a truly wonderful wife. As one friend said, “She was a shining soul”. She willed her remains to medical research and education. She is survived by her husband, Howard, of Woodville; sister, Elaine Potter of Oak Ridge, Tennessee; two brothers and their wives, August and Beth Galiano of Houston and John and Karen Galiano of Lancaster, PA; nieces, nephews, and numerous cousins and their families.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston, 5210 Fannin St. Friends and relatives are welcome.

**Harold F. Miller**

Harold F. “Pop” Miller, 83, of Town Bluff, Texas, passed away April 9, 2001 at Woodville Heights Hospital in Lufkin.

Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 11. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Visitation was held from 6 - 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

A native of Columbia, Louisiana and former resident of Beaumont for 78 years, and had lived in Town Bluff for 6 years. He was a self-employed mechanic.

Survivors include close friends Richard and Brenda Johnston of Town Bluff.

**Shawn Wade Thomason**

Funeral service for Shawn Thomason, 18, of Chester, Texas, was held Tuesday at Chester High School gym, with Brother Hails Taylor and Mark Martin officiating. Burial followed at Mount Hope Cemetery near Chester.

Shawn died April 5, 2001 in Polk County from an automobile accident.

He was born January 12, 1983 in Galveston, and was a lifelong resident of Chester. He was a Senior at Chester High School. Shawn was a member of the football team, basketball team, track, U.I.L. and F.F.A.

Survivors include his parents, William P. Thomason and Charlane Waters Thomason of Chester; brothers, Billy Thomaso, Shane Thomason, and Wesley Thomason all of Chester; sister, Chellie Thomason of Chester; grandfather, Willie Simons of Splendora and grandmother, Lana Waters of Houston and step-grandmother, Chrystal Simons of Splendora; two nephews and one niece.

Pallbearers were the Chester High School football team.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Eva D. Cornelius**

Funeral service for Eva D. Cornelius, 84, of Woodville, Texas, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Dwayne Freese officiating. Burial will follow at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville.

Mrs. Cornelius died April 8, 2001, at her resident. She was born July 30, 1916 in Somerville, Texas. She lived in Pasadena most of her life before moving to Woodville 24 years ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, J.M. and Shirley Cornelius of Zavalla; sisters, Virginia Dickey of Pasadena and Alyce Sublette of Athens; sister-in-law, Grace Cornelius of Katy; two grandchildren, Sheilia Hill and Debbie Carroll; five great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Russ Pilgrim, Trey Allison, Dr. Brian Babin, Guy Lafoy, C.S. O'Neal, and Huntley Kenesson.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Vincent B. Celestine

Vincent B. Celestine, 81, of the Alabama Coushatta Indian Reservation died Wednesday, April 4, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 7, at 10 a.m. in the First Texas Indain Baptist Church with burial in the Indian Village Cemetery at the Alabama Coushatta Indian Reservation. Officiating at the services was Brother Shawn Runquist, pastor of First Texas Indian Baptist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were Johnson Williams, Thomas Johnson, Jeff Welch, Jon Welch, Ben Thomason, and Amon Sylestine.

Visitation was held on Friday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the First Texas Indian Baptist Church with a community wake service being held at 7 p.m. at the church.

Mr. Celestine was born to Joshua and Cathreen Celestine on January 30, 1920 at the Alabama Coushatta Indian Reservation where he was a lifelong resident. He was a licensed minister and had worked as a logger, butcher, and carpenter and was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Beaumont.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Battise Celestine on March 13, 1982 and two of his grandchildren, Carlton Wade Langley and Rhonda Gaye Celestine and one great grandson, Brad Lewis Williams.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Nelson and Vivian Celestine of Gowanda, NY. And Sadler and Carol Celestine of Alvin; daughter, Nancy Abbey of Alabama Coushatta Indian Reservation; brother, Tillman Celestine of Lufkin; eight grandchildren, Colette Marie Celestine and Anthony Glenn Celestine both of Alvin, Rosanne Langley and Erwin Neil Langley both of Alabama Coushatta Indian Reservation, Ramona Michelle Celestine of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Valerie Ayn Sylestine of Austin, Gabriel Lynn Celestine of Livingston, and Bryant Jefferson Celestine of River Falls, WI; and seven great-grandchildren, Ross Abbey III, Iven Scott Abbey, Troy Adam Langley, Tamara Elise Langley, Laine Neil Langley, Hailey Braxton Celestine, and Conner Nelson Celestine.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Bernice Sturrock

Bernice “Bunny” Sturrock, 77, of Warren, Texas, passed away at Dogwood Trails Manor on March 31, 2001. Graveside service was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Beaumont on April 2, 2001, under the direction of Broussard’s Funeral Home.

Born in Kennebunk, Maine on April 19, 1923, she lived in Beaumont many years before moving to Warren in 1973. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Sturrock in 1974.

She was a registered nurse, having taught nursing at Baptist Hospital and Lamar University in Beaumont. In her later years she worked for Home Health in the Woodville area. She also served her country in the Army Air Corps during World War II. She was a member of Warren Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her sister Barbara Palovich and husband Paul of Mesa, Arizona; sister, Carole Coker and husband Dick of Woodville; twelve nieces and nephews; and a host of friends including her special roommate at Dogwood Trails, Emma Raspberry.

Willie Ray Jordan

Funeral service for Willie Ray Jordan, 59, of Spurger, Texas, was held Friday, April 13, 2001 at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Spurger with Brother Paul Boughan officiating. A Masonic service by the Snow River Lodge #385 and an Eastern Star service held by the Spurger Order of the Eastern Star #315 was held at the church.

Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the funeral home and Saturday at the church.

Mr. Jordan passed away April 11, 2001, at Dickerson Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

Born August 13, 1941 in Spurger, to Willie Jackson and Mae Perkins Jordan, he lived in
Spurger all of his life.

He was a pipefitter for Pipeliners Local Union #798 out of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Snow River Masonic Lodge #385 and Spurger Order of the Eastern Star #315.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jordan of Spurger; daughter, Kimberly Colbert of Metford, N.J.; son, Troy Jordan of Mt. Laurel, N.J.; and a host of family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were the masons of the Snow River Lodge #385.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Leonard English**

Funeral services for Leonard English, 67, of Jasper, Texas, will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2001, in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper, with burial to follow in Beech Creek Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the funeral home.

Mr. English died Monday, April 16, 2001, at Woodland Heights Medical Center in Lufkin. He was a native of Buna and a longtime Jasper area resident.

He retired from the U.S. Navy after 25 years of service. He was a life member of the Lincoln Lodge #34, F.&A.M. Olongapo City, Philippines, and a life member of the Cavite Commandery Knights Temple.

He is survived by his father, Jonas English of Hillister; wife, Esther English of Jasper; sons, Leonard English of Frisco, California, Jonas English of Long Beach, California, Lester English of Jasper; daughters, Margarette Olivier of Warren, Regina Hopkins of Old Ocean, Texas, Eslen English of Jasper; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

**Hester Spurlock**

Hester Spurlock, 89, of Warren, Texas, died Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at the Dogwood Trailsmanor Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 13 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Franks Branch Cemetery in Fred. Officiating at the services was Brother John Spanhanks,

Serving as pallbearers were Omer Hall, Harold Davis, Danny Allen, Tim Knight, Perry Smith, and B.J. Elliott.

Visitation was held Thursday, April 12 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Spurlock was born June 26, 1911 to Perry
and Dessie Yawn in Fred, Texas. She was a long time resident of Warren and was a member of First Baptist Church of Warren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, D.A. Spurlock on January 20, 1991. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Carl “Buddy” and Jean Spurlock of Warren; daughters and son-in-law, Jewel and Floyd Inman and Lois Wills of Warren; three grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Joyce Carol Carter

Funeral service for Joyce Carol Carter, 74, of Woodville, Texas, was held Friday, April 12, 2001 at 1 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Joe Saffle officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Mrs. Carter passed away April 11, 2001, at her residence.

Born December 31, 1926 in Tampa, Florida, she lived in Woodville many years. She was a retired insurance adjustor.

She is survived by sisters, Doris Ready of Dade City, Florida and Janice Smith of Houston; sisters-in-law, Mary E. Moye and Jean Mott of Warren; several nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Dick Johnston, Ray Wilson, Eddie Pickett, Johnny Moye, Tommy Moye, and Roger Mott.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Harold Francis Miller

Funeral service for Harold Francis “Pop” Miller, 83, was held Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at 3 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Darrel Johnston officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening, April 10, at the funeral home.

Mr. Miller passed away April 9, 2001 at the Woodland Heights Hospital in Lufkin.

Born March 6, 1918 in Louisiana, he lived in the Town Bluff area for many years. He was a self employed mechanic.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Helen “Sweetie” Miller; sons, John W. Beard and James E. Beard.

He is survived by his step-daughters, Judi McGrew of Willis and Vivian Mitchell of Dallas; three step-grandsons and two step-granddaughters; dear friends, Richard and Brenda Johnston of Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were Jeff Johnston, Mason Gobert, Ronnie Walton, Tommy Peterson, Roger McGee, and Jim Gunter.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jessie Dale Richards

A memorial service for Jessie Dale Richards, 63, of Warren, Texas, was held Thursday, April 12, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Warren with Brother Bobby Hoffpauir officiating.

Mr. Richards passed away April 10, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born October 19, 1937 in San Augustine wo William Lester and Betha Adkins Richards, he lived in Warren for many years. He was the owner of D & B Machine Shop. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church of Warren.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Richards of Warren; son, Robert Bruce Richards of Houston; daughter, Kimberly Dawn Chapin of Rockwall; brothers, Tommy Richards and Dexter Richards; sisters, Lucille Rawls, Mary Bolton, Marjorie Johnson, and Yvonne Putnam; grandchildren, Elisabeth Ashley Richards, Cameron Jarod Chapin, and Sarah Elisabeth Chapin.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Alvin Gonzales

Funeral service for Alvin Gonzales, 81, of Warren, Texas, was held Friday, April 13, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother George Standley officiating. A military graveside service was held at 2 p.m at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Beaumont.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Gonzales passed away April 11, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston.

Born October 11, 1919 in Burleson County, Texas, he lived in Beaumont before moving to Warren 38 years ago. He was a retired oil field pumper for Santa Fe Oil and had worked for the Warren Water District. He was a WW II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Elsit Thelma Gonzales of Warren; sons, George Edward Allensworth of Warren and David Allensworth of Bridge City; daughter, Betty P. Gonzales of Texas City; twelve grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Johnny Swafford, Donald Buckner, Travis Glaze, Richard Allensworth, Clifton Allensworth and Lamar Harmon.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Elva Martine Ratcliff

Funeral service for Elva Martine Ratcliff, 60, of Town Bluff, Texas, was held Saturday, April 14, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Agape Church in Colmesneil with the Rev. Gina Harrison officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Ratcliff passed away April 11, at the Lufkin Memorial Hospital.

Born January 29, 1941 in Galveston to Wilbur and Mae Henry Yelton, she lived in Woodville most of her life. She was a member of the Agape Church and she was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, John Ratcliff of Town Bluff; daughter, Michelle Shird of Woodville; sisters, Laurie Jones of Galveston, Betty Sanderson of Woodville, Rose Barber of Woodville and Lydia Erb of New Caney.

Serving as pallbearers were Eddie Sanderson, Dan W. Sanderson, Ed Sanderson, Sam Barber, Paul Barber and Albert R. Barber.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

William Robert Ditchcreek

Visitation for William Robert Ditchcreek, 79, of Warren, Texas, was held Sunday, April 15, 2001, from 4 until 8 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at a later date in Loma Linda, California.

Mr. Ditchcreek passed away April 13, at his residence.

Born August 14, 1921 in Midfield, Ohio, he lived in Rialto, California and Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania before moving to Warren many years ago. He was a retired coal miner in Pennsylvania and was retired from the Rialto Unified School District. He was a WW II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Ditchcreek of Warren; daughters, Wilma Jean Phillips of Wheatridge, Colorado, Brenda Hatzidakis of Youk, Pennsylvania, Bonita Wagner of Highland, California, Patricia Juull of Saratoga, California; step-daughter, Patricia Landry of Lumberton; step-sons, Roger Domron of Chattanooga, Tennessee and James Damron of San Antonio; sisters, Margaret Zembreski of Martinsville, Virginia and Elissa Ditchcreek of Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania; brothers, Walter Ditchcreek of Martinsville, Virginia and Leo Ditchcreek of Indiana; thirteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Mattie Lourena Van Pelt Baimbridge

Funeral service for Mattie Lourena Van Pelt Baimbridge, 73, of California, will be held Saturday, April 21, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Spurger.

Ms. Baimbridge passed away April 9, in California.

Ms. Baimbridge lived most of her life in the Southeast Texas area before moving to California three years ago to be near her son.

She is survived by her son, Wayne Baimbridge of Lemeceila, California; daughter, Cheryl Juarz of Orlando, Florida; sisters, Betty Reddick of Lancaster, California and Mary Beth Hicks of Spurger; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Paul T. Enloe

Paul T. Enloe, 73, of Tyler, Texas, died Saturday, April 14, 2001, in a Tyler Hospital.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lloyd James Funeral Chapel in Tyler with burial in Cathedral in the Pines, Tyler, Texas. Officiating at the services was Dr. Darryle Dunks.

Mr. Enloe was born August 17, 1927 in Beaumont, Texas. He had lived in Tyler for 8 years and was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church. He was retired from Sun Oil Co. where he worked as a Geologist and was a WW II Army veteran. He was a graduate of Texas A&M where he received a B.S. in Geology and Masters in Engineering.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Enloe of Tyler; daughter and son-in-law, Molly and Paul Higgins of Ft. Worth; sons and daughters-in-law, John and Darlene Enloe of Tyler, Dave and Leslie Enloe of Houston; brother, David P. Enloe of Woodville; six grandchildren, Terence, Meredith, and Elizabeth Enloe of Tyler, Tyler and Michael Enloe of Houston and Hannah Higgins of Ft. Worth.

Services were under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home of Tyler, Texas.

Daisy Lee Smith Henderson

Daisy Lee Smith Henderson 88, of San Francisco, California, passed away March 15, 2001, in San Mateo, California.

At her request Mrs. Henderson was cremated and her ashes were placed in the grave of her late husband, Claud Roland Henderson. A graveside service was held at 2:30 p.m. March 23, at Mr. Olivet Cemetery, Colma, California.

A native of rural Georgia, born October 12, 1912, she and her beloved husband Claud, married on October 6, 1940 and moved to San Francisco immediately after. They had two daughters and one son before he died of cancer in 1956.

Survivors include her daughters and son-in-law, Darlene and Jack Ellis, and Delilah Swenson; son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Helen Henderson; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Billie Gene Wallet

Billie Gene Wallet, 73, of Woodville, Texas, died Saturday, April 14, 2001, at DuBuis Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, April 18, at 2 p.m. in Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Holland Cemetery near Village Mills. Officiating at the service will be Brother Leland Lanier.

Serving as pallbearers will be Lonnie Wallet, Charlie Wallet, David Wallet, John Hawley and Steven Hill.

Visitation was held Tuesday, April 17 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Wallet was born June 1, 1927 to Edwin and Camalee Wallet in Village Mills. He was formerly a resident of Houston and had lived in Woodville for the past ten years. He was a retired pipe inspector for Tex Tube and was a U.S. Army Korean veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Wallet of Woodville; sons and daughter-in-law, Jason Wallet of Conroe and Mark and Dee Wallet of Willis; daughters and sons-in-law, Vicky and David Keeton of Cypress, Christal and Billy Jack Mullins.
of Woodville, and Janell and Keith Taylor of Houston; brother and sister-in-law, Sylvester and Edna Wallet of Village Mills; sister, Janet Hawley of Village Mills; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Olga Sallee

Olga Sallee, 98, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, April 20, 2001, at the Woodville Convalescent Center.

Graveside services were held Sunday, April 22 at 2:30 p.m. in the Restlawn Cemetery in Vidor. Officiating at the service was her grandson, Steve Sharpless.

Private family visitation was held Saturday afternoon at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sallee was born May 28, 1902 to Edward and Emily Hoeser in Ukraine, Russia. She was a former resident of Vidor and had lived in Woodville for the past five years. She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Vidor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edmond V. Sallee and her son, Edmond E. “Bud” Sallee.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Ruth and Jim Huskey of Woodville and Dorothy Sharpless of Beaumont; ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

George Higgins

A memorial service for George Higgins, 80, of Woodville, Texas, will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Hillister Baptist Church with Brother Alex Rawls officiating.

Mr. Higgins passed away April 19, at the Woodland Heights Medical Center in Lufkin.

Born May 11, 1920 in Smithfield, West Virginia, he lived in Woodville for many years. He was a retired steel mill worker for U.S. Steel and a WW II Army veteran.

He is survived by his loving wife, Slyvia Lowe Higgins of Woodville; daughters, Cathy Higgins of Lorain, Ohio and Juanita Stackhous of Canton, Ohio; sons, Kenneth Stackhous of Lyria, Ohio, Tim Stackhous of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Leroy Stackhous of Smithfield, West Virginia; fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James Martin Ling

James Martin Ling, Sr., 92, of Vidor, Texas, died Wednesday, April 18, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating at the services was Brother Buddy McDaniel.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Carnley, John Carnley, Josh Carnley, Billy Carnley, Jim Nugent, Louis Fitzgerald, and Richard Carnley.

Visitation was held on Thursday, April 19 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Ling was born April 11, 1909 to martin and Rehamer Ling in Zavalla, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Vidor and was a retired shipfitter and welder for Bethlehem Steel.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorine Zora McKee Ling in 1988.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Lonnie and Deltha Ling of Colmesneil, James M. “Jimmy” and Laura Ling, Jr. of Houston, and Wayne and Mary Ling of Houston; daughters, Mary Frances Hamilton of Sacramento, California, Patricia Ann Nesbitt of Cortland, California, and Sharon Kay Washington of Utah; sister, Mary Wood of Jasper; thirty-one grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
**John Howard Martin**

John Howard Martin, infant son of Richard L. Martin and Candy Knight of Spurger, Texas, died April 22, 2001 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, April 24 at 2 p.m. at Fred Community Cemetery in Fred. Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

A native of Jasper, he lived in Spurger. Other than parents, he is survived by his sisters, Stacy Knight and Lisa Knight, of Spurger; brother, Richard Martin of Spurger; grandparents, Peggy and John Reid and Linda Sparks, of Spurger; great-grandparents, Dorothy Gore of Spurger, Bobbie Mitchell of Brookeland and Robert Key of Silsbee.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

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**Gable Lee Stewart**

Funeral service for Gable Lee "Gabe" Stewart, 60, of Woodville, Texas, was held Thursday, April 19, 2001 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Sister Gina Harrison officiating. Burial followed at Shady Grove Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held Wednesday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Stewart passed away April 16, at the Tyler County hospital.

Born March 5, 1941 in Jacksonville to Delbert and Jeffie Stewart. He lived in Jacksonville most of his life before moving to Woodville 18 years ago. He was a self employed reliable life insurance agent and a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran. He was a member of the Agape Church. He was instrumental in starting the AA Chapter in Woodville.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rose Broom Stewart of Woodville; sons, Bart Stewart of Huntsville and Kevin A. Stewart of Woodville; sister, Lillian Lang of Jacksonville; brothers, D.L. Stewart of Troup and Hall Stewart of Lufkin; two granddaughters, Cassie Stewart and Audrie Rae Stewart of Houston; and a host of family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Rose, Mark Stewart, James Stewart, Randy Stewart, Jerry Hughes, and Kenneth Broom.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

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**Johnnie Alvin Edwards**

Johnnie Alvin Edwards, 90, of Woodville, Texas, died April 23, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 4 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The funeral service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Charlett Funeral Home in Zachary, Louisiana.

A native of Central, Louisiana, he lived in Baton Rouge most of his life before moving to Woodville 6 years ago. He was a retired heavy equipment operator for Exxon Refinery.

He is survived by his son, Johnnie L. Edwards of Woodville; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Service was under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

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**Linnie Mae Gillespie**

Linnie Mae Gillespie, 89, of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, April 22, 2001, at her residence.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 25, at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Brother Charles Haynes and Brother John Spanhanks.

Serving as pallbearers will be Don E. Calhoon III, Richard Burton, Sam Hilburn, Robert Wisenbaker, James Ewing, and Ronnie Tucker. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Doyle Tucker, Kenneth Earl Ewing, R.J. Courtner, Mike Hogan, Bill Cloyd, and James Cloyd.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, April 24 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Gillespie was born to William Henry and Spicy Argalus Cliburn on August 5, 1912 in...
Colmesneil, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a member of First Baptist Church of Doucette.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Dollie McCullum Eddings**

Graveside service for Dollie Eddings, 92, of Woodville, Texas, was held April 30, 2001, at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil, with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating.

Mrs. Eddings died April 27, at Holiday Pines Manor in Woodville.

A native of Mississippi, she had lived in Tyler County 40 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

Survivors include her two grandsons, Tommy Freeman and Paul Freeman of Woodville; five great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Olga Hinson Ward**

Olga Hinson Ward, age 94, of Stamps, Arkansas, died April 28, 2001, in the Tyler County Hospital, Woodville, Texas. She had resided in the Woodville Convalescent Center for the past two years.

Born July 27, 1906, she was the daughter of Edgar A. and Melvina Lott Hinson of Campbellton, Florida. Mrs. Ward had been a long-time resident of Malone, Florida, where she was the Postmistress for many years.

After World War II, she and her husband, the late Robert Edward Ward, moved to Woodville, where he was a wood dealer for International Paper Company. In 1955, the Wards moved to Stamps, Arkansas, where Mr. Ward operated Stamps’ first woodyard.

Mrs. Ward was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stamps, was active in the Stamps Woman’s Study Club and was a loyal supporter of the Stamps library.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Edward Foxx Ward.

Survivors include a daughter, Olga Ward English and husband Paul J. English of Magnolia; son, William Robert Ward and wife, Maxine, of Malvern, Arkansas; daughter, Annette Ward Smith of Woodville; twelve grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

A family visitation will be held at the A.O. Smith Funeral Home in Stamps, Arkansas, from 5 - 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 1.

Services for Mrs. Ward will be held at the Stamps First Baptist Church at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 2.

**C.E. Crowder**

Services for C.E. “Papa” Crowder, 98, of Diboll, Texas, will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in the Diboll First Baptist Church with Rev. C.G. “Buster” Grigg and Rev. Jeff Robinson officiating. Interment will follow in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Mr. Crowder was born December 6, 1902, in Sugar Town, Louisiana, to the late Sarah Carroway and Herbert Crowder. He died Wednesday, May 2, 2001, in a Lufkin hospital.

Mr. Crowder was retired school teacher and principal for the Texas and Louisiana Public School Systems. He served in the U.S. Navy during WW II. Mr. Crowder was a member of the Diboll First Baptist Church. Formerly a resident of Woodville, he had resided in Diboll for the past fourteen years.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Barbara Wyatt of Waco; sisters-in-law, Thelma Crowder and Margie Emory, of Houston; grandsons, Jay Wyatt and wife, Kaye of Diboll and Brad Wyatt of Waco; granddaughter, Shannon Wyatt of Waco; great grandchildren, J.J. Wyatt and Chancy Wyatt, of Diboll; as well as a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mr. Crowder was preceded in death by his wife Catherine in 1986.

The family will receive friends from 6 - 8 p.m. Thursday evening at the Gipson - Metcalf Funeral
Helen Bernice Thompson

Helen Bernice Thompson, 84, of Woodville, Texas, died Thursday, May 3, 2001, in Beaumont. Mrs. Thompson was born February 13, 1917 in Clinton, Oklahoma. She was a homemaker.

A memorial service was held at Warren Church of Christ on Monday, May 7, at 10 a.m. Cremation will be at Beaumont Haven of Rest Crematory under the direction of Kelley - Watkins Funeral Home.

She is survived by her son Marvin E. Spurlock of Livingston; daughter, Vivian Carol Futral of Houston; sister, Pauline Johnson of Texarkana; 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren;1 great-great-grandchild; and numerous other relatives.

Services were under the direction of Kelley-Watkins Funeral Home.

Marjorye Hurst

Marjorye Hurst, 88, of Colmesneil, Texas, died May 5, 2001, at Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, May 7, at 11 a.m. at Broussard’s Mortuary Chapel on Major Drive in Beaumont. Visitation will be on Sunday from 5 - 8 p.m. at the mortuary.

A native of Pleasant Hill, Mississippi, she was a longtime resident of Beaumont before moving to Colmesneil in 1963. She was a Personnel Clerk for Bethlehem Steel Shipyard.

She is survived by her daughters, Beth Ann Smith of Colmesneil and Laura Jean Dishman of China; son, Herbert E. “Butch” Duhon, Jr. of Beaumont; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Frances Ellen Bingham Griffin

A graveside service for Frances Ellen Bingham Griffin, 91, of The Woodlands, Texas, was held Tuesday, May 8, at 11 a.m. at Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger with Kitty Shivers officiating.

Mrs. Griffin passed away May 5, 2001, in Conroe, Texas.

Born February 19, 1910 in Spurger, to Melanthon Parish and Bertie L. Collier Bingham. She lived in Beaumont most of her life before moving to the Woodlands. She was a retired buyer and salesperson for the White House and Palais Royal.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Ann Griffin of Conroe; sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and W.G. Shivers of Hill; grandsons, Jon K. Griffin of Houston and Joseph K. Griffin of Huntsville; granddaughters, Jennifer K. Griffin of Conroe and Gabriele Osborne of Lubbock.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Thomas L. Sisson, Sr.

Funeral and Masonic service for Thomas L. Sisson, Sr., 80, of Warren, Texas, will be held Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Troy Richardson officiating. A military graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster, Texas with Brother Larry Shine officiating.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Sisson passed away May 7, at his son’s home in Village Mills.

Born July 18, 1920 in Newlin, Louisiana to T.L. and Gay L. Phillips Sisson, he lived in Jasper most of his life before moving to Warren 18 years ago. He was a pipefitter for Shell Chemical Company with 31 years of service and a U.S. Navy WW II veteran. He was a member of the Myrta Mason Lodge and the VFW.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Wanda Sisson and a grandson, Michael McMillan.

He is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Dona McQueen of Hondo and Tom and Marsha Sisson of Village Mills; daughters and
sons-in-law, Marian and John Little of Harker Heights and Wanda and Roger Zwahr of Pasadena; brother, Walter Sisson of North Carolina; grandchildren, Tammy, Geoff, Brian McQueen, Trey and Meredith Little, Kaci Zwahr, Stephanie DeVarona, Jeremy and Jessica Sisson.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Jack DeVarona, Jeremy Sisson, Bobby Wilcox, Rodney McFarland, Larry Wilcox, and Trey Little.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Ruth Elizabeth Archer**

Ruth Elizabeth Archer, 71, of LaMarque, Texas, died May 2, 2001 at her residence.

Funeral service was held on May 4, at 10 a.m. at James Crowder Funeral Home in LaMarque with a graveside service at 4 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

A native of Tuscaloosa, Alabama and a former longtime resident of Woodville. She lived in LaMarque one year and was a retired Kroger meat wrapper.

Survivors include daughters, Susan Campbell of LaMarque and Barbara Teet of South Carolina; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Charles Ray Lewis**

Funeral service for Charles Ray Lewis, 56, will be held Wednesday, May 9, 2001 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother R. C. Tillery officiating. Burial will follow at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Lewis passed away May 3, in Houston, Texas.

Born October 21, 1944 in Houston to Hebert and Jenny V. Fortenberry Lewis, he lived in Tyler County most of his life. He was a pipe welder.

He is survived by his sons, Johnny Lewis of Waterford, New York, Bobby Lewis of Baytown, and Herschel Lewis of Houston; aunts, Pauline Broom, Joyce Smith, and Evelyn Fritsche; step-brother, Tim Howell; granddaughter, Brittany and Jade Lewis; step grandson, Chris Howell.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Earline Bryant Bates**

Earline Bryant Bares, 65, of Woodville, Texas, died Monday, May 14, 2001, at her residence.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Shady Grove Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Brother Tom Owen.

Serving as pallbearers will be Bob Fails, Myron Siebe, David Davis, Sherman Mitchell, Scott Yosko, and Kenny Bryant.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 16 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Bates was born March 3, 1936 to Eulas Eldridge and Helen Dill Bryant in Abilene, Texas. She was a former resident of Baytown and had lived in Woodville for the past twelve years. She has worked in the VFW Auxiliary and the Voice of Democracy, where she served as district president in 1988-1989. She had been a member of the White Tail Ridge Volunteer Fire Department where she served as secretary and auxiliary president.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Wayne Bates of Woodville; sons, Wayne Bates, Jr. of Louisiana and Earl Dean Bates of Baytown; daughter, Susan Bates of Woodville; sisters-in-law, Janet Bryant and Maureen Bryant both of Baytown; uncle, Neville Bryant of Merkel; aunt, Jody Cliark of Dayton and Laverne Crews of Spring.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Done E. Long**


Graveside services were held Friday, May 11, at 10 a.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.
Officiating at the services was Dr. Dwayne Freese, pastor of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

Visitation was held on Thursday, May 10 from 6 - 7 at the funeral home.

Mr. Long was born December 9, 1909 to William Joseph and Ida Barnwell Long in Walnut Grove, Arkansas. He was a retired accountant with First Savings and Loan in Beaumont and was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

He is survived by his daughter, Donna Kay Jordan of Gulf Breeze, Florida; step son and step-daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Kristie Easterling of Buna; step daughter and step son-in-law, Sherry and Pete Fain of Cedarville, Arkansas; and two grandchildren, Tripp and Lindsey.

Services under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Joshua Cowan

Joshua Cowan, 20, of Little Cypress, Texas, died Friday, May 11, 2001 at his home.

Services were held Sunday, May 13 at 1 p.m. at Dorman Funeral Home in Orange with the Rev. Woody Jackson, for pastor of Little Cypress Baptist Church officiating.

Visitation was held Saturday from 4 - 7 p.m. Interment was held at Ferrell Cemetery near Dam-B.

Mr. Cowan was born in Bremerhaven, Germany and was a former resident of Jasper. He was a former student of East Texas Baptist University and a member of Little Cypress Baptist Church and a graduate of Christian Liberty Academy.

He is survived by his parents George and Brenda Cowan of Little Cypress; brother, John Paul Cowan of Daphnee, Alabama; grandmother, Joyce Bunn of Colmesneil.

Services were under the direction of Dorman Funeral Home of Orange, Texas.

Alma Reid

A graveside service for Alma Reid, 86, of Woodville, Texas, was held Friday, May 11, 2001 at 11 a.m. at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville with Brother Troy Richardson officiating.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Reid passed away May 8, at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home.

Born July 17, 1914 in Spencer, Iowa, she lived in Houston for many years before moving to Woodville 27 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church in Woodville.

She is survived by her sons, Larry Reid of Keokuk, Iowa, Kristopher Reid and Thomas Reid both of Woodville; daughter, Michelle Reid of Lufkin; and three grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Joe Bandsma

A graveside service for Joe Bandsma, 85, of Woodville, Texas, was held Saturday, May 12, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Dr. Malcolm Tolbert officiated at the service.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Bandsma passed away May 9, at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born January 2, 1916 in Port Arthur, he lived in Beaumont most of his life before moving to Woodville 23 years ago. He was a retired foreman for Chevron.

He is survived by his wife, Gwen Bandsma of Woodville; sons, Joe Bandsma, Jr. of Canyon Lake, Texas and Spencer Bandsma of Sour Lake; brother, Sam Bandsma of Port Neches; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ira Lee Rigsby

Ira Lee Rigsby, 77, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, May 11, 2001, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Services were held Monday, May 14 at Moss
Hill Baptist Church at 2 p.m. with burial in Moss Hill Cemetery. Officiating at the services were Reverend Will Limbrick, Jr., Reverend Willie Gill, Reverend Joe Davis, Elder Battise, and Reverend C.O. Hadnot.

Visitation was held on Sunday, May 13, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Rigsby was born in Spurger on December 22, 1923 to Arthur and Callie Arline Phillips and had lived in Woodville for the past 56 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Moss Hill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her seven sons and daughters-in-law; Robert Simmons, Raymond and Vada Rigsby, Donald and Deundra Rigsby and Johnny and Ruby Hadnot, all of Woodville; Willie and Wandy Rigsby and Johnny and Aleta Rigsby of Jasper; and Edward and Florence Rigsby of Beaumont; one daughter and son-in-law, Irene and William Hartsfield of Newton; one brother, Nathaniel Phillips of Kirbyville; four sisters, Russlean Moye and Mary Lee Hale of Spurger, Corine Phillips of Jasper and Jurlean Collier of Woodville; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and her beloved friend, Wanda Copes.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lloyd P. Hebert, Jr.

Lloyd P. Hebert, Jr., 65, of Colmesneil, Texas, died at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Tuesday, May 8, 2001.

A native of Pt. Arthur, he lived in Emory, Texas where he was employed as a truck driver for many years, after retiring he moved to Colmesneil on year ago.

Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Visitation will be Wednesday afternoon from 4 - 8 p.m., and resume Thursday at the cemetery from 10 a.m. until service time.

Survivors include sons William P. Hebert of Colmesneil and John Hebert of Austin; daughters, Linda K. Lieffel of Laguna Beach, California, Melissa G. Torres of Laredo, Texas and Debra E. Kaminsky of Houston, Texas; brother, James Hebert of Port Neches, Texas; and six grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper, Texas.

Theda Zoe Hendrix

Theda Zoe Hendrix passed away quietly at Kaiser North Hospital in Sacramento, California, on Thursday, May 10, 2001, after an extended battle with liver cancer. She was born in Goose Creek, Texas on July 17, 1919.

Her mother, Anna Sterling Purcell died at childbirth when her younger sister Anna Rae Purcell was born. Theda Zoe was adopted by her aunt and uncle, Sarah and William Grimes. She was raised on the Grimes farm in the Shady Grove-Pure Oil pump station area. She rode a horse to the one room school at Shady Grove until the fourth grade, then the children were bussed to Woodville. She attended Kirby High School in Woodville. She was a member of the Pep Squad, the tennis team and was on the girls basketball team.

She graduated in 1938 and graduated from Tyler Business College in 1940. In August 1940 she married her first husband, James Greene and both went to work for the Army Air Corps in San Antonio. In 1942 Greene was sent to England and after he returned in late 1942 both were transferred to Hawaii, zig zagging across the Pacific avoiding the Japanese submarines. In Hawaii she became a “Rosie the Riveter”. She served as a flight test supervisor at Hickham field. Here she was able to witness the meetings of some of the countries most powerful leaders as they met to plan war strategy. President Roosevelt, Admiral Halsey, General McArthur and President Truman.

After the birth of her first son, Thomas in 1947 she moved with her family to Sacramento, California, where her younger son Richard was born in 1950. She worked at McClellan Air Force Base during the Vietnam War then turned to real estate. She was named Realtor of the Year with
Wymore Realty in 1975 and was a real estate broker for 35 years. Six years after the death of her first husband in 1977 she married her high school sweetheart and the captain of the football team, Henry Hendrix. They had not seen or heard of each other for more than 44 years. They were happily married for 17 years. She was smart, opinionated, shy, adventurous, a fierce advocate for her children and a loving wife.

She is survived by her husband Henry Hendrix; son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Christine Greene; grandchildren, Rebecca, Peter and James Greene; stepchildren, Bryan Hendrix, Sandra Blum and Sharon Thomas of Beaumont, Texas.

Interment services will be held at Calvary Catholic Cemetery Chapel in Sacramento at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2001.

**William W. Foster**


Funeral services will be Wednesday, May 16 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at 1:30 p.m. in Corinth Cemetery in Kennard, Texas. Officiating at the services will be Dr. Chet Haney.

Serving as pallbearers will be Larry Barlow, John Morrison, George Jarrott, Don Lilljedahl, Reginald Williams, and Jerry Cagle.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, May 15 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Foster was born April 11, 1939 in San Saba County to Clarence Landrum and Evelyn Wayland Foster. He was a former resident of New Waverly and had lived in Woodville since 1993. He was the director of Sinclair Children’s Center in Woodville and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Cynthia Jo, of Woodville; daughters and son-in-law, Cindy Lynn Foster of Long Beach, California and Kristina Lea and Glen Rutherford of College Station; son, Kevin Wayland Foster of Houston; brother and sister-in-law, John and Kay Foster of Austin; sister and brother-in-law, Clair and John Haynes of Lake Jackson; brother-in-law, Charles Vickers of Dallas; sisters-in-law, Jeannette Arnold and Mary Lee Burden; grandchildren, Alisa Renee and William Pierce Rutherford.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Francis Lucille Martin**

Francis Lucille Martin, 89, of Houston, Texas, went to be with the Lord Saturday, May 12, 2001, in Houston.

Services were held Monday, May 14 at 11 a.m. in Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with interment at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Chris Martin, Steve Gardner, Robert Parker, Max Hill, Joe Martin, and Clyde Hughes.

Visitation was held from 7 - 9 p.m. on Sunday, May 13 at the funeral home.

Mrs. Martin was born to Henry Oliver and Ollie Dell Smith Richardson on September 24, 1911 in Cherokee, Texas. She was a former longtime resident of Woodville and had resided in Houston for the past 5 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bryan Martin and is survived by one daughter, Gwen Gibbs and husband Jimmy Gibbs; grandson, Gary Gibbs and wife Rosemary; granddaughter, Teri Farrell and husband John Farrell; two great-grandchildren, Abigail and Jacob Farrell of Houston; two sisters, Billie Hill of Mont Belvieu and Lois Parker of Bridge City.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

**Wilburn Madison Gee**

Funeral service for Wilburn Madison Gee, 68, of Sabine Pass, Texas, was held Tuesday, May 22, 2001 at 10 a.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Nederland. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. at Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Monday evening at the
funeral home.

Mr. Gee passed away May 19, at Christus St. Mary Hospital in Port Arthur.

Born July 21, 1932 in Port Arthur, to William and Jewel Garsee Gee, he lived in Sabine Pass ten years. He was a retired Seafarers International Union Seaman and a Korean War Navy veteran.

He is survived by Betty Peletier of Sabine Pass and a sister, Tanya Colbert Bush of Nederland.

Local arrangements were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

**Charles Ray Lewis**

Funeral service for Charles Ray Lewis, 56, of Woodville, Texas, was held May 9, 2001 at 3 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother R.C. Tillery officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held May 8, at the funeral home.

Mr. Lewis passed away May 3, 2001 in Houston.

Born October 21, 1944 to Herbert and Jenny V. Fortenberry Lewis in Houston. He lived most of his life in Tyler County. He was a pipe fitter.

He is survived by his wife, Terri Lynn Chase Lewis; sons, Johnny Lewis of Waterford, New York, Bobby Lewis of Baytown and Herschel Lewis of Houston; aunts, Pauline Broom, Joyce Smith, and Evelyn Fritsche; granddaughters, Brittany Lewis and Jade Lewis; step brother, Tim Howell.

Serving as pallbearers were Larry Meeks, Anthony Roberts, Billy Meeks, Robert Fortenberry, Joe Yaws, and Tim Howell.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Thomas Lee Nerren**

Funeral service for Thomas Lee Nerren, 68, of Woodville, Texas, was held Sunday, May 20, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Troy Richardson and Brother Delbert Lamb officiating. Aeuology was read by two of his grandchildren. Members of Fort Hood presented the flag to the family with V.F.W. Post #2033 assisting. A Masonic rite service was led by Masonic Lodge #495. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Nerren passed away May 18, 2001 at his residence.

Born February 2, 1933 in Huntington, Texas to William “Bill” and Beular Ballard Nerren. He lived in the Huntington area before moving to Woodville in 1974. He was a retired machinist for Lufkin Industries. He was a member of the Dogwood Hills Baptist Church in Woodville, Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495 in Woodville, Houston Scottish Right of Texas, V.F.W. Post #2033, Woodville Chapter #462 O.E.S., International Association of Machinist Lodge # 1099 and a Korean Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Johnny, Merely, Billy Earl, and Doyle Nerren and sisters, Polly Kirkland, and fiancé Chamblee.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Nerren of Woodville; daughter, Shanna Lee Mozingo of Woodville; step-son, Doug Harry of Colmesneil; step-daughters, Deborah Mathis of Dayton, Dianne Luce of Houston, and Shelia Harry of Lufkin; brother, Monroe “Jim” Nerren of Huntington; sisters, Elsie Summers of Lufkin, Elouise Forrest and Jean Stone both of Huntington; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers were members of the Masonic Lodge. Serving as honorary pallbearers were the deacons of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**John A. Bombek**

Funeral service for John A. Bombek, 75, of Colmesneil, Texas, was held Monday, May 21, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Daren Hearsberger officiating. V.F.W. Post #2033 presented the flag to the family. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.
Mr. Bombek passed away May 18, at the Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

Born January 28, 1926 in Jefferson City, Texas to John and Anna Machoe Bombek. He lived in Groves most of his life before moving to Colmesnil 20 years ago. He was a retired supervisor for Dupont Refinery. He was a member of the Colmesnil Assembly of God Church and a WWII Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Lawless Slaughter Bombek of Colmesnil; daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Darrell Wilson of Colmesnil; brothers, Frank Bombek of Groves and Marvin Bombek of Natchitoches, Louisiana; sisters, Ann Dautrive of Port Arthur and Lillie Champeaux of Colmesnil; two grandchildren, three step grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Marvin Bombek, Brant R. Slaughter, John Savant, A.E. Champeaux, Randy Slaughter, and Lee Champeaux.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Eula Jones Grimes

Eula Grimes, 98, of Corrigan, Texas, died Monday, May 21, 2001 at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Corrigan.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 24 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Carmolna Cemetery near Corrigan. Officiating at the services will be Brother Buddy McDaniel.

Serving as pallbearers are Gregory Grimes, Russell Matlock, Timothy Allsbrooks, Thomas Jones, Johnny Simons, Carl Allen Jones, Woodrow Jones, and David Jones.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 23 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Grimes was born November 5, 1902 to Hiram and Cynthia Willis Kay in Trevat (Trinity County), Texas. She was formerly of Gallatin and had lived in Corrigan for the past ten years. She was a member of Pine Grove Church of Christ in Barnum.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Lee Grimes in July 1993; son, Everett Thomas Jones in 1980; and daughter, Rachel Jones.

She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Bobby Louis and Angie Jones of Conroe, Gerald Lee and Patsy Grimes of Doucette, and Frankie Lee Grimes of Durant, Oklahoma; daughters and son-in-law, Peggy Allsbrooks of Reklaw, Juanita Simons Tolar of Livingston, Lola Allsbrooks of Corrigan, Edwina Matlock of Center, and Geraldine and Gilbert King of Denver, Colorado; daughter-in-law and husband, Reba Jones and R.E. Soape of Gallatin, Texas; forty-five grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mattie Tatum Fortenberry

Mattie Tatum Fortenberry, 96, of Woodville, Texas, died Saturday, May 19, 2001 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 21, at 4 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Colmesnil Cemetery in Colmesnil. Officiating at the services were Dr. Dwayne Freese and Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Todd Taylor, John Ward, Prentice Ward, Dave Dean, Jim Grantham, and Jack Clark.

Visitation was held on Sunday, May 20 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Fortenberry was born December 30, 1904 to John Alford and Eller Ida Miller Tatum in Colmesnil. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a member of First Baptist Church in Woodville.

She is survived by her nephew and wife, J.A. Walding and Frances of Austin; nieces and husbands, Earline Tatum Davis and Don of Tomball, Ernestine Tatum Clark and J.C. of Woodville, and Imogene Poindexter Ward and Prentice of Lumberton; numerous great nieces and nephews including John W. Ward and Verlee Belt.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Emma Lee Raspberry

Emma Lee Raspberry, 96, of Woodville, Texas, died Saturday, May 19, 2001 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 21 at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were Guy Raspberry, Jason Riley, Clyde Riley, Derold James, Dwight Campbell, and Craig Marshall. Honorary pallbearers were her grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Sunday, May 20 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Minnie Sumrall of Pt. Neches, Evelyn and J.D. James and Jimmie Ruth Cooley all of Woodville; brother, C.M. Bilbro of San Antonio; sister, Elsie Gordon of Highlands; 17 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Dannye G. Norris

Funeral service for Dannye G. Norris, 91, of Warren, Texas was held Monday, May 21, 2001 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with speaker Brian Miller officiating. Burial followed at Warren City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Norris passed away May 19, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

She is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Yvonne McBryde of Beaumont; daughters and son-in-law, Lisa and Joe Martin and Regina and James Reeves all of Beaumont; brother and sister-in-law, Donald Edward and Anne McBryde of Portland, Oregon; sister, Shirley M. McBryde of Colmesneil; and five grandchildren, Casey Wayne, Kelsey Lynn, Julia Danielle, Stacie Ann, and Adam.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Billy Wayne McBryde


Funeral services were held Saturday, May 19 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services were Reverend Raymond McHenry and Reverend Sean Paul.

Serving as pallbearers were Mike Langham, Mike Cody, Paul McCoy, Jimmy McCoy, Tony Reynolds, and Leland Schandorff.

Visitation was held on Friday, May 18 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Yvonne McBryde of Beaumont; daughters and son-in-law, Lisa and Joe Martin and Regina and James Reeves all of Beaumont; brother and sister-in-law, Donald Edward and Anne McBryde of Portland, Oregon; sister, Shirley M. McBryde of Colmesneil; and five grandchildren, Casey Wayne, Kelsey Lynn, Julia Danielle, Stacie Ann, and Adam.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Leon Davis Dickens, Sr.

Funeral service for Leon Davis Dickens, Sr., 87, of the Midway Community, Polk County, Texas, was held May 3, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Midway Church with Brother Robert Smith officiating. Masonic graveside service rites by Magnolia Lodge #495 followed at Midway Community Cemetery.

Visitation was held May 2, 2001 at the funeral home.

Mr. Dickens passed away May 1, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born February 5, 1914 in Livingston, to Elbert and Allie Swearingen Dickens, he lived in the Midway Community all of his life. He was retired from the Texas Forest Service. He was a member of Midway Church and a member of the Magnolia Masonic Lodge # 495 in Woodville.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Leon D. and Donna Dickens, Jr. of Livingston; granddaughters, Carla Nugent of Cushing and Darla Hendrickson of Lufkin; grandson, Patrick Dickens of Livingston; sisters, Sarah Hughes of Livingston, Mardria Anderson of Lindale, and Paralee Harper of Chester; brothers, Titus Dickens of Hitchcock and Richard Dickens of Beaumont; great-grandchildren, Jeremy Nugent, Justin Nugent, Jessica Nugent, Jake Nugent, Todd Hendrickson, Gabe Hendrickson, Ryah Hendrickson, Shelby Dickens and Seth Dickens.

Serving as pallbearers were Jerry Grimes, Butch Herring, Ken Dickens, Jr., Kenneth Dickens, Clark Harrison, and Marvin Swearingen.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

William R. Glenn

William R. Glenn, 85, of Hillister, Texas, died Monday, May 21, 2001 at his residence.

Graveside services were held Friday, May 25 at 2 p.m. in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the service was Reverend George Helton.

Honorary pallbearers were Hope Schultz, James E. Crowell, Fred Odom, James C. Steely, and Robert Bailey.

Mr. Glenn was born September 2, 1915 to Harry Cleveland and Maude D. Thompson Glenn in Decatur, Illinois. He was a former resident of Beaumont and a longtime resident of Hillister. He was a retired purchasing agent with Oil City Brass Works.

He is survived by his son, Gregory V. Glenn of Beaumont; daughter, Ann Youngblood of Lisle, Illinois; and three grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Luther Franklin Thompson, Sr.

Luther Franklin Thompson, Sr., 79, of Zavalla, Texas, died May 26, 2001 at a Lufkin Nursing Home.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, May 29, at 10 a.m. at Kitchens Cemetery near Zavalla.

Visitation was held Monday, May 28, from 4 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Chester, he lived in Zavalla 10 years. He was a retired pipe fitter with Oil and Gas Manufacturing of Houston with 17 years of service. He was a WW II U.S. Army veteran.

His parents, Marion and Mary Wylie Thompson; brothers, Charlie Thompson and Clifton Thompson; and a sister, Cindy Wells, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita West Thompson of Zavalla; sons and daughter-in-law, Robert and Gail Thompson of Huntsville, Bo and Ning Thompson of Warren and Waymon and LaFonda Thompson of Arlington; daughters and sons-in-law, Patsy and Mike Swartz of Conroe and Lynn and David Russell of Zavalla; sisters, Ethel Sawyer and Frances Lewis both of Woodville; brother, Elton Thompson of Zavalla; sister-in-law, Gladys Thompson of Chester; ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Elizabeth Murphy Smith

Elizabeth “Beth” Murphy Smith, age 90, died May 19, 2001 at Carrollton Manor in Carrollton, Georgia, having had heart problems for over twenty years.

Mrs. Smith was born July 31, 1910, in Arcadia, Louisiana, the daughter of the late Wiley J. and Mary King Murphy.

She worked as a postal clerk and later as a Sears credit representative in Port Arthur and Galveston, Texas, then retired to homemaking and church work in Louisiana in 1964. She was a member of Baptist churches in Texas, Louisiana, and California and taught Sunday School for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Arthur Gilbert “Bert” Smith; brothers, King, Ernest, and Emmett Murphy; sisters, Ruth Hatch and Christine Bruton.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Jim Crowell of Carrollton, Georgia and Mary Ellen and Frank Gones of Hemphill; son and daughter-in-law, Wiley and Carol Smith of Casa Grande, Arizona; grandchildren, Jennifer Crowell Spena of Peculiar, Missouri, Don Martin, a missionary in Cyprus, and Nita Ricks of College Station; also great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted on May 22 at 2 p.m. in Warren Cemetery, where her husband is buried.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mary Lynn Fowler Hyrick

Memorial service for Mary Lynne Hyrick, 49, of Woodville, Texas, will be held May 30, 2001 at 4 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville.

Cremation is under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.

Mary Lynn was born November 8, 1951 in Houston, she died May 26, 2001 at her residence. She lived most of her live in Woodville. She worked at Fridgidair Fleetline Factory.

She is survived by her husband Jimmy Hyrick of Woodville; son, Johnathan Seth Hyrick of Woodville; mother, Lenora Faye Daniels Marshall of Jasper; brothers, Michael W. Fowler of Livingston, Floyd Milton Fowler, Jr., of Alvin, David Lee Fowler of Jasper, Roger Dale Fowler and Wesley Kyle Fowler of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ruby Lee Rogers

Funeral services for Ruby Lee Rogers, 96, were held May 31, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Gene Rodens Funeral Home Chapel in Paris, Texas. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Paris.

Mrs. Rogers died May 27, at Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville.

She was born September 23, 1904 in Lamar County, Texas. She was a retired supervisor for Southwestern Bell Company with 30 years service.

She was preceded in death by her son, Rodney Rogers and daughter, Rosebud Barrett.

She is survived by her daughter, Peggy Brunette of Woodville; sons, Clarence A. Rogers and wife Mary of Terrell, Texas and Bob Bowman Rogers and wife Sandy of Willis Point, Texas; 20 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Wilbur Madison Gee

Funeral service for Wilbur Madison Gee, 68, of Sabine Pass, Texas, was held Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Nederland. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. at Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Gee passed away May 19, at Christus St. Mary Hospital in Port Arthur.

Born July 21, 1932 in Port Arthur to William and Jewel Garsee Gee, he lived in Sabine Pass ten years. He was a retired Seafarers International
Union Seaman and a Korean War Navy veteran.

He is survived by Betty Peletier of Sabine Pass and a sister, Tanya Colbert Bush of Nederland.

Local arrangements were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

**Elsie Belle McDonald McElroy**

Funeral service for Elsie Belle McDonald McElroy, 90, of Chester, Texas, was held Saturday, June 2, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Norman Turner and Brother Jim McDonald officiating. Burial was held at Lone Star Cemetery in Pineland.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. McElroy passed away May 31, at Lufkin Memorial Hospital.

Born September 4, 1910 in Jasper, to E.F. and Lela Shoemaker McDonald, she lived in Camden before moving to Chester 32 years ago. She was a retired self-employed Beautician. She was a member of Pine Grove Church of Christ.

She is survived by her son, David J. McElroy of Chester; sister, Tincy McDonald Hebert of Lakehills, Texas; brothers, Jim McDonald of Seguin; grandchildren, Becky Lynn McElroy of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Amy Palmer and James Clarke both of Dallas.

Serving as pallbearers were Ronny McElroy, Michael Hebert, Randy Bailey, William D. Stewart, Becky McElroy, and Julie Freeman.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Kathryn Chaney**

A graveside service for Kathryn Chaney, 84, was held Monday, June 4, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Monahans Memorial Cemetery Pavillion in Monahans, Texas with Brother Stephen Swisher officiating. The service was under the direction of Harkey Funeral Home in Monahans, Texas.

Mrs. Chaney passed away June 2, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Born in Corona, New Mexico, she lived in Monahans many years before moving to Woodville.

She is survived by her two sons, Richard I. Callison of Tyler and Fred Chaney of Dallas; daughter, Marietta Stewart of Woodville; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Belle Flowers**

Belle Flowers, 87, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Saturday, June 2, 2001, at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were Monday, June 4, at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in the Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services were Brother H.T. Davison and Alvin Flowers.

Serving as pallbearers were Calvin Flowers, Nelson Flowers, Randy Nugent, Jerry Nugent, Lenn DeSaw, Lanny Bennett, Amos Miller, and Gerald Grimes.

Visitation was held Sunday, June 3, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Flowers was born April 28, 1914 to Mike and Lula Tompkins Nugent in Colmesneil. She was a lifelong resident of Colmesneil and a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Louis and Jimmy Graham of Colmesneil; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great -grea t-grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Mattie Lou Huff Hinson**

Funeral service for Mattie Lou Huff Hinson, 93, of Woodville, Texas, will be held Thursday, June 14, 2001, at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Doyle Butcher officiating. Burial will follow at Pedigo Cemetery near Town Bluff.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5 - 9 p.m at the funeral home.
Mrs. Hinson passed away June 10, at the Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

Born December 16, 1907 in Woodville to Jonathon and Bennie Williford Huff, she moved to Beaumont before moving back to Woodville. She was a self-employed beautician.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Cheryl Sattler of Spring and Billy Gene Hinson, Jr. of Port Arthur; great-grandchildren, Sheila Liuzzo and Carrie Farmer of Spring; great-great-grandchild, Lindsey Liuzzo of Spring.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Maudine Patrick

Maudine Patrick, 67, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Thursday, June 7, 2001, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 10 at 2 p.m. at Katy Baptist Church in Colmesneil with burial in the Gregory Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the service were Brother Curtis Herrington and Brother Ben Gibbs.

Serving as pallbearers were Mack Anthony, John Knox, Bubba Sheffield, James Broussard, Jamie Pittman, and Kevin Sheffield. Honorary pallbearers were Chad Patrick, Tanner McAlpin, Ricky Wood, Walter McAlpin, and Todd Edward.

Visitation was held on Saturday, June 9 from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Patrick was born November 17, 1933 to Autie and Aline Beckham Howell in Burke, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Colmesneil and a member as well as wife of the pastor of Katy Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Durl Patrick of Colmesneil; son and daughter-in-law, Ricky and Carolyn Patrick of Colmesneil; daughters and sons-in-law, Wanda and Ricky Wood and Renea and Walater McAlpin all of Colmesneil; brother and sister-in-law, Douglas and Betty Howell of Lufkin; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Billie Ruth Youngblood

Funeral service for Billie Ruth Youngblood, 70, of Woodville, Texas, was held June 9, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Henry Davis officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery.

Mrs. Youngblood passed away June 7, at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born October 4, 1930 in Eldorado, Arkansas to Theodore and Ruth Gray Francis, Sr., she lived in Baycliff before moving to Woodville 22 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, David A. and Patricia Youngblood of Woodville and Charles M. and Virginia Youngblood of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Jim Higginbotham of Woodville; daughter, Julia Ruth Youngblood of Woodville; brother and sister-in-law, Theodore J. and Marjorie Francis, Jr., of Bedford; step-daughter, Patricia Youngblood Ray; grandchildren, Angela Youngblood, Karen Youngblood, Tommie Foley, Christopher Youngblood, Randy Youngblood, James Youngblood, Amber Reynolds, James Reynolds, and Rebecca Reynolds; step-grandchildren, Melissa Ray, Mike Ray, Melinda Ray and Chris Ray.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lillie Jane Brown Minter

Funeral service for Jane Minter, 83, of Spurger, Texas, were held June 11, 2001, at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with an Eastern Star service, Brother Paul Bougham officiating. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger.

Mrs. Minter died June 9, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Born February 5, 1918 in Spurger to James M. and Lilla Davis Brown, where she was a lifelong resident. She was a homemaker, a member of First Baptist Church in Spurger, a 62 year member of Spurger #315 O.E.S., and an avid supporter of the Spurger Pirates.
She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Margie Minter of Woodville, Jerry and Elaine Minter of Corrigan and Melburn and Shirley Minter of Groveton; sister, Grace Bostick of Woodville; sisters-in-law, Patricia Brown of Spurger and Edith Minter of Beaumont; grandchildren, Monica Minter, Melissa Riley, Niki Spittler, Yolanda Sturrock, Shannon McDaniels, Maegon Hart, Betty Ann Chapman, Kerry Minter, and Rachel Rowe; and fifteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bevis Minter; son, Tommy Minter and daughter, Elaine Minter.

Pallbearers were Terry W. Riley, Kerry Minter, James Sturrock, Matt Hart, Wayne McDaniels and Troy Spittler.

Services were under the direction of her granddaughter Melissa Minter Riley and grandson-in-law Terry W. Riley.

Viva Blount

Funeral services were held Monday, June 18, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. at Society Hill Baptist Church in Oakvale, Mississippi for Mrs. Viva Blount, age 93, who died Friday, June 15 at the Extended Care Facility in Prentiss, Mississippi. Interment followed in the Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Blount was a native of Hopewell, Texas having moved to Mississippi in 1984. She was a retired Secretary/Bookkeeper, and had worked for Raney Plumbing and Heating, Barley Owens Plumbing Company and Sabine Materials, all in Beaumont, Texas. She was a member of Society Hill Baptist Church, the Order of the Eastern Star and for eight years, was a member of Women in Construction (WICs).

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Anna and Dr. Ralph Fortenberry of Oakvale; grandson, James C. Holland of Corinth, Texas; granddaughter, Judy E. Lepar of Dallas, Texas; three great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Saulters-Moore Funeral Service in Prentiss, Mississippi.

Velma Collins

Graveside services for Velma Collins, 88, of Lufkin, Texas, were held at 12 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2001, in the Evergreen Cemetery in Jasper with Rev. Dee Black officiating.

Mrs. Collins was born November 29, 1912 in Onalaska, Texas, the daughter of the late Minnie Ethel Ring and Irwin Elias English. She died Thursday, June 14, in a Lufkin nursing home.

Mrs. Collins was a homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother. She was of the Baptist faith. Mrs. Collins was a former resident of Spurger, and had resided in Lufkin since 1976.

Survivors include her sons and daughter-in-law, Jack and Gwen Collins of Lufkin, Bob and Sharon Collins of Victoria; sister, Margaret R. Hackett of Livingston; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Marvin and Maggie Warner; sisters-in-law, Florena Byerly, Naomi English, Dorothy English and Jan English; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mrs. Collins was preceded in death by her husband, Uin Dies Collins.

Services under the direction of Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Directors of Lufkin.

Jewel Cecil Walker

Funeral service for Jewel Cecil Walker, 82, of Town Bluff, Texas, was held Sunday, June 17, at 2 p.m. at Fairview Baptist Church with Brother David Barker and Brother John Spanhanks officiating. A Masonic graveside service was held at the Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation was held Saturday evening, June 16, at the funeral home.

Mr. Walker passed away June 15, at Dickerson Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

Born November 19, 1918 in Town Bluff, Texas to John T. and Inez Tucker Walker, he was a life long resident of Town Bluff. He was a member of Snowy River Masonic Lodge # 385 of Spurger and Fairview Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by parents, John T.

He is survived by his daughters, Sallie Odom of Town Bluff and Judy Wilson of Jasper; sons, John Travis Walker of Colmesneil, Thomas Ervin Walker of Town Bluff and Jimmy Walker of Town Bluff and Jimmy Walker of Town Bluff; brother, Richard Walker of Port Neches; fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Serving as the pallbearers were the Masons.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James Timothy Stryker

James Timothy “Tim” Stryker, a native of East Texas, was born in Jasper on August 31, 1910, and resided from early childhood in Woodville, Texas. He was an active member of the American Legion, the Woodville Rotary and the Democratic Party. Tim was a lifetime member of the Woodville United Methodist Church and was granted the Heritage Award in 1991. In his adopted Tyler County, he served on the original Board of Directors of the Tyler County Dogwood Festival, and he received the Wheat award for this years of service to the festival. He was the owner and proprietor of Stryker’s Drug Store in downtown Woodville from 1931 to 1961, a past Treasurer of the Texas Pharmaceutical Association, and an active pharmacist for 53 years. Former Governor Allan Sivers appointed Tim to the State Board of Health from 1950 - 1954.

Tim was married on June 14, 1946 to Lois Lee Feagin, a native of Tyler County.

He is survived by his sister, Mary Louise Hughes Toppin; his wife, Lois Lee; and their six children, Amanda Feagin Stryker Reiche, Melinda Ann Stryker, Michael Maurice Stryker, Gretchen Stryker, James Lee Stgryker and Timothy Landrum Stryker; nine grandchildren, Rebecca Lois Reiche Radici, Charles Raymond Reiche, Paul Timothy Reiche, Thomas Michael Stryker, Michelle Marie Stryker, Stephanie Lee Stryker, Travis Henderson Stryker, Austin Wells Stryker and Sara Caitlin Sheehan.

Services were held at the Woodville United Methodist Church, 507 West Bluff Street, Woodville, Texas, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19. Graveside services followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Willie Mae May

Willie Mae May, 90, of Woodville, Texas, died Monday, June 18, 2001, at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 20, at 11 a.m. in the stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services will be Dr. Raymond Parker.

Mrs. May was born April 17, 1911 to Lewis F. and Arizona Minyard Davis in Mt. Carmel Community near Colmesneil, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and member of First Baptist Church Woodville.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Robert Melton and Melva Jean Addision of Baytown; daughter and son-in-law, Ernestine and Buddy Allison of Woodville; brothers, Woodrow Davis of Colmesneil and Escar Wayne Davis of Beaumont; sisters, Faye Primrose of Jasper, Beatrice Williams of Pt. Arthur, Margarette Wood of Nederland, Vesta Belle Worthey of Woodville, Mary Lou Smith of Texas City, and Iva Lee Wallace of Cushing; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Brandon Lynn Wilson

A military graveside service for Brandon Lynn Wilson, 23, was held June 23, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Colmesneil Cemetery with Brother Daren Hearsberger officiating.
Visitation was held June 22, at the funeral home.

Mr. Wilson passed away June 17. He was born January 26, 1978 in Snyder, Texas to Darrel Wilson and Vickie Lightfoot. He lived in Colmesneil before moving to Lumberton. He was an installer for Performance Car Audio and a Marine veteran.

He is survived by his father and step mother, Darrel and Janet Wilson of Colmesneil; mother, Vickie Lightfoot of Lumberton; daughter, Faith Wilson of Lumberton; grandparents, Willie and Tiny Wilson of Jefferson City; sisters, Amanda Wilson of Lumberton and Jessica Landry of Groves; brother, Robert Wilson, Jr. of Mineral Wells; and a host of relatives and friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Ina Lester**

Funeral service for Ina Lester, 99, of Woodville, Texas, was held June 21, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Brian Hale and Brother John Spanhanks officiating. An Eastern Star service was conducted by the Order of the Eastern Star #315 at the funeral home. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. at Garden of Memories of Lufkin.

Visitation was held June 20, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Lester passed away June 17, at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Born March 12, 1902 in Diboll to Rev. C.B. and Elizabeth Calhoun George, she lived in Tyler County most of her life. She was a retired teacher from Warren ISD. She was a member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Fred and a member of the O.E.S. #315 in Spurger.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Horace and Lurlene Stanley of Houston; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Harold George, Willie C. George, Dalton Albritton, Herman Heiselbetz, and R.B. Yawn.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**William Aden Mann**

William “Bill” Aden Mann, 83, of Gonzales, Texas, died June 27, 2001, at his residence after a long illness. Bill was born June 20, 1918 on the farm near Colmesneil, Texas.

An attorney, entrepreneur and U.S. Navy Commander, from which he retired after 20 years service. Upon retirement from the Navy, he lived in Chevy Chase, Maryland and practiced law in Washington, D.C. from 1961 until 1994. Admitted to the Statebars of Maryland, the District of Columbia and Texas, he tried over 700 cases in his career and served as defense counsel in the Watergate burglary trial, including petitions to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Mann was involved in the inception of numerous banks and business ventures including The Flying Scotsman Steam Train’s U.S. tour, which he organized with Winston Churchill, Jr., John Hanson Savings and Loan Association, Lincoln National Bank, The Business Bank, Gifford’s Ice Cream, Douglas Scotch Ltd., Renault Wineries and Henry Penny Fried Chicken, among many others.

Upon his move to Texas in 1994, he purchased KCTI Radio in Gonzales where he wrote and performed a weekly “Texas Heroes” radio show and continued his law practice until illness forced his retirement, though not his colorful presence at the office.

Bill earned his B.A. degree from the University of Texas in 1939, his MBA degree from Harvard Graduate School in 1950 Jurist Doctorate from George Washington University Law School in 1956.

Mr. Mann was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 43 years, the former Neil Lynch of Madisonville, Texas; his parents, John Bunyan Mann and Annie Jordan Mann; and brother, Samuel Daniel Mann of Colmesneil.

He is survived by his loving wife of 18 years, Marina Cassinari Cakes of Gonzales; brother Tom Dick Mann of Colmesneil; sisters, Blanche Anglin
of Baker, Louisiana, Peggy Manry of Woodville, Patsy Sutton of Houston, and Susie Sutton of Houston.


Visitation was held Friday, June 29, with the family receiving friends in the Chapel of Buffington Funeral Home in Gonzales, Texas.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 30, at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Gonzales with the Rev. Brad Russell officiating.

Graveside services and interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia on Monday, July 19, 2001 at 9 a.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffington Funeral Home, Gonzales, Texas.

Robert Harris Puntes, Jr.

Robert Harris Puntes, Jr., 83, of Silsbee, Texas, passed away June 21, 2001, at Dubuis Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 23 at 11 a.m. at the First Pentecostal Church with burial in the Knupple Cemetery in Silsbee, Texas.

Visitation was held at 5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Mr. Puntes is survived by three sons, Bob Puntes of Bridge City, Edward Puntes of Silsbee, and Albert Puntes of Spurger; daughters, Mary Moss of Evadale and Alica Holder of Silsbee; step-brother, Howard Courts of Nederland; eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were handled by RS Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee, Texas.

Minnie E. Norwood

Funeral service for Minnie E. Norwood, 92, of Woodville, Texas was held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 25, 2001, at the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper. Burial followed in Jasper City Cemetery.

Mrs. Norwood died Saturday, June 23, at Tyler County Memorial Hospital in Woodville. She was a native of Point Blank, Texas, and a longtime resident of Woodville.

Survivors include one step-daughter, Eva Mae Williams of Jasper; half brother, J.L. Allen of Jasper; three step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and four step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband J.P. “Jack” Norwood in August of 1988.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

Wilson Joseph Gobert

Wilson Joseph “Chank” Gobert, 72, of Town Bluff, Texas died June 22, 2001 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Memorial service was held at Fairview Baptist Church in Town Bluff with a luncheon at the church.

A native of Vinton, Louisiana, and former resident of Port Acres, he lived in Town Bluff many years and was a retired Gulf Oil dock supervisor and U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Birdie L. Gobert of Town Bluff; children, Kenneth Gobert of Colmesneil, Suzanne Wharton of Fort Worth, Debbie Stanford of Kountze and Russell Gray of Dallas; sister, Versey Laird of Port Acres; and five grandchildren.
Annette Stanley

Annette Stanley, 48, of Silsbee, Texas, died Friday, June 22, 2001, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 25 at 11 a.m. in the Abundant Life United Pentecostal Church in Silsbee with burial in Lakeside Apostolic Cemetery near Town Bluff. Officiating at the services were Brother D.D. White, Brother Stacy Denmon, and Brother Keith VanDorn.

Serving as pallbearers were Randy Erwin, Jody Kitchens, Doug Stanley, Benjamin White, Nathaniel White, and Keith VanDorn. Honorary pallbearers were Paul Darks and Jimmy Womack.

Visitation was held on Sunday, June 24 from 2 - 9 p.m. at the Abundant Life United Pentecostal Church in Silsbee.

Mrs. Stanley was born February 21, 1953 to Carl Douglas and Emogene Stanley in Beaumont, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Silsbee and worked as a bookkeeper for C.L. Sherman and Sons in Beaumont and also sold Avon Products in the Silsbee area. She was a member of the Abundant Life United Pentecostal Church in Silsbee.

She was preceded in death by her father, Carl Douglas Stanley and is survived by her mother, Emogene Stanley of Silsbee; husband, Bobbie Gene Stanley, Jr., of Silsbee; sons, Bobbie Gene “Trey” Stanley III, Douglas Wayne “Bubba” Stanley, and Brandon Lee “Bam Bam” Stanley all of Silsbee; sisters, Lenora Chapman of Buna, Jannyce McLendon of Kirbyville, and Dee Jacobs of Beaumont.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Milton Wayne Barclay

Funeral service for Milton Wayne Barclay, 66, of Mesquite, Texas, was held June 23, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother L.T. Sherman and Brother Larry Trest officiating. Burial followed at Seaman Cemetery near Chester, Texas.

Visitation was held June 22 at the funeral home.

Mr. Barclay passed away June 19, 2001 in Dallas, Texas.

Born December 28, 1934 in Chester, to Elton and Aline Barclay, he lived in the Dallas area most of his life. He was retired from Mobil Oil Co.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Barclay of Mesquite; mother, Aline Barclay of Chester; son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Ruth Barclay of Seagoville; step-son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Amy Guynes of Chatsworth, Georgia; step-daughter, Teresa Miller of Chatsworth, Georgia; sister and brother-in-law, Burna Dean and James Seamans of Baytown; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers were Steven Hall, Brian Hall, Clayton Jordan, Keith Dooley, Casey Barclay, Preston Barnes, and Steve Watts.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Eunice Elizabeth Henderson

Funeral service for Eunice Elizabeth Henderson, 83, of Tomball, Texas, was held June 23, 2001 at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Woodville with Elder Leon Crawford, Elder Charles E. Miller and Elder Clifford B. Caldwell officiating. Burial followed at Rockland City Cemetery.

Visitation was held June 22, 2001 at the church.

Mrs. Henderson passed away June 20, at her residence in Tomball.

Born November 3, 1917 in Hearne, Texas to Little Berry and Willie Theresa Haining Matthews, she lived in Woodville for many years before moving to Tomball. She was an office manager for the Federal Government and many doctors. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

She is survived by her daughter, Anita Wood of Tomball; grandchildren, Michelle and Russell Richards of Tomball; great-grandsons, Chris and Zach Richards; numerous nieces and nephews and
Selman Eddings

Funeral service for Selman Eddings, 75, of Fred, Texas, was held Monday, June 25, 2001 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother George Alan Jeffcoat and Brother Elmer Eddings officiating. Burial followed at Frank’s Branch Cemetery in Fred.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Eddings passed away June 23, at his residence.

Born July 23, 1925 in Silsbee to Esker and Annie Crawford Eddings, he lived in Fred most of his life. He was a retired pipefitter and welder.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Loriena Gore Eddings on April 20, 2000.

He is survived by his daughter, Sharon Tanton of Fred; brother, Elmer Eddings of Fred and Eloise Hooks of Fred; three grandchildren, William Thomas Eddings, Cassandra McCollum and Randy Peck; three great-grandchildren, William Thomas Eddings II, Korlei Eddings, and Rebecca McCollum.

Serving as pallbearers were William Thomas Eddings, Wesley McCollum, Randy Peck, Jerry Gore, Elmer Wayne Eddings, and Malcolm M. Gore.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mabel Catherine Wright

Mabel Catherine Wright, 94, of Warren, Texas died Friday, June 22, 2001 at Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 25 at 3 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services was Reverend Bobby Hoffpaur, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Warren.

Serving as pallbearers were Rodger Bligh, Johnny Swafford, Jerry Hatton, Chrlces Roberts, Sheldon Bean, and Harold Davis.

Visitation was held on Sunday, June 24 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Wright was born July 6, 1906 to Marion Elias and Mary Ann Kelley Best in Warren, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Warren and a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

She is survived by her brother, Will Best of Coldspring and her sister, Lois Best Collins of Wimberley, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Henry Joseph LaChausse, Jr.

Funeral service for Henry Joseph LaChausse, Jr., 79, of Woodville, Texas, was held Sunday, June 24, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church with Father Egidio Vecchio and Brother Byron McWilliams officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. A rosary was recited Friday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. LaChausse passed away June 22, at the Diagnostic Hospital in Houston.

Born April 8, 1922 in Port Arthur to Henry Joseph and Olite Hebert LaChausse, Sr., he lived in Port Arthur most of his life before moving to Woodville 29 years ago. He was the owner of Henry’s Cabinet Shop in Woodville, a member of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church and a Coast Guard veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Ozelle Sophia LaChausse of Woodville; son, Henry Joseph LaChausse III of Austin, son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Kelli LaChausse of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Tommy Reid of Warren, daughter, Jennifer Broussard of Port Arthur; sisters, Louella Moss and Lucina Barra of Groves; fifteen grandchildren; thirty one great-grandchildren.
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and one great-great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers were Kevin LaChausse, Tharon Hester, Thad Hester, Phillip A. Macomber, Jr., Henry J. LaChausse IV, Vance LaChausse, John Michael LaChausse, and Tommy M. Becker.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Billie Marie Crocker**

Funeral services for Billie Marie Crocker, 70, of Silsbee, Texas, were held June 26, 2001 at Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee with burial following at the Shady Grove Cemetery near Woodville.

Mrs. Crocker passed away on June 24, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

She was a native of Woodville and had lived in Silsbee for 13 years.

Survivors include her daughters, Vicky Nugent and Karen Wigley of Woodville and Brenda Morris of Kirbyville; son, Billy Gauldock of Mansfield, Texas; brothers, Carl Elliott of Orange and Gordon Elliott of Lubbock; sisters, Lenora Gallaway of Woodville, Shirley Bones of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Joyce O’Connor of Silsbee; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were under the direction of RS Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee.

**Thelma Green Rumley**

Thelma Green Rumley, 92, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, June 29, 2001, at Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 30, at Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating at the service was Brother David Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church in Colmesneil.

Mrs. Rumley was born in Dyersburg, Tennessee on January 24, 1909 to Jobe and Della Lenora Sweett. She had lived in Tyler County for twelve years and was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ in Dyersburg.

She is survived by two nieces; Sandra Davis of Colmesneil and Dorothy Holzworth of Texas City; nephew, James H. Sweett of LaMarque; and one sister-in-law, Leona Sweett of Colmesneil.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**James Ronald Broom**

Funeral service for James Broom, 41, of Woodville, Texas, were held July 1, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. R.C. Tillery officiating. Burial followed at Shady Grove Cemetery near Woodville.

James died June 27, at his residence. He was born September 2, 1959 in Jefferson County, he lived in Woodville most of his life. He was a heavy equipment operator.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Ross Broom; son, Rodney Wayne Broom and a sister, Shelia Sheffield.

He is survived by his wife Shawn Broom of Woodville; mother, Billie Jean Broom of Woodville; son, Steven Ross Broom of Woodville; daughter, Monica Louise Broom of Woodville; sisters, Linda Green of Fort Worth, Becky Morrow of Graham, Oklahoma, Debbie Burdette of Silsbee and Candass Broom of Woodville; father-in-law and mother-in-law, James and Wanda Baker of Parker, County and sister-in-law, Sonja Baker of Parker, County.

Pallbearers were Daulton Morrow, Ron Junot, Ronald Hensarling, James Courville, Mickey Lilly, Matt Sheffield, Mike Sheffield and Ralph Winters.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Erma Beatrice Barker**

Funeral service for Erma Beatrice Barker, 84, of Warren, Texas, was held Tuesday, July 3, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Earl Crawford officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Barker passed away July 1, at her residence in Warren.

Born July 18, 1916 in Richmond, Oklahoma to
Thomas C. and May Irene Donley Hayes, she lived in Warren for 13 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Honey Island Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Lawrence Barker of Warren; daughter, Deanna Findley of Warren; son, Murlin Barker of West Covina, California; sisters, Evelyn Murray of Woodward, Oklahoma and Mary K. Charmasson of Russelville, Arkansas; three grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Derel Adams, Kerry Adams, Johnnie Findley, Aaron Tucker, Kenny Tingley, and Greg Wood.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Kathleen Harrington Fry**

Kathleen Harrington Fry, 57, of Warren, Texas, died Wednesday, July 4, 2001, at her residence.

Graveside services were Saturday July 7 at 10 a.m. in the Gardner Cemetery near Warren. Officiating at the service was Brother Kenneth Cauthen.

Pallbearers were Benny House, Jesse Simon, Rod Tompkins, Philip Stewart, Pat Fredericks, and Jimmy Grose.

Visitation was held on Friday, July 6, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home with a rosary being recited at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Fry was born December 2, 1943 to Wilbert Joseph and Dora Bonvillion Harrington, Sr. in Port Arthur, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Warren and a homemaker, hunter, crafter, wonderful cook, and mother.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Roy Fry of Warren; son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Jeannie Loving of Colorado Springs, Colorado; daughters and son-in-law, Stacie Loving of Warren and Darla and Billy Bertrand of Winnie; brothers, Marcus Harrington, of Pt. Neches, and Wilbert Harrington, Jr. of Groves; sisters, Loretta Bevil of Beaumont, Erlene McLancon of Spurger, and Marilyn Harrington of Toledo Bend, Louisiana; five grandchildren and numerous friends.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Raymond Kenneth Hill**

Raymond Kenneth Hill, 63, of Cypress, Texas, died Sunday, July 8, 2001.

Funeral service will be Thursday, July 12, at 10 a.m. in the Chapel of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. Interment will follow the service at Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 11, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Doucette and a former resident of Nederland, he was residing in Colmesneil and Cypress. He was a retired welder and U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Hill of Cypress; two daughters, Shari Tullis and Tammy Teague and son-in-law, John; mother, Attie Mae Irvine Hill of Dam-B; sisters and brother-in-law, Paula and Jerry Skinner of Lumberton, Brenda and Richard Johnston of dam-B, and Freida and Gene Keith; five grandchildren, Chrystal Kirschke, Heather Jones, April Kirschke, Valerie Jones, and Dustin Jones; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Raymond Hill.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Eunice Marie Reese**

Eunice Marie Reese, 70, of Warren, Texas, passed away July 3, 2001, in Humble, Texas.

Funeral service was held at 10 a.m., July 6, at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Brother Bobby Hoffpauir, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiating. Interment followed at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren.

Visitation was held Thursday, July 5, at the funeral home.

She was born April 26, 1931 to Jessie and Addie Whiteside Holmes in Jasper, County and
had lived in Warren most of her life. She was a homemaker and was loved by all who knew her in the nursery at Bethel Baptist Church where she was a member.

Survivors include her daughters, Vicki Reese of Humble and Marietta Smith of Warren; son, Ronnie Reese of Warren; brother, Roland Holmes of Lumberton; sisters, Vera May Hatcher of Raywood and Bernice Carroll of Segno; brother-in-law, Aubrey Wagnon of Warren; sister-in-law, Iris Reese of Warren; and four grandchildren, Jay Reese, Jull Reese, Ashly Smith and Kelly Smith.

Serving as pallbearers were Alton Harwell, Charlie Roberts, Buddy Phillips, Randy Weyler, Jerry L. Hatton, H.T. Wilson and Davis Hatton.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Marie Ethelyn Spears

Marie Ethelyn Spears, 93, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away July 3, 2001, at her residence.

Funeral service was held Friday, July 6 at 1 p.m. at Brookside Funeral Home in Houston with Sister Gina Harrison, pastor of Agape Church, officiating. Interment followed at Brookside Cemetery in Houston.

Visitation was held Wednesday, July 4, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville and on July 5, at the Brookside Chapel in Houston.

She was born January 24, 1908 in Benton, Arkansas to Marion Dudley Hunter and Mary Lou Johnson Hunter. She had lived in Tyler County for twenty years and was a homemaker. She was a member of the American Gold Star Mothers, with National Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Alvin L. Spears, Sr. and three children; sons, Elton Spears and Alvin L. Spears, Jr., and daughter, Betty Sue Mann.

Survivors include two daughters, Aletha Strickland of Houston and Pamela Kay Lowe of Dallas; sons, Bartley Spears of Arlington and Bob Spears of Mt. Calm, Texas; seventeen grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Barbara Phillips

Barbara “Bobbie” Phillips, 99, of Woodville, Texas, died Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 14 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Gary Sills.

Serving as pallbearers were Joshua Sills, C.S. O’Neal, Dr. Curtis Garner, Grover Brister, Jim Pool, and Roy Bolding. Honorary pallbearers were J.H. Kenesson, Sr. and Jeremy Brister.

Visitation was held on Friday, July 13 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Phillips was born to Printis Benjaman and Mary Delilah Howard Hammond on December 25, 1901 in Grant Parish, Louisiana. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, T.E. Phillips and her son Carl Phillips.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Min Phillips of Woodville; brothers, Ivan Hammond of Santa Fe, Texas and Sedley Hammond of Keithville, Louisiana; grandchildren, Linda Maglothien of Louisville, KY., Sandra Sills of Bacliff, and Barbara Brister of Ranger; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Hope D. Schulze

Hope D. Schulze, 86, of Woodville, Texas, died Thursday, July 12, 2001, at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 14 at 2 p.m. in the Woodville United Methodist Church with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the service were Reverend John Birkelbach and Reverend Ray Reed.
Serving as pallbearers were Clifford Larson, C. Trent Schulze, Chris Larson, Craig Larson, Jerry Mallett, and Wayne Stephenson. Honorary pallbearers were Adrian Tucker, Walter Landry, and Joe Dan Richardson.

Visitation was held on Friday, July 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Schulze was born to Jack Louis and Lucille Crites Schulze on November 4, 1914 in Bangs, Texas. He was a former resident of Beaumont and a longtime resident of Woodville. He was a retired teacher with South Park ISD in Beaumont and a member of Woodville United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Sam T. and Janet Schulze of Highland; daughter, M. Sharlyne Lamb of Dallas; niece, Jeannie Larson of Lumberton; nephews, Jack Schulze of Bertram and Jerry Schulze of San Angelo; four grandchildren, C. Trent Schulze, Traci C. McGlynn, Karla M. Gragon, and Lindsey E. Dunn; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Edith Hubert**

Funeral service for Edith Hubert, 80, were held July 13, 2001, at 4 p.m. at Midway Community Church, with Brother Robert Smith officiating. Burial followed at Hubert Cemetery in the Midway Community.

Mr. Hubert died July 10, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. He was born April 30, 1921 in Midway, Polk County, Texas, to his parents James William Hubert and Columbia Sterling. He lived in Port Arthur most of his life before moving back to Midway 21 years ago. He was a retired pumper for Gulf Oil and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Ronnie Bingham and one granddaughter, Heather Stephenson.

Survivors include his wife Syble Stewart Hubert of Midway; daughters, Patricia Sue Henry of Jasper and Kalinda Adams of Beaumont; son, Eddie Lynn Hubert of Fannett; sisters, Maurice Pace of Livingston, Merl Wells of Allen, Norina Lou Howard of Dallas and Jo Ann Munselle of Richardson; brothers, Elton Lee “Curley” Hubert of Port Arthur, Stephen Oates of Round Rock and Calvin Oates of Jasper; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Regan Stephenson, Ronny Hale, Bryan Shepherd, Carrol Smith, Jimmy Hubert and Mike Richardson.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Georgia Mae Nunley**

Georgia Mae Nunley, 80, of Doucette, Texas, died Sunday, July 15, 2001, at Holiday Pine Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 3 p.m at the True Vine Baptist Church in Doucette.

Visitation was held Friday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home chapel.

Survivors include three daughters, Mae Nunley of Woodville, Wanda Nunley of Doucette, and Lena Nunley of Colmesneil; three sons, Nathaniel Nunley of Colmesneil, John Edward Nunley of Colmesneil, and John Earl Nunley of Doucette; 15 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services under the direction of Colemans Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

**Tommy Ray McCrory**

Cremation services for Tommy Ray McCrory, 49, of Doucette, Texas, were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mr. McCrory died July 20, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. He was born May 6, 1952 in Natchitoches, Louisiana. He lived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana most of his life before moving to Doucette 4 years ago. He was self-employed in lawn service.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann McCrory of Doucette; brother Glynn McCrory of Denham Springs, Louisiana; one sister, Marilyn Rigdon of Kountze; one nephew and four nieces.

Services were under the direction of Riley
Myrtie Chambless

Funeral services for Myrtie “Auntie” Chambless, 100, of Woodville, Texas, were held July 20, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Louis Tubbs officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville.

Auntie died July 18, at the Woodville Convalescent Center.

She was born February 3, 1901 in Tyler County where she was a lifelong resident. She was a homemaker and a member of New Shiloh Baptist Church.

She was survived by her sister, Jessie V. Green of Kingsville; nine nieces and four nephews.

Pallbearers were Robert Snowden, Sherman Powell, Sr., Buddy Ogden, Doyle Turner, Jesse H. Bryant and Daniel Seiley.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Chadd Cooper

Chadd “Kaleb” Cooper, 13, of Silsbee, Texas, died Saturday, July 14, 2001, in Conroe. Funeral service was held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the New Bethel Baptist Church in Silsbee with burial at the Kirby Community Cemetery in Silsbee.

Visitation was held Friday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the New Bethel Baptist Church in Silsbee.

He was a native of Silsbee and an eight grade student at Silsbee Junior High School.

Survivors include his mother, Erma Cooper; father, Glenn Ray Cooper; sister, Ashanti Cooper; brother, Raudrin Cooper; grandmother, Pheleneice Busby all of Kountze.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Earl Thomas Owens

Earl Thomas Owens passed away in Roseville, California, on Friday, July 20, 2001, at the age of 60.

Services were held on Wednesday, July 25, at 2 p.m. at Lambert Funeral Home, 400 Douglas Blvd., Roseville, California.

Earl was born on October 29, 1940 in Colmesneil. He worked for the Roseville Unified School District in the Transportation Department for 10 years. He also worked for Winestocks for 25 years, and was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend to all who knew him.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, Matt and Emma Owens and sister, Irene Belt.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; son, Andrew Owens and his wife Amy; grandchildren, Andrew and Matthew Owens; sisters, Hettie Mae Anderson, Pauline Ewings, Francis Reid of Woodville, Bessie Freeman of Odessa, Bobby Warden of De Ridder, Louisiana; brothers, Buddy and Jim Owens and Lester Owens of Hillister; mother-in-law, Cathy Salmon; sister-in-laws, Carolyn Jackson and her husband Buddy, Judy Reid, Barbara Silva and her husband Jon and Linda Marsh; brother-in-law, Floyd Salmon and his wife Carol and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jewell Best Pedigo

Funeral service for Jewell Best Pedigo, 89, was held Monday, July 23, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Fairview Baptist Church in Town Bluff with Brother Earl Pedigo and Brother Doyle Butcher officiating. Burial was held at the Pedigo Cemetery near Town Bluff.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Pedigo passed away July 20, 2001, at Mid Jefferson Hospital in Nederland, Texas.

Born August 14, 1911 in Woodville to Howell and Nannie Coward Best, she was a lifelong resident of Town Bluff. She was a homemaker and a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Clay Pedigo and a grandson, Terry Pedigo.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Henry Allen and Joyce Pedigo of Groves; daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy Nell and

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Raymond Mills of Groves; grandsons, Mike D. Pedigo, Mark W. Pedigo, Don A. Price, Rory A. Price and Damon C. Mills; granddaughters-in-law, Kerry Pedigo, Debbie Pedigo, Kelly Price and Teri Mills; great-grandchildren, Phillip Pedigo, Laura and Paul Pedigo, Leanne, Tyler and Chase Pedigo, Zachary and Andrew Price, Kailey and Clay Price; sisters-in-law, Verna Jack Lester and Dorothy Best; numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Mark Pedigo, Mike Pedigo, Rory Price, Dale Best, Jerry Best, Damon Mills, Don Price, Jack Pedigo, and Clay Pedigo.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Spencer Kent

Funeral services for Dr. Spencer Kent, 68, of Lufkin, Texas, were held at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, July 19, 2001, in the Gipson Metcalf Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Peggy Edge officiating. Interment followed in the Garden of Memories Memorial Park.

Dr. Kent was born February 26, 1933, in San Angelo, Texas, and he died Monday, July 16, in a Woodville hospital.

Dr. Kent attended Baylor Medical School, and was a Board Certified Urologist. He was also a retired U.S. Navy Commander, following 20 years of service. He served on the aircraft carrier, USS Ticonderoga; on the submarine tender, USS Hunley; and on the nuclear submarine, the USS George C. Marshall. Upon retirement from the Navy in 1977, Dr. Kent had a private practice in Jacksonville for two years, and has been in private practice in Lufkin for the past 22 years.

Dr. Kent was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. His hobbies included gardening and he was a supporter of the Humane Society and the Salvation Army.

Survivors include his wife, Genny Kent of Lufkin; sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Cinny Kent of Corpus Christi, Jay and Robbie Kent of Lufkin; granddaughters, Kristin and Jessica Keknt of Corpus Christi; father, Tom H. Kent of Woodville; and brother and sister-in-law, dan and Betty Kent of Woodville.

Dr. Kent was preceded in death by his mother, Lelah Spencer Kent.

Pallbearers will be Dr. Art Jordan, John Christian Watson, Jimmy Stanaland, Tommy Schofield, Tom Dunn and Brent Brookshire.

Services under the direction of Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Directors of Lufkin, Texas.

James A. Harris

Funeral services for James A. “Bud” Harris, 66, were held July 21, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Robert A. Brock and Brother Kenneth Caugthen officiating. Burial followed in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Bud died July 18, in Galveston after an illness. He was born March 5, 1935 in Tyler County where he was a lifelong resident. He was a self employed log truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Aileen Riley Harris.

Survivors include his sister, Betty Joyce Conner of Warren; four stepsons, Robert Allen Brock of Henderson, Richard “Bugs” Weeks of Woodville, Ronnie Weeks of Colmesneil and Skippy Weeks of Huffman; one stepdaughter, Patricia Fortenberry of Woodville; 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Shawn B. Fortenberry, Travis Todd Weeks, Tommy Neal, Wade Brock, Wesley C. Fortenberry and Justin Morris.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Allen Alden Wilson

Funeral services for Allan Alden Wilson, 65, of Woodville, Texas, will be held July 25, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Larry Trest officiating. Masonic graveside service will follow at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, under the direction of Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495 in Woodville.

Mr. Wilson died July 22, at his resident. He was born March 19, 1936 in Woodville where he was a lifelong resident. He was retired from the
Texas Forest Service as a Forest Technician with 28 years service and he was a U.S. Navy veteran.
Survivors include his wife Barbara Weaver Wilson of Woodville; sons, Neil Allan Wilson of Woodville and Robert Earl Wilson of Fort Carson, Colorado; sister, Bonnie Dowling of Beaumont; and brother, John R. Wilson of Woodville.

Pallbearers will be John Mark Wilson, Gary Weaver, Travis Weaver, Ryan Weaver, Lane Weaver, Richard Dowling, Joseph Dowling, Larry Dowling and Jeff Carruth. Honorary pallbearers will be the Texas Forest Service.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mildred Josephine Taylor Smith

Mrs. Mildred Josephine Taylor Smith, 97, passed away on Sunday, July 22, 2001, in Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Smith was born on December 19, 1903, in Jennings, Louisiana to Mattie Leona Payne Taylor and Elmer Joseph Taylor. She grew up in Jennings and attended schools there. The family moved to Port Arthur, where she met George W. Smith. They married in 1930 and lived in Cincinnati, Ohio for 32 years and retired to Woodville in 1962. Mr. Smith passed on in 1970 after 40 years of marriage. Mrs. Smith was a past member and officer of the Woodville Garden Club, member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville, avid bridge player and taught Sunday School for years in her church in Cincinnati. Although Mrs. Smith had no children, she was a second mother to many.

Survivors are nieces, Dorothy Brueck Morgan of Mt. Pleasant, Peggy Patterson Bean of Hemphill, and Joe Ann Rourke McCann of Texas City; nephew, Dr. W.L. Brueck, Jr. of Kingwood; niece-in-law, Lorene Smith Jones of Meridan, Mississippi; and twenty seven great nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband of 40 years, her mother and father, one brother, E.L. Taylor of Vero Beach, Florida; sisters, Gwen Atheline Taylor Brueck, Velma Gertrude Taylor Patterson Davis of Woodville and Geraldine Sally Taylor Rourke of Texas City.

Memorial services were held at Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel on July 24, at 2 p.m. with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Pallbearers were her nephews, Britt Taylor Morgan of Arlington, James Ray Bean of Bridge City, William Brueck III of Baytown, Everett McCann of Texas City, Terry Wayne Bean of Bridge City, Paul Harvey of Austin, and friend, Johnny Page. Honorary pallbearer was Dr. W.L. Brueck, Jr.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Hazel Hyde Myers

Funeral service for Hazel Hyde Myers, 88, will be August 2, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. at Woodville United Methodist Church with Rev. Ray Reed officiating.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Myers died July 30 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. She was born June 10, 1913, in Ward, Louisiana. She lived in Woodville most of her life, and was a retired clerk for A & M Motor Co. Inc. in Woodville. She was also a member of Woodville United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James W. Myers; parents, Amos P. Hyde and Mary Eula Croom; sister, Louise Gray; and brother, J. Amos Hyde.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lee and Walter S. Jeffery of Pittsburgh, Pa., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Ruby Reed Graham

Ruby Reed Graham, a native and resident of Beaumont, Texas for 53 years, lived in Woodville for 34 years. She entered into larger life at her residence July 25, 2001.

She and her husband built a house in Woodville uniquely designed to bring views of the forest, lake and sky into her home and make the house a natural part of its setting. An excellent gardener, Ruby's indoor atrium allowed her to grow spectacular plants, ferns and flowering bougainvillea.

She was committed to lifelong learning and dedicated many hours of her life to sharing music on her violin and piano with others.

She was an active member of St Paul's Episcopal Church and was instrumental in establishing and maintaining St. Paul's Episcopal School which is operated by the church.

She was a devoted wife and mother, beloved by her extended family and wide circle of friends of all ages.

She is survived by her children, Madelon Douglas Graham of Beaumont and Woodville, Jeanne Graham Miller of Tyler, Charles Fletcher Graham, Jr. of Woodville; grandchildren, Rick Warren of Dallas and Ashley Warren of New York City. She is also survived by her sister, Mary Reed Cecil; sister-in-law, Betty Reed; and brother-in-law, James D. McNicholas, all of Beaumont; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Fletcher Graham III and her brother Randolph C. Reed.

Ruby was fully engaged in her life until it closed.

Services were held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, 2001 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Beaumont and at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2001 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Woodville.

Kelly Hensarling

Funeral services for Kelly Hensarling, 64, of Woodville, Texas, was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 1, 2001, at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Burial followed at Homer Cemetery.

Mr. Hensarling died Monday, July 30, in Woodville. He was a former longtime resident of Jasper and had lived in Woodville two years.

He is survived by his wife, Dottie L. Hensarling of Woodville; sons, Albert Hensarling and Jimmy Hensarling of Jasper; step-sons, Keith Strickland and C.W. Strickland of Goodrich; step-daughter, Kathy Harris of Woodville; brother, Kenneth Hensarling of Austin; sister, Cynthia Hanks of Jasper; grandchildren, Rocky, Jessica, and Hannah; 8 step-grandchildren, Becky, Betsy, Ben, Eric, Austin, Julia, Ashley, and Matthew; and two great-grandchildren, Allen and Dustin.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Violet Z. Vinson

Violet Z. Vinson, 80, of Woodville, Texas, died Wednesday, August 1, 2001, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were Saturday, August 4 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester, Texas. Officiating at the service was Brother Hails Taylor.

Serving as pallbearers were her sons-in-law and grandsons, Bob Borel, Brad McMillan, Shannon Kleiber, Robert R. Borel, J. D. McMillan, and Jathan Borel.

Visitation was held Friday, August 3 at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Vinson was born August 15, 1920 to Sol Bergman and Cara Cornelius Turnimmermann in Camden, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and had taught 6th grade in Woodville during the 1940's and was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.D. Vinson on July 14, 1985 and is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Jan Borel and Bob of Woodville, Lyn McMillan and Brad of Sugar land and Ayn Kleiber and Shannon of Kingwood; six grandchildren and spouses, Eryn and Thomas...
Zavaleta, Robert R. Borel, Jathan and Amy Borel, Elizabeth McMillan, J.D. McMillan and Blair Kleiber; three great grandchildren, Courtney Zavaleta, Reid Zavaleta, and Carson Borel.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Elisabeth Jeanne Daems Davis**

Elisabeth “Lisette” Jeanne Daems Davis, 76, of Woodville, Texas, closed her eyes to this world on August 3, 2001. She was born in Brussels, Belgium on May 24, 1925 to Guillaume and Josephine Charlotte Jabe Daems and became a war bride to her devoted husband of 57 years, John Wesley Davis on October 3, 1945 after World War II.

Funeral services were Monday, August 6 at 10 a.m. in Our Lady Of The Pines Catholic Church with burial in Pilgrim Rest Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services was Father Egidio Vecchio and Father Roger Thibodeaux.

Serving as pallbearers were Tim Bauer, Rick Pattison, John Bauer, Scott Revia, Raymond Drouette, Slim Savoy, Doug Libby, and Jim Bergeaux. Honorary pallbearer was Kerwin Droucette.

Visitation was held on Sunday, August 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home with a Rosary Service in the chapel at 7 p.m.

Residing in Houston for 38 years then retired to Woodville in 1984. She leaves behind her loving husband, John Wesley “Jack” Davis, Jr. of Woodville; daughters and their husbands, Gerette Ann and Richard Haig Pattison of Willis, Texas and Michele Denise and Timothy Ray Bauer of Kingwood, Texas; grandchildren, John Edward and Victoria Lauren Bauer of Kingwood, of whom she was especially proud. She also leaves her younger sister and only living sibling; Bertha Michiels of Brussels, Belgium; and two nephews, Henri and Marc Michiels and many that love her.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Bobbie Gardner White**

Bobbie Gardner White, 73, of Warren, Texas, died Monday, August 6, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services will be Wednesday, August 8, at 4 p.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the service will be Brother Bobby Hoffpauir.

Serving as pallbearers will be her family, Duncan Gardner, John Ogden White, Billy Read, Wade Read, Charles Fry, and Andrew Fry.

Visitation was held Tuesday, August 7 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. White was born October 12, 1927 to Clarence Ogden and Thelma Theo Parker Coats in Slagle, Louisiana. She was a lifelong resident of Warren.

She is survived by her husband, John T. White of Warren; sons and daughters-in-law, Duncan and Eve Gardner of Jasper and John O. and Amy White of Miami, Florida; daughters and sons-in-law, Cheri and Ben Read of Warren and Rhonda and Roy Melius of Grandbury; twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Stanley Johnny Head**

Funeral service for Stanley Johnny Head, 86, of Town Bluff, Texas, were held August 9, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Keith Bellamy and Gene Greer officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff.

Mr. Head died August 7, at St Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

He was born September 28, 1914 in Aiken, Texas, he lived in Bridge City before moving to Town Bluff 25 years ago. He was a retired supervisor for Dupont Chemical Co. and was a member of Woodville Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Miller Head of Town Bluff; sons, Don Head of Town Bluff and John C. Head of League City; sister, Audrey Taylor of League City; brother, Rosten F. Head of...
Corpus Christi; four grandchildren, Lisa, Lesleigh, Connetia and LaDonna; six great-grandchildren, Lydia, reagan, Ashley, Allen, Caleb, and Joshua.

Pallbearers were Port Callaway, Norman Turner, Allen Read, Jimmy Taylor, Sr., Guy Crow, and John Lormand.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Andrew D. Hill

Andrew D. “Andy” Hill, 76, of Woodville, Texas, died Monday, August 6, 2001, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Memorial services were held Saturday, August 11 at 1 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Brother Don Huckeba.

Mr. Hill was born October 30, 1924 to Dave Dixon and Minnie Mae Jordan Hill in Yorktown (DeWitt County), Texas. He was a longtime resident of Woodville and was retired in maintenance repair with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and was a WW II Air Force and Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Marjorie L. Hill of Woodville; daughters and son-in-law, Terrie Ann and Mark Schmearer of New York and Lenora Marie Hill of Woodville; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Anna Belle Kimbrell

Memorial service for Anna Kimbrell, 79, of Woodville, Texas, were held August 13, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Keith Bellamy and Gene Greer officiating. Cremation was held at Wilbert Crematory in Beaumont.

Mrs. Kimbrell died August 10, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

She was born September 4, 1921 in Nauvoo, Alabama and lived in Galena Park before moving to Woodville 22 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of Woodville Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, James Kimbrell of Woodville; daughter, Brenda Hodges of Houston; two sons, Russell Kimbrell of Lake Jackson and James Kimbrell of Pasadena; sister, Alma Pendley of Arlington; six grandchildren, Eric, Ginger, Kyle, Grady, Carrie, and Ryan; five great-grandchildren, Caitlin, Kelsey, Emily, Ryan, and Sophie.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Eddie G. Brannan

Eddie G. Brannan, 71, of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, August 12, 2001, at the Woodville Convalescent Center.

A family gathering with visitation will be held Wednesday, August 15 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr. Brannan was born July 8, 1930 to William and Callie Westbrook Brannan in Big Spring, Texas. He was a former longtime resident of Midland, Texas and Hobbs, New Mexico, and had lived in Woodville for the past six months. He was a retired oilfield salesmen and Benro Pump and had worked a longtime with Conoco Oil Company. He had been a member of First Church of the Nazarene.

He is survived by his daughter, Terrie O’Hara of Woodville. and his grandchildren, Kellily O’Hara of Sherman and William “Buddy” O’Hara of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Clay Timothy Middleton


A graveside service was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 21, at Hubert Cemetery in Midway Community near Livingston with Brother Bobby Oliver officiating.
Survivors, other than parents, include grandparents, Harold and Valerie Middleton of Vidor and Steve and Teresa Fay Hall of Vidor; grandparents, David and Sherry Segrest of Vidor and Eddie Hubert of Fannett; sister, Shaylynn Hubert of Vidor; brother, Jayden Middleton of Vidor; great-grandparents, Bobby and Linda Oliver of Vidor, Guy and Emma Fox of Vidor and Sybil Hubert of Livingston; aunt, Sonny Jones of Beaumont; uncles, Jeff Hubert of Beaumont, Daniel Middleton and Adam Hall of Vidor and Donald Guidry of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Marvin E. Wright**

Funeral services for Marvin E. Wright, 77, of Woodville, Texas, were held August 19, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. R.C. Tillery officiating. Burial followed at Mount Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Mr. Wright died August 17, at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

He was born January 1, 1924 in Tyler County where he was a lifelong resident. He was retired from Keller Industries. He was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Woodville.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lottie Frances Creel and brother Sammie Wright.

Survivors include his daughter, Sharon Dominy of Woodville; son, Larry E. Wright of Splendora; sisters, Lois Grote of Silsbee, Dorothy Oates of Woodville and Evelyn Trull of Beaumont; two grandsons, Mark Dominy and Dennis Wright; granddaughter, Sarah Wright.

Pallbearers were James Ewings, Dennis Wright, Doug Eberling, Mark Dominy, Billy Reid and Ray Tillery.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Elmo McRae**

Ellmo “Sis” McRae, 80, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, August 17, 2001, at Dogwood Trail Manor in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 21, at 12 noon at the New Pilgrim Baptist Church in Woodville. Burial was at the Moss Hill Community Cemetery near Woodville. The Rev. James Mitchell officiating pastor.

Visitation was held on Monday 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home chapel.

She was a native of Hughes Springs, Texas. She also lived in Woodville for a number of years. She was the wife of the late Rev. Myrlin L. McRae former Pastor of New Pilgrim Baptist Church in Woodville.

Survivors include her sister, Sue Bell Chism of Hughes Spring; step-daughters, Doris Young and Betty Jean McRae of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; step-son, Henry Allen McRae of Atlanta, Georgia; two god-daughters, Keisha Brazil Hadnot of Beaumont and Darlene Hopkins of Lonestar, Texas; and a special niece, Deloris Brazil of Woodville.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

**Willie Clinton Vaughan**

Funeral services for Willie Clinton Vaughan, 84, of Tyler, Texas, were held Thursday, August 23, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the Rose City Baptist Church with Chaplain Bobby Thornton and Dr. J.T. Gross officiating. Burial followed at Fields Chapel Cemetery near Palestine.

Mr. Vaughan died August 20 at a Tyler, Texas hospital.

He was born March 31, 1917 in Palestine, Texas. He was raised in Palestine, lived in Groves, Texas for 35 years and Woodville from 1978 to 1993, and in Tyler, Texas for the last 8 years.

He was a retired electrician and instrument man with Texaco for 38 years in Port Arthur.

Mr. Vaughan was a member of Rose City Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jewel Vaughan and son, Thurman Doyle “T.D.” Davis.

Survivors include a son, Olen Arthur Vaughan of Irving; daughters, Helen Marie Keprta of Houston and Dovie Thornton of Tyler; brother,
Glenn Arthur Vaughan of Palestine; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Jay Davis, Jeff Thornton, Trent Davis, Jody Vaughan, Gary Vaughan, and Ron Braden.

Services were under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home of Tyler, Texas.

Clyde Corley, Jr.

A graveside service for Clyde Corley, Jr., 57, was held Monday, August 27, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas. Officiating at the service was Brother Troy Richardson.

Mr. Corley passed away August 24, 2001 in Houston.

A native of Port Arthur, he lived in Houston. He was a Technician for Arco.

He is survived by his brother Larry Corley of Azle.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

William Drew Sheffield

Funeral service for William Drew Sheffield, 65, of Spurger, Texas, was held Friday, August 24, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jasper with Brother David Nugent officiating. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Sheffield passed away August 22, at his residence in Spurger.

A native and lifelong resident of Spurger, he was a retired Baptist pastor. He was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Colmesneil.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Lottie Jordan Sheffield of Spurger; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Carl Redmon, Jr. Of Spurger; daughter, Cheryl Conner of Spurger; sons and daughters-in-law, Lawayne and Eyde Sheffield of Spurger and Larry and Christy Sheffield of Spurger; nine grandchildren, Josh, Stephanie, Joey, Joe, Ashley, Hannah, Pate, Kelsey, and Nathan; and a host of family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were C.J. Riley, Cloyce Chalker, Thurmon Levins, Alex Rawls, Robert Ramer, Preston Broom, and Eddie Jordan.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ronald DeBlasio

Visitation service for Ronald DeBlasio, 48, of Vidor, Texas, was held August 25, 2001, at the Riley Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at a later date in Trenton, New Jersey.

Mr. DeBlasio passed away August 23, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of Trenton, New Jersey, he had lived in Fairless-Hills, PA. before moving to Vidor 11 1/2 years ago. He was the owner of R & D Machine Controls, Inc. And a Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by his father John DeBlasio, Sr.; son, Keith Fowler; and brother, John DeBlasio, Jr.

He is survived by his fiancé Donna Lee and her son, Eric Lee of Vidor; mother, Edith Housel DeBlasio of Trenton, New Jersey; daughter, Colleen Davidson of Fairless-Hills, PA.; brother, Wayne DeBlasio of Fairless-Hills, PA. And Steven Deblasio of Trenton, New Jersey; sisters, Kathlee M. DeBlasio of Princeton, New Jersey and Sharon McCormick of Xeniz, Ohio; one granddaughter and grandson; nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Alfred Randall Moore

Funeral service for Alfred Randall Moore, 83, of Woodville, Texas, was held Saturday, August 25, 2001, at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ray Reed officiating. A Masonic service followed at the funeral home with Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495 and Sour Lake Masonic Lodge #1002 conducting the service. Burial followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester.

Visitation was held Saturday from 10 a.m. until
the time for the service at the funeral home.

Mr. Moore passed away August 23, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A native of Garner, Texas, he lived in Sour Lake 25 years before moving to Woodville 6 years ago. He was a retired station engineer for Sun Pipeline Company.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Orvalene Moore of Refugio; daughter, Edna Belt of Woodville; brother and sister-in-law, Mack and Pat Moore of Aledo; grandchildren, Debra Trujillo of Austin, Dana and Kevin Tucker of Corsicana, Darla and Wales Dear of Chester, Robert and Alex of Houston; great-grandchildren, Callie Tucker, Ket Tucker, Cambria Dear, Trey Dear and Meagan Riley.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Fondren, Buddy Fondren, Billy Walker, Randy Fondren, Charles Hudson, and Joe Fondraen.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

William Bernard Barrett

Services for William Bernard Barrett, 90, of Temple, Texas, will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Connally Dugger and Dr. Jack Riley officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. Barrett died Tuesday, August 21, 2001, in a Temple hospital. He was born in Temple to C.W. and Lena Hewett Barrett. He worked with Anderson Clayton Corp. He was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from Temple High School in 1928. He was a member of the FJGF Club. In 1932, he graduated from South Western University, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He attended Columbia University Graduate School in New York, NY. He graduated from Harvard Communication School. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Emerson Sparger Barrett.

Survivors are his wife, Frances Tinsley Secret Barrett of Temple; sons, Jerry and Robert Secret of Temple; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Scanio-Harper Funeral Home in Temple, Texas is in charge of arrangements.

Jessie Jewell Haynes

Graveside services for Jessie Jewell Haynes, 88, of Warren, Texas, were held August 29, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Warren City Cemetery with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating.

Mrs. Haynes died August 24, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

She was born June 24, 1913 in Orange, Texas. She lived in Warren most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Warren.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary E. Spykes of Odessa; sons, Roy M. Haynes of Warren and Charles Frank Haynes of Forney; sister, Ella Whittner of Corpus Christi; brother, Buddy Duke of San Antonio; granddaughter, Rhonda McMurrian; two grandsons, Brody McMurrian and Johnathon K. Haynes.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Robert Hubert Dumas

Robert Hubert Dumas, 91, of Winnie, Texas, died Friday, August 31, 2001, at The Arboretum of Winnie Nursing Home in Winnie.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 1, at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the service was Brother Dale Carter.

Serving as pallbearers were William Norrell, Mark Walker, Hubert Smith, Andrew Johnson, Pete Elliott, and Mike Weber.

Visitation was held on Friday, August 31, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Dumas was born October 26, 1909 to James Eugene and Ida Mae Maddox Dumas in Thomaston, Georgia. He was a former longtime resident of Woodville and had lived in Winnie for
the past two years. He was retired from Texaco and was a member of Harmony Baptist Church in Woodville.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia Walker of Crystal Beach; grandchildren, Mark Walker and Charles R. Kennison both of Seabrook and Mary A. Ratcliff of Crystal Beach; great-grandchildren, Pete Elliott, Shana Kennison and Catherine Kennison.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Daniel Trahan Seago

Funeral services for Daniel Trahan Seago, 24, of Warren, Texas, were held August 31, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Daniel passed away August 26, in Orange, Texas. He was born March 13, 1977 in Hardin County, and was a lifelong resident of Warren. He was the ranch foreman for the Hooking Bull Ranch and a member of Warren First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Paul Seago and grandfather, Cecil Haygood.

He is survived by his mother, Melody Seago Bellairs, and step father, Robert Bellairs of Warren; father, J.R. Trahan of Saratoga; grandmothers, Verdrue Haygood of Warren and Bessie Trahan of Saratoga; brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Kim Seago of Warren; sister, Sherry Spring of Brookeland; brothers, Lamar Seago of Dallas and Chad Scago of Houston; nieces, Lindsey Seago of Warren; Hannah Spring of Brookeland, and Laney Seago of Dallas; one nephew, Hunter Spring of Brookeland and a host of family and friends.

Pallbearers were Lavelle Haygood, Jimmy Trahan, Pierre Eversole, Charles D. Dempsey, Roger D. Richard and Danny Spring.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Frank Lee Wilson, Sr.

Funeral services for Frank Lee Wilson, Sr., 72, of Port Arthur, Texas, were held September 3, 2001, at 4 p.m. at the Big Sandy Community Church in Dallardsville, Texas. Officiating at the service was Rev. J.E. Murphy and Rev. Rex Hendrix. Burial followed at the Big Sandy Cemetery.

Mr. Wilson died August 31, at Christus St. Mary’s Hospital in Port Arthur. He was born November 16, 1928 in San Gabriel, Texas. He lived in Port Neches for 30 years, Big Sandy for 25 years and Port Arthur the past year. He was a member of Hebron Baptist Church in Warren.

Survivors include his wife Brenda Joyce Wilson of Port Arthur; sons, Bob Montgomery of Nederland and Lee Wilson of Port Neches; daughters, Marie Graham of Port Neches, Brandy Redmon of Warren and Angela Jones, Rachel Tolar, Suzanne Prosperie and Tracy Wilson, all of Livingston; sister, Frances Davis of Rosebud and Odell Gibson of Rockdale; eighteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Troy Montgomery, Lance Montgomery, William Gibson, Joseph Loupe, Dennis Davis and Keith Tucker. Honorary pallbearers were Lawrence Oliver and Lyndon Alec.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

R.B Lewis

Funeral service for R.B. “Bud” Lewis, 75, of Jasper, Texas, was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 6, 2001, at Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper with burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

Visitation was held at Wednesday, September 5, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Lewis died Sunday, September 2, at Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital in Jasper. He was a native of Alco, Louisiana, a former resident of Woodville and longtime Jasper resident. He retired as custodian from Jasper Independent School District and was a WW II Army Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Lewis of Jasper; sons, Gerald Lewis of Jasper and Jerry Lewis of Seadrift, Texas; daughter, Regina Ray of

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

**Marguerite Carter**

Marguerite Carter, 84, of Woodville, Texas died Monday, September 10, 2001, at the Holiday Pines Nursing Home in Woodville.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Magnolia Cemetery in Beaumont, under the direction of Broussard's Funeral Home in Nederland. A gathering of friends was held from 5 - 8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Mrs. Carter was a native of Florien, Louisiana and lived in Nederland for 55 years before moving to Woodville 4 years ago. She is retired from the Nederland ISD as a secretary at Langham Elementary in Nederland. She was also a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Nederland.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary Ellen Stepherson of Nederland and Edna Storey of Woodville; also five grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Thomas Belt**

Funeral service for Thomas Belt, 83, of Colmesneil, Texas, was held Monday, September 10, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Durl Patrick and Rev. Ben Gibbs officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery. Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Belt passed away September 8, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

He was born February 2, 1918 in Colmesneil, Texas to Noval and Mattie Levins Belt. He was a lifelong resident of Colmesneil. He was retired from the logging industry.

He was preceded in death by his wife Irene Owens Belt.

He is survived by his daughters, Marie Haynes and Wanda Belt of Colmesneil, Audrey Rohwedder of Moscow; daughters and son-in-law, Linda and Ronald Hearn of Colmesneil, Mildred and Nelson Flowers of Bridge City, Mary and Larry D’Armond of Beaumont, Diane and Leathon LeBlanc of Lumberton and Billie Faye and Tim Lowe of San Antonio; brother, Quint Belt of Baytown; ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Mack Anthony, Keith Hartzler, Joe H. Belt, Brady Durham, Don Belt, Charles Johnston and Billie Gregory. Honorary pallbearer was Lewis Goode.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Joseph Harvey Lavine**

Joseph Harvey “Jodie” Lavine was born on August 11, 1927 in Bastrop, Louisiana to the union of John and Sally Crenshaw Lavine. Jodie passed away September 4, 2001, at the age of 74.

He liked to fish and loved to work. Jodie was preceded in death by his parents, brothers and sister and two sons, Ricky Monroe Lavine and Michael Shawn Lavine.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Jeannie Lavine; children, Paulin Wagner and Carl, Sherie Lake, Brenda Bradley, Randy Hall and Melody, Dusty Hall and Melissa and Angela Dunn and Tim; 23 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild. Other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, September 7 at 9 a.m. at South Park Funeral Home in Pearland with burial following in the Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas. Visitation was held Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Elzie Lamar Norton

Funeral service for Elzie Lamar Norton, 58, of Warren, Texas, will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating. A Masonic graveside service will be held by Myrta Masonic Lodge #658 at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Norton passed away September 10, at his residence in Warren.

He was born April 18, 1943 in Shelbyville to Ivy and Mary Reed Norton. He moved to Warren 32 years ago. He was a self employed steel fabricator. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Warren, a Warren School Board member from 1980 - 1983, a member of the Tyler County Fire Prevention District #4, and a District Deputy Grand Master in 1992 and member of the Myrta Masonic Lodge #658.


Serving as pallbearers will be Tom Gibson, Clifford Castilaw, Jimmy Fails, Henry Short, Randy Gibson, and Beaver Greer. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be the members of the Myrta Lodge #658.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Thomas Jefferson Durham

Funeral service for Thomas Jefferson Durham, 80, of Warren, Texas, was held Tuesday, September 11, 2001, at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Woodrow Wilson Durham officiating. Burial followed at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren. Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Durham passed away September 9, in Louisiana.

He was born February 10, 1921 in Warren to Harvey and Lena Neal Durham. He lived in Port Arthur for many years before moving back to Warren 20 years ago. He is a retired operator for Texaco and he was an Army veteran of WW II.

His wife, Hinda Durham, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his daughters, Sandra Holland and Beverly Binagia of Port Arthur; son, Wayne Durham of Houston; brothers, Willis Durham of Groves and Woodrow Wilson Durham of Houma, Louisiana; sister, Maxine Hardcastle of Groves; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were members of Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Tom H. Kent

Tom H. “Pop” Kent, 95, of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, September 16, 2001, at Woodland Heights Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

Funeral services will be held in Woodville at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 19 in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Raymond Parker officiating. Burial will follow at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Tom H. Kent was born October 8, 1905, in Crockett, Texas. On March 10, 1932 he was united in marriage to the late Lelah B. "Mom" Spencer who preceded him in death in 1995. He attended Howard Paine University and obtained a degree in education. He taught in Eldorado, Alpine and
Midland where he retired from teaching in 1970. After retirement, he and Lelah moved to Woodville.

Mr. Kent was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville. He loved fishing, gardening and his family.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Betty Kent of Woodville; daughter-in-law, Genny Kent of Lufkin; grandchildren, Jay Kent and his wife Robbie of Lufkin, Jamar Kent and his wife Gayle of Houston, Helen Kent of Houston; granddaughter-in-law, Cinny Kent of Corpus Christi; great-grandchildren, Kristin and Josh Kent of Houston; brother, Buck Kent of Midland; sisters, Mildred Stanford of San Angelo and Pat May of Grand Prairie.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lelah Spencer Kent, His son Dr. Spencer Kent of Lufkin, and his grandson Tommy Ray Kent of Corpus Christi.

The family will receive friends from 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mary Jane Gillespie

Mary Jane Gillespie, 87, of Doucette Texas, died Wednesday, September 12, 2001, at the Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 15, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Doucette with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services were Brother Charles Haynes, Brother Teddy Minyard, Levi R. Gillespie and Bill Cloyd.

Serving as pallbearers were James Cloyd, Bill Cloyd, Ernest Gillespie, Tucker Gillespie, Tracy Savage, and Shane Gillespie.

Visitation was held on Friday, September 14 fro 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Gillespie was born in Woodville, August 15, 1914 to James Levi & Rachel Ann Brown Durham. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a member of First Baptist Church of Doucette.

She is survived by her sons, Levi Gillespie of Woodville, John B. Gillespie of Abbieville, Louisiana, and Willie J. Gillespie of El Paso; daughters, Lovie Jane Savage of Doucette, Juanita Cloyd of Woodville, and Rosalie Gillespie East of Port Arthur; brother, Frank Durham of Woodville; twenty-three grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Dovie Clark Gilbert Baker

A graveside service for Dovie Clark Gilbert Baker, 92, of Woodville, Texas, was held Sunday, September 16, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Berry Cemetery in Lufkin.

Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Baker passed away September 13, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

She was born April 21, 1909 in Lufkin to Thomas and Emily Clark Gilbert. She lived in Woodville for many years. She was a homemaker and a member of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Lila Baker Holton of Woodville and Mattie Fox of Lake Jackson; sons, Thomas Baker of Fairland, Oklahoma, Arthur Baker of Wallis, Texas, and Billy Wayne Baker of New Mexico; nineteen grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Minnie Katherine Bozeman Collier

Funeral service for Minnie Katherine Bozeman Collier, 87, of Warren, Texas, was held Tuesday, September 18, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. at the Warren United Methodist Church with Rev. Ross Munch officiating. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger.

Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.
Mrs. Collier passed away September 15, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.
She was born December 13, 1913 in Warren to Walter E. And Sarah Williford Bozeman and she lived in Warren all of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of Warren United Methodist Church.
She is preceded in death by her husband, A.Y. Collier and a daughter, Sue Collier.
She is survived by her son, Clifton Collier of Warren; daughters, Jeannette Pate of Warren and Fredda Swanson of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas; brother, Ben Bozeman of Texas City; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great, great-grandchild; one aunt, one uncle, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.
Her grandsons lovingly served as her pallbearers.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

William Ricky Irvin

Memorial service for William Ricky Irvin, 49, of Woodville, Texas, will be held Saturday, September 22, 2001, at 11 a.m. from the Chapel of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. Oficiating the memorial service will be Dr. Raymond Parker, a long time friend of the family.
A native of Georgia, he had lived in Woodville most of his life. He was employed by a private commercial fishing boat out of Galveston. He died after a fall from an apparent heart attack approximately 100 miles off-sore from Galveston. He was a Kirby High School graduate in the class of 1970 and a Veteran of the U.S. Army.
Survivors include his devoted parents, J.D. and Evelyn Irvin of Woodville; one son, Richard William Irvin of Cairo, Georgia; five brothers, Danny Hurst and his wife Belinda, Bobby Hurst and his wife Faye, and Rodney Hurst and his wife Brenda, all of Whigham, Georgia, David Randy Irvin of Willis, and Tim and his wife Sarah of Colmesneil; one sister, Melanie Peeler and her husband Robert of Nederland; numerous nieces and nephews and friends in this area.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Pauline Weise

Paula “Paula” Weise, 78, of Lebanon, Oregon, died on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, at Villa Cascade Care Center.
Paula was born December 15, 1922 in Sweetwater, Texas, the daughter of John and Willie Hope Pence. She lived in Texas throughout her childhood where she attended school. She also received a Master’s Degree in Art and Teaching. She moved to Anchorage, Alaska in the mid 1960’s where she worked as a special education teacher until retiring in the mid 1970’s. She later moved back to Texas and resided near Woodville for fifteen years. She moved to Lebanon, Oregon two years ago to be closer to her daughter.
Paula enjoyed pottery, painting and traveling. She attended St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Woodville, and enjoyed living in Alaska and studying the different cultures.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Weise in 1995, a son Danny and an infant son.
She is survived by a daughter, Aleta May of Lebanon, Oregon; one son, David Prescott of Austin; stepson and stepdaughters, and three grandchildren.
Interment will be at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Marshall Glenn Crosby

Marshall Glenn Crosby, born July 7, 1924 in Emilee, Texas, passed away September 18, 2001, in Baytown, Texas at the age of 77 years.
He is preceded in death by his parents George Thomas Crosby and Essie Ruth Odom Crosby; brothers, Rupert Crosby and Quinton Crosby; and three children, Alma Mecham, Kevin Crosby and Neal Crosby.
He is survived by his wife, Florence Crosby;
children, James Crosby, Martha Hall and Dale Crosby; brothers, Preston Crosby and Douglas Crosby; sister, Clarice Goza; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 6 - 9 p.m. Friday, September 21 at the Pasadena Funeral Chapel. A celebration of Marshall’s began at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 22 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Yellowstone in Pasadena. Graveside service followed at 2 p.m. at the Sealy Cemetery in Sealy, Texas.

Pasadena Funeral Chapel in Pasadena, Texas was in charge of services.

**Terri Glynn Evans**

Funeral service for Terri Glynn Evans, 48, of Woodville, Texas, was held Saturday, September 22, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Bobby Hoffpauir officiating. Burial followed at New Hope Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Evans passed away September 20, at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

She was born August 8, 1953 in Odessa to Wilburn F. And Mary Jo Owens Jones, she lived in Woodville for many years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband of 20 years, terry R. Evans of Woodville; parents, Wilburn F. And Mary Jo Jones of Woodville; sister, Sharon Sosa of Woodville; niece, Shannon Bonner of Warren; nephews, Stephen Bonner of Warren, Mark Cooke of Woodville and Greg Bonner of Alaska.

Serving as pallbearers were Stephen F. Bonner, Mark A. Cooke, Danny R. Jones, Richard J. Ollivo, Micheal McCain, and John W. Farris.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**David Wayne Laughlin**

Funeral service for David Wayne “Pee Wee” Laughlin, 35, was held Sunday, September 23, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Richard Perry officiating. Burial followed at the Warren City Cemetery. Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Laughlin passed away September 20, in Vidor, Texas.

He was born December 22, 1965 in Beaumont to David Laughlin and Marie Berwick McGough and lived in Warren most of his life. He was a construction worker.

He is survived by his mother, Marie McGough of Warren; father, David Laughlin of Fred; son, Shaon David Laughlin of Hull Daisetta; daughter, Megan Nicole Laughlin of Hull Daisetta; sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and Dale McInnis of Silsbee; brothers, Jerry Fonville of Dallas and James “Dinky” Fonville of Virginia; step father, Mike McGough; and a host of family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Shawn Read, Larry “Dude” Ryan, William Young, Jerry Foxworth, Kevin McInnis, Chris Nowicki, and James R. Laughlin.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Earnest A. Collins**

A graveside service for Ernest A. Collins, 95, of Woodville, Texas, was held Thursday, September 20, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Visitation was held Thursday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the cemetery.

Mr. Collins passed away September 18, at the Holiday Pines Nursing Home.

Mr. Collins was born August 13, 1906 in Gatesville in Coryell County, Texas, to Andy and Katie Robertson Collins. He worked for Texaco Refinery in Port Arthur for 42 years and was a supervisor in the operating department. He retired in 1969. He moved to Woodville in 1978. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Woodville and the Men’s Sunday School Class for many years. He was a member of Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495 in Woodville.

He is survived by his sister, Virgie Collins
Frazier of Woodville; two nieces, Katie Collins Bray of Fort Worth and Eileen Collins Powell of Port Arthur; one nephew, Curtis Collins of Port Arthur, as well as other relatives and friends who he loved dearly.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Carroll D. Mitchell

Funeral service for Carroll D. Mitchell, 70, was held Tuesday, September 25, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Forest Park the Woodlands Funeral Home in Conroe, Texas, with Rev. Edwin A. Davis officiating.

Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery, near Woodville, Texas, with Brother John Spanhanks officiating.

Mr. Mitchell passed away September 22, at his home.

Mr. Mitchell was born December 6, 1930 in Houston. He was a retired Houston Police officer of 22 years and member of VFW 6010. He graduated from the police academy in 1955 and a member of class #12. He also served his country proudly as a veteran with the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. Mr. Mitchell was the captain/owner of a shrimp boat and owner/operator of a heavy haul truck.

His wife of 51 years, Mary Lou Hatcher Mitchell; daughter, Debra Ann Mitchell; sons, John Kelly Mitchell and Carroll Dale Mitchell, Jr. And his wife, Charlene; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survives him.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Clara Bell Malone Jackson

Clara Bell Melone Jackson, 73, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, September 21, 2001 at her residence.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Woodville with Pastor Michael Hadnot officiating with burial at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home chapel.

She was a native of Nacogdoches and lived in Huntington before moving to Woodville where she resided a number of years. She was a retired school teacher of the Woodville ISD. She was the wife of the late Mckinley Jackson.

Survivors include daughters, Cheryl Cauley, Donna Humphrey both of Woodville and Valerie Jackson of Pt. Arthur; sons, Aubrey Jackson and Michael Jackson of Woodville; sisters, Blanch Hawkin, Verda Logan and Elsie Dennis all of Huntington; brother, Smith Malone, Jr. Of Huntington; eighteen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Lenda Lea Saltz

Lenda Lea Saltz, 59, of League City, Texas passed away on Sunday, September 23, 2001, in Woodville, Texas. Lenda was born May 2, 1942 in Warrior Mine, West Virginia and was a member of the West Bay Assembly of God Church in Dickinson, Texas.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, September 28, at 10 a.m. at the West Bay Assembly of God Church in Dickinson, with Pastor Melvin Ware and Reverend Johnny Horner officiating. The family will receive friends at the Crowder Funeral Home in Dickinson on Thursday evening, September 27 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Saltz; daughters, Lisa MacFarlane and husband, Walter and Abigail Lynn Jenkins and husband, Mark; son, Anthony Saltz; half-sister, Renee Brunty; brothers, Ronnie Wood and wife, Leah, Clinton Wood and wife, Linda, and Everett Wood and wife, Edith; and six grandchildren Anthony II, Christopher, Justin Jacob, Amanda and Nichole.

Serving as pallbearers will be the deacons of the Assembly of God Church.

Local arrangements handled by Riley Funeral
Home of Tyler County.

Bennie Hazel Coward

Bennie Hazel Coward, 67, of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, September 30, 2001 at her residence.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 3 at 2 p.m. in Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Antioch Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Keith Bellamy.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 2, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Coward was born December 30, 1933 to William H. And Winnie Cox Baker in Center. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a member of the Woodville Church of Christ.

She is survived by her sons, John Norman Coward of Woodville and Benny Wayne Coward of Lufkin; daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Louis Sweetman of Waco; brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Dorothy Baker of Deer Park; sisters, Eardise Greer of Woodville, Sarah Lee of Longview, Era Porter of Nacogdoches, and Bill Wilburn of Campbell, California; and grandson, Louis Sweetman II.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Pauline Weise

A memorial graveside service for Pauline “Paula” Weise of Lebanon, Oregon will be held Friday, October 5, 2001, at 11 a.m. at Magnolia Cemetery with the Rev. John Wells officiating.

Mrs. Weise passed away September 11, in Lebanon, Oregon.

Paula was born December 15, 1922 in Sweetwater, Texas the daughter of John and Willie Hope Pence. She lived in Texas throughout her childhood where she attended school. She also received a Master’s degree in Art and Teaching. She moved to Anchorage, Alaska in the mid 1960’s where she worked as a special education teacher until retiring in the mid 1970’s. She later moved back to Texas and resided near Woodville for fifteen years. She moved to Lebanon, Oregon two years ago to be closer to her daughter.

Paula enjoyed pottery, painting and traveling. She attended St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Woodville and enjoyed living in Alaska and studying the different cultures.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Weise in 1995; a son, Danny and an infant son.

A daughter, Aleta may of Lebanon; one son, David Prescott of Austin; one stepson and four stepdaughters; and three grandchildren survive her.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Claude Martin Davis

Claude Martin Davis, 71, of Maumee, Ohio died Sunday, September 30, 2001, at his daughter, Kelly's residence in Toledo, Ohio.

Funeral services will be Saturday, October 6 at 12 noon in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Officiating at the services will be Pastor Rick Davis, Dr. Dwayne Freese, and Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 6 from 10 a.m until service time at the funeral home.

Mr. Davis was born October 19, 1929 to George William and Claire Mae Martin Davis in Welsh, Louisiana. He was a former longtime resident of Galveston and was retired from UTMB as a laboratory technician in cancer research. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and attended the Maumee United Methodist Church. In his free time, he enjoyed golfing, bowling and walking along the beach in search of shark’s teeth and sea shells.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Charles Collins of Toledo, Ohio; grandsons, David and Stephen Collins; brothers and sisters-in-law, George and Dee Davis of Dallas and Ivan and Maxine Davis of Williamsburg, Virginia; and sister June Maxey of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer
Kathleen Owings

Kathleen Owings, 96, of Groves, Texas died September 20, 2001, at Mid-Jefferson Hospital in Nederland.

Funeral service was held September 24, at Levingston Funeral Home in Groves with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

A native of Marshall se lived in Colmesneil for 25 years before moving to Groves several years ago. She was a former librarian.

Survivors include daughters, Betty Jo Hardin of Wildwood and Mary Alice Vensel of Port Neches; son, James B. Owings of Woodville; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Tommy L. Hendrix

Graveside services for Tommy L. Hendrix, 71, of Lufkin, Texas, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Old Union Cemetery in Lufkin.

Mr. Hendrix was born January 1, 1930, in Doucette, Texas, and he died Thursday, September 27, 2001, in a Lufkin nursing home.

Mr. Hendrix was a retired self-employed antique dealer. He was a Baptist by faith, and had lived in Lufkin most of his life.

Survivors include his sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Donald R. Morgan of Lufkin; brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Herman and Billie Hendrix of Lufkin; brothers, Henry Hendrix of Sacramento, California and Robert Hendrix of San Antonio; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hendrix was preceded in death by his father and mother, Oscar Lee and Lena E. Lewis Hendrix, and two brothers, Paul Hendrix and James Hendrix.

Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Directors of Lufkin.

Robert Lee Comte

Funeral service for Robert Lee Comte, 77, of Colmesneil, Texas, was held September 27, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Keith Standley and Brother Jerry Peck officiating. Burial followed at Bethany Cemetery near Colmesneil. Visitation was held Wednesday evening.

Mr. Comte passed away September 25, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Mr. Comte was born April 2, 1924 in Colmesneil. He is the son of Willie Eugene and Nancy Lou McKee (Comte) Crosby. He was a retired forester with the Texas Forestry Service. He was a member of Katy Baptist Church and he was a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Nowlin Comte; son and daughter-in-law, Delbert and Dorothy Comte of Lufkin; daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Mitch Curtis of Palestine, Peggy and Ellis Gibbs of Colmesneil, Glenda and Rocky Ard of Spurger, Brenda and Jerry Peck of Fred, and Linda and Francis Johnson of Woodville; brother and sister-in-law, Bailey and Pauline Crosby of Jasper; nineteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Mr. Comte’s grandsons.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Macey A. Owens

Funeral services for Macey A. Owens, 78, of Warren, Texas, were held September 30, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating. Burial followed at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren. The V.F.W. Post #2033 of Woodville presented the flag to the family.

Mr. Owens died September 27, at Woodland Heights Medical Center in Lufkin, Texas. He was born August 23, 1923 in Oakhurst, Texas but lived most of his life in Warren. He was a retired forest technician for Kirby Forest Industries and was a WW II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife Louise Stanley Owens of Warren; daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Larry Sprouse of Warren; daughter, Debbie
Farmer of Beaumont; sister, Maurine Nichols of Woodville; grandson, Justin Jeffcoat of Warren and granddaughter, Karliegh Farmer of Beaumont and two nephews.

Pallbearers were Winston Overstreet, Charles Ray Craven, Wade Skinner, Jerry Nichols, Ed Booth and Davis Hatton.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Herbert G. Herring**

Funeral services for Mr. Herbert G. Herring, of Woodville, Texas, were held at 2 p.m. Monday, October 1, 2001, in the Hixson Funeral Home of Leesville, Louisiana, with the Rev. Bill Swearingen and Rev. Ted Cabra officiating. Burial followed in the Self Cemetery in Hornbeck, Louisiana.

Mr. Herring passed away Saturday, September 29, at his residence in Woodville, Texas.

He served as Hornbeck town Councilman for 12 years and as mayor of Hornbeck for 8 years. He was a Fifty year member of the Toro Masonic Lodge and the Hornbeck Order of the Eastern Star.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Billie and Rosemary Herring of Vidor, Texas; two daughters, Catherine Jeanie of Anacoco, Louisiana and Brenda and her husband Kenneth Stringer of Woodville; two brothers, James “Jimmy” Herring of Vidor, and Vernon Herring of Leesville, Louisiana; three sisters, Ruby Haymon of Leesville, Louisiana Lois Johnson of DeRidder, Louisiana, Lucille Crosby of Leesville, Louisiana; 10 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**John Franklin Byerly**

Services for John Franklin “Oil Can” Byerly, 75, of Jasper, Texas was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 9, 2001, at the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper. Burial followed at Magnolia Springs Cemetery.

Visitation was held at 5 p.m. on Monday, October 8, at the funeral home.

Mr. Byerly died Wednesday, October 3, at his residence in Jasper, Texas. He was a native of Beaumont and long time resident of Jasper. He attended Lamar University and retired as a machinist with Mobile Oil after forty years of service. Survivors include his wife of thirty-nine years, Dorothy Birdsong Byerly of Jasper; son, Todd Byerly and wife Jenninfer of Jasper; daughter, Cynthia Sooley and husband Kevin of Jasper; brother, Jasper Paul Byerly and wife Patsy of Beaumont; aunts, Louise Byerly and Lynette Byerly both of Beaumont and Dorothy Burnett of Center; grandchildren, Matthew Todd Byerly, Kevin Johnathan Sooley and Cassandra Sooley.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper, Texas.

**Betty Presley**


Betty was born November 29, 1929 in Sherman, Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald F. Presley.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Delia Mears of Austin, Texas; son, Don L Presley of Seabrook, Texas; grandchildren, Stacy Presley of W. Lafayette, Indiana, Chad Presley of Midland, Texas, Bret Presley of Waco, Texas, and Molly Mears of Austin, Texas; and one great-grandchild, Corey Presley of Midland, Texas; brothers, Stan McCulley of Montgomery, Alabama and Jack McCulley of Woodville, Texas.

A graveside service was held Saturday, October 6, at 3 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

**Ovie Nichols Dixon**

Ovie Nichols Dixon, 103, of Jasper, Texas, died at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Saturday afternoon.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 9, 2001, at Forest Oaks chapel with
interment followed at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Jasper.

Visitation was Monday afternoon from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Beauregard Parish in Louisiana, she lived many years in Groves, Texas, where she owned and operated Dixon Real Estate and later moved to Jasper where she has lived for the past 20 years.

Survivors include a grandson, Tom Dixon; a nephew, Joe Fann, Jr. And several nieces Fredia Hart, Ruth Gulley, and Margaret Williams.

Services under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper.

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Ronald Dennis McClure

A graveside service for Ronald Dennis McClure, 41, of Hillister, Texas, will be held Wednesday, October 10, 2001, at Williams Cemetery near Hillister with Rev. R.C. Tillery and Brother Cheek officiating.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. McClure passed away October 7, at the Tyler County Hospital.

Ronald was born July 20, 1960 in Woodville to Doyle and Eva Robbins McClure, and he lived in Tyler County all of his life. He was self employed and an U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his mother, Eva Robbins McClure of Hillister; daughters, Cristy Rene Stroud of Groves, Texas, where she owned and operated Dixon Real Estate and later moved to Jasper where she has lived for the past 20 years.

Survivors include a grandson, Tom Dixon; a nephew, Joe Fann, Jr. And several nieces Fredia Hart, Ruth Gulley, and Margaret Williams.

Services under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper.

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Ecil Elton Cryer

Mr. Ecil Elton Cryer, 80, passed away October 8, 2001, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born May 27, 1921 in Colmesneil, to Allen and Anner Rawls Cryer. He raised his family in Vidor before retiring back to Tyler County. He supported his family as an ironworker for local 125. He served the Lord faithfully at Ebenezer Baptist Church. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife and school sweetheart of 41/2 years, Katie Milner Cryer of Colmesneil; his children, Pat Humphrey of Burleson, Roy Cryer of Haltom City, Kay Thompson of League City, Tommy Cryer of Haltom City, Nancy Rainey of Choudrant, Louisiana, Jimmie Bloss of Fort Worth, and Ann Fonenot of Mansfield; brothers, J. Boy Cryer of Baytown and Aldrich Cryer of Warren; sister, Ora Jean Bass of Lumberton; twenty-four grandchildren and thirty-six great-grandchildren.

His wife of 20 years, Billie Jean Cryer and his wife of 34 years, Winnie Cryer, preceded him in death.

The funeral service will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Brother Wayne Walley officiating. Burial will follow at Ferrell Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Visitation will be held Wednesday evening from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

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Harold Clinton Harrison

A service will be held Saturday, October 20, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel for Harold Clinton Harrison. Rev. Gina Harrison will officiate at the service.

Clint lost his life on October 10, 2001 along with seven of his co-workers in a plane crash off the coast of Spain while en route from Spain to Africa.

Clint, 39 years old, is survived by his wife, Kathy Roberts Harrison, 39 years old; daughter, Kree Harrison, 11 years old; son, Cory Clinton Harrison, 8 years old; step-daughter, Laci Ann Johnson, 19 years old, all of Nashville, Tennessee; step-son, Michael Brian Johnson, 20 years old, of Nacogdoches, Texas; parents, W.C. “Buddy” and Myra Harrison of Colmesneil; sister and brother-in-
law, Penny Harrison and Lloyd Douget of Bridge City; mother-in-law, Beverly Roberts Schmidt of Woodville and father-in-law, Wilson Roberts of Orange.

Clint and Kathy spent their youth in Bridge City, Texas and raised their children in Woodville. Clint was a kind and caring person who loved his family, friends, and the Lord with his whole heart. Those of us who loved Clint know that he has joined the Lord in that beautiful garden in heaven.

Jerry David Waldrep

Jerry David Waldrep, 44, of Silsbee, Texas, died Saturday, October 13, 2001, at Christus St. Mary’s Hospital in Port Arthur.

A native of Woodville, he lived in Silsbee for the past 11 years and was the Chief Financial Officer for Gulf Coast Health Care Center, Inc. in Port Arthur. He was a member of the Baptist faith.

Services were held at 1 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2001, at Broussard’s Mortuary in Nederland with Rev. Gary Post officiating. Graveside service followed at 4 p.m. at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville.

A gathering of friends took place Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Survivors include his wife Margaret Waldrep of Silsbee; his mother, Florine Waldrep; stepchildren, Angela Walton Harris and Brian Walton of Silsbee and Sharon Lopez of Newton; and four grandchildren.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Edith Michelson Waterson

Funeral services for Edith Waterson, 89, were held October 15, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. R.C. Tillery officiating.

Graveside services were held October 16, at 11 a.m. at the Zapata City Cemetery in Zapata, Texas.

Mrs. Waterson died October 11 at the Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville, Texas.

She was born December 24, 1911 in Hand County, South Dakota. She was a retired secretary for Scandinavian Airlines. She lived in Woodville for two years.

She was preceded in death by her husband William Jennings Waterson and daughter, Mildred Skov.

Survivors include her two daughters, Mary Bills Savage of Woodville and Marlene Buss of Peetz, Co.; son, William Bill Waterson of Concord, N.C.; eight grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lou Dell Bolding

Lou Dell Bolding, 77, of Silsbee, Texas, died Wednesday, October 17, 2001, in Silsbee.

Memorial services were held Friday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Warren United Pentecostal Church in Warren with a 10 a.m. graveside service Saturday, October 20, at the Warren Cemetery. Officiating at the services were Brother Richard Perry, Brother Paul Jacks and Brother C.M. Duplissey.

Serving as pallbearers were Justin Ashcraft, Omer Hall, Harold Yawn, Charles Frazier, David Holmes, and Daniel Holmes

Visitation was held, Friday, October 19 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. at Warren United Pentecostal Church in Warren.

Mrs. Bolding was born November 29, 1923 to Allen and Sadie Moore Pate in Silsbee. She was a former longtime resident of Warren and had lived in Silsbee for the past six years. She was a homemaker and a member of Warren United Pentecostal Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Johnnie Lee “Pete” Bolding on April 3, 1987 and daughter Jonnie Lou Bolding on February 19, 1960.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Roy and Catherine Bolding of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Harvey Ashcraft of Silsbee; brother, J.E. Pate of Silsbee;
sisters and brothers-in-law, Alene and L.C. Yawn of Warren, Iva Lee Holmes of Honey Island, and Dorothy and Curtis Frazier of Silsbee; grandson, Justin Ashcraft and great grandson, Austin Ashcraft.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Eunice McAuley

Eunice McAuley, 98, of Woodville, Texas, died Saturday, October 20, 2001, at Holiday Pines Manor in Woodville.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, October 23 at 2 p.m. in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the service was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 23 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at the funeral home.

Mrs. McAuley was born March 6, 1903 to William Benjamin and Dora Mae Boyer Huckleby in Arkansas. She was a former longtime resident of Donna and lived in Woodville for the past eighteen years. She had worked as a seamstress for twenty years for Farris Cleaners in Donna.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Foster McAuley; daughter, Theresa F. Durbin and son, Roger L. McAuley.

She is survived by her son, Jack F. McAuley of Jackson Michigan; daughter, Deloris Cook of Woodville; eleven grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Grady Lee Freeman

A graveside service for Grady Lee Freeman, 70, of Doucette, Texas, was held Monday, October 22, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Steele Grove Cemetery near Colmesneil with Brother Troy Richardson officiating. Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Freeman passed away October 19, 2001, at his residence.

Born July 24, 1931 in Colmesneil to Tom and Gertie Flowers Freeman, he lived in Tyler County all of his life. He was retired from Keller Industries with 38 years of service.

He is survived by his brothers, Billy Freeman of Moultrie, Georgia and Marvin Freeman of Hudson; sisters, Marie Brooks of Rockland and Eunice McAlister of Woodville; nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mary Lou Safar Guidry

Funeral service for Mary Lou Safar Guidry, 86, of Beaumont, Texas, was held Monday, October 22, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Billy Bridges officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Guidry passed away October 10, at the Silsbee Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

She was born October 24, 1914 in Woodville, Texas to John and Alice Pate Safar, Sr., and lived most of her life in Village Mills before moving to Beaumont. She was a retired L.V.N.

She is survived by her sons, Jerry Guidry of Sour Lake and Gene Guidry of Vidor; daughters, Alice Dewitt of Beaumont and Jerrie Sue Guidry of Kountze; brothers, Charles Safar of Fred, John Safar, George Safar and Joe Safar all of Vidor; sister, Pauline Powell of Woodville; ten grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren and thirteen great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Mickey Guidry, Greg Guidry, Mark Guidry, Brian Guidry, Jr., Dwaine Guidry, and Marvin Guidry, Jr.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Swils Bob Simon

Swils, Bob Simon, 84, of Port Arthur, Texas, died Tuesday, October 23, 2001 at Hermann Memorial Hospital in Houston.

Graveside services were held on Friday, October 26 at 11 a.m. in the VA National Memorial Cemetery in Houston.
Mr. Simon was born January 18, 1917 in Orangefield, Texas. He was a former resident of Colmesneil and a longtime resident of Port Arthur. He was a WWII Army veteran.

He is survived by his brothers, Charles Simon of Pt. Arthur, Reverend Abner Simon of Richmond, VA., and Stanley Simon of Colmesneil; sisters, Edna Sandifer and Stella Ledet both of Pt. Arthur and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were under the direction of Santana Funeral Directors in Houston.

Ken Harrison

Ken Harrison, 72, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Wednesday, October 24, 2001, at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 28, at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services were Brother Terry Wall, Brother Paul Coggins, and Brother Clifford Russell.

Serving as pallbearers will be Travis Smith, Craig Coggins, Jack Best, Jay Watson, James Parrish, and Jim Broom.

Visitation was held on Saturday, October 27, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Harrison was born February 21, 1929 to Veston and Glatice Murphy Harrison in Sour Lake, Texas. He was a former resident of Lake Jackson and was a longtime resident of Colmesneil where he was co-pastor of Agape Church.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Virginia “Gina” Harrison of Colmesneil; sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth M. And Jane Harrison of Lufkin, and Dr. Patrick R. And Carolyn Harrison of Walla Walla, Washington; brother, Jimmy C. Harrison of College Station; sister, Linda S. Harrison of Port Townsend, Washington; and two grandsons, Michael and Scott Harrison.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Beatrice Smith Braswell

Funeral services for Beatrice Smith “Bea” Braswell, 74, of Jasper, Texas, was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2001 at First United Methodist Church in Jasper. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Bea died on Monday, October 22, at her residence in Jasper. She was a native of Pineland and longtime Jasper resident. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church since 1944 where she served on the altar guild. A graduate of Pineland High School, she received her B.S. degree from Sam Houston State University and her Masters of Education from Stephen F. Austin State University. She taught second grade for many years in the Jasper Independent School District. She received her Library Science Degree from Sam Houston State University and retired as the Librarian at Parnell Elementary School in Jasper. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association. She loved her family, walking and water aerobics.

Survivors include her two daughters, Kathy Braswell of Woodville and Karen Belew Hubbard and her husband Paul of Conroe; brothers, Ben Smith, Jr. Of Pineland, Charles Robert Smith and his wife Dorothy of Jasper; grandchildren, Kristin Brooke Belew of Austin, Alan Lloyd Hubbard USMC and Justin Paul Hubbard of Michigan; she was also survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

Gary Wayne Roberts

A graveside service for Gary Wayne Roberts, 65, of Colmesneil, Texas, was held Friday, October 26, 2001 at 10 a.m. at Colmesneil Cemetery with Brother Floyd French officiating.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. Roberts passed away October 24, at his residence.

Born February 2, 1936 in Throckmorton to
Hershell and Pauline Buchanan Roberts, he lived in Louisiana before moving to Colmesneil 16 years ago. He was an oilfield supervisor for Exxon and the owner of Colmesneil Mini-Storage. He was a Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Anna Roberts; son, Greg Roberts of Colmesneil; daughters, Sharon Thatcher of Port Arthur and Sonia Crawford of Woodville; sisters, Elrey Davis of Colmesneil and Nita Giraud; four grandchildren; grand niece and nephew, Summer and Justin; numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Anita Spence

Anita Spence, 96, of Beaumont, Texas, died Friday, October 26, 2001 at the Silsbee Convalescent Center in Silsbee.

Graveside services were held on Sunday, October 29 at 3 p.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held on Sunday, October 29 from 12 - 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Spence was born April 27, 1905 to W.L. and Emmeline Mercer Roberts in Magda, Louisiana. She was a former longtime resident of Warren and Port Arthur.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, George and Bert Spence of Longview; daughter, Jo Ann Wiggins of Beaumont; 8 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mattie Fay Faircloth Ratcliff

Funeral service for Mattie Fay Faircloth Ratcliff, 89, of Colmesneil, Texas, was held Sunday, October 27, 2001 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Colmesneil with Rev. David Miller and Dr. Elvin Gibson officiating with burial following at Colmesneil Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ratcliff passed away October 25, at her daughter’s residence in Nederland.

Born April 21, 1912 in Woodville to Jay and Josie McGee Faircloth, she was a lifelong resident of Tyler County. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Colmesneil.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jay Ratcliff.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Elvin Gibson of Nederland and Johelen and Wesley Poindexter of Houston; sisters, Ann Sturrock of Colmesneil and Sybil McFarlin of Silsbee; grandchildren, Sherry and Keith Kelly of Beaumont, Jerry Gibson of Port Acres, Alan Poindexter of Houston, Karen and Tim Hubbard of Rosharon; Andrea poindexter of Houston; six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Joe Hignett, Billy Ratcliff, Billy Faircloth, Walter Hyde, Jamie Davis and Orval Davis.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lottie A. Allen

Lottie A. Allen, 77, of Deming, New Mexico, passed away Saturday, October 27, 2001, at her home.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 12 - 2 p.m. at Baca’s Funeral Chapel where funeral services will begin at 2 that afternoon with Reverend Ellis Parker, pastor of First Assembly of God Church, officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow at Mt. View Cemetery.

Lottie was born December 29, 1923 in Versailles, Missouri to Jake and Rosa Anderson Schmitter. She was a homemaker and has been a resident of Deming since 1996 having previously lived in Ocotillo California. Lottie loved to travel and she was a member of the Christian Church in Missouri, where she was very active with church activities.

She is survived by her husband, Andrew G. Allen of Deming; daughters, Peggy J. McCart-
Clifford and her husband James of Spring Valley, California, Kay Shook and her husband Dale of Tipton, Missouri, Sue Jordan and her husband Tommy of Woodville, Texas, Jackie Johnson of California Missouri; 9 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Cliff Koller, Andy Upton, Eric White, Jason Jennings, Tommy Jordan, Jr., and Glen McCart. Honorary pallbearers will be Dale Shook, Jim Clifford and Tommy Jordan.

Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Home Chapel, Deming, New Mexico.

Joseph Thomas Van Slyke

Joseph Thomas “Joe” Van Slyke, 47, of Lafayette, Colorado, died Tuesday, October 30, 2001, at his residence after an illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 3, at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial at the Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas. Officiating at the services was Dr. Dwayne Freese, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were Leon Juneau, Robert Wucher, Joel Wucher, Jim Ives, R.C. Mann, and Douglas Van Slyke.

Visitation was held on Friday, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Van Slyke was born December 6, 1953 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was raised in Orange, Texas and graduated from Stark High School in 1972. He was a former resident of Austin and had lived in Lafayette, Colorado for the past six months. He was a network administrator for URS/Radian Company in Boulder, Colorado and a Air Force veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Jody Wucher Van Slyke of Lafayette, Colorado; parents, Louis and Thelma Van Slyke of Woodville; parents in law, Zelma Wucher and Jim Wucher of Austin; stepsons, Trey Barber of Del Valle, Texas, Phillip Moore of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Henry Moore of Hondo, Texas; brothers, Henry Allen “Hank” Van Slyke of Orange, and John Jones of Enid, Oklahoma; sisters Debbie Eddy of Copan, Oklahoma, Nora Gratzl of Bella Vista, Arkansas, and Bonnie Tullock of Kirkland, Washington.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Danny Ray Ison, Jr.

Services for Danny Ray Ison, Jr., 32, of Zavalla, Texas, will be held at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday in the Gipson - Metcalf Huntington Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Lynwood Dykes, Brother Ray McKee and Brother Louie Lawson officiating. Masonic graveside services will follow in the Gregory Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas, under the auspices of the Rockland Masonic Lodge.

Ison was born January 31, 1969, in Lufkin, Texas, and he died Sunday, November 4, 2001 in Zavalla.

Ison had been employed as a Mill Wright for Louisiana - Pacific in Jasper for the past five years. He was a member of Hopewell Methodist Church of Woodville. Ison was also a member of the Rockland Masonic Lodge, was a Shriner, and was a member of the Scottish Rite. He had been a resident of Zavalla for the past eight years, and previously lived in Rockland.

Survivors include his wife, Lanita Ison of Zavalla; son, Jacob Ison of Zavalla; daughter, Whittney Ison of Zavalla; parents, Danny and Linda Ison of Rockland; sister and brother-in-law, DeLisa and Mike Jordan of Zaballa; niece, Micah Jordan of Zavalla; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Pam and Jack Hooks, Tommy and Karen Stanley, Teresa Webb, Dean Leviness and Johnny Leviness of Zavalla; father-in-law, Dean Leviness of Zavalla; mother-in-law, Aline Marshall of Zavalla; grandmothers, Lavell Brown and Mary Marsh of Rocky Springs; as well as a number of other relatives.

Pallbearers will be Robert Dhone, Lee Dhone, Luke McDonald, Tim Stanley, Johnny Leviness and Dean Leviness.

Honorary pallbearers will be Earl Tucker, Robert Snell, Ricky Hollingsworth, Les Graham and Johnny Grounds.
The family will receive friends from 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the Gipson - Metcalf Funeral Home in Huntington.

Services under the direction of Gipson - Metcalf Funeral Directors of Huntington, Texas.

Senoth T. Matlock

Funeral services for Senoth T. Matlock, 81, of Woodville, Texas, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 7, 2001, in the Corrigan Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Hails Taylor officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester, Texas.

Mrs. Matlock was born October 23, 1919 in the Barnes Community of Polk County and passed away Sunday night, November 4, 2001, in the Cantex Health Care Center in Woodville. She was a housewife and a member of the First Baptist Church of Chester. Her husband, James Lester Matlock on December 10, 1972, proceeded her in death.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Arnett of Woodville; sisters, Pearl Davis of Chester and Anna Woodall of Groves; great-grandchildren, Kenneth Adaryll Arnett of Woodville, Kendra Nicole McGrew and Tony Earl McGrew of Lubbock.

Pallbearers will be John Powell, John Hornsby, Mike Davis, Cody Davis, Kenneth Arnett and Brian Davis.

Services entrusted to Corrigan Funeral Home of Corrigan, Texas.

Perry A. Richards

Funeral services for Perry A. Richards, 84, of New Braunfels, Texas, formerly of Longview, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 10, 2001, in the Chapel of the Rader Funeral Home with Reverend Bill Cunningham officiating. Interment followed in Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Richards died Tuesday, November 16, 2001 in a New Braunfels nursing facility. He was born June 30, 1917 in Titus County, Texas to Lonnie and Ophelia Richards. Mr. Richards had lived for four years in New Braunfels coming from Longview.

He was a member of the Greggton United Methodist Church and was retired from Exxon Pipeline where he worked as a gauger and in other capacities.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Lou Richards.

Mr. Richards is survived by daughters and their spouses, Deborah and Gordon Lytle of Dallas, Glenda and Russ Nalley of Woodville; grandsons, Perry Lowery, Ryan Christopher Scott, Derek Wade Scott and Chase Nalley. He is also survived by one great grandchild, Maddie Lowery; sister, Pearline Northam of Vidor and a number of nieces and nephews.

Jerry Franklin Tucker, Sr.

Funeral service for Jerry Franklin Tucker, Sr., 69, of Woodville, Texas, will be held Thursday, November 15, 2001, at 11 a.m. at New Shiloh Baptist Church near Woodville with Brother Louis Tubbs and Brother Teddy Mack Minyard officiating. Burial will follow at Camp Ground Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Tucker passed away at his residence.

Born August 22, 1932 in Tyler County to Henry Gordon and Edith Louise Freeman Tucker, he lived in Tyler County all of his life. He was a retired tug boat pilot and an Army veteran.

He is survived by his sons, Jerry Tucker, Jr. And Forest Tucker both of Louisiana; sisters, Dorothy Fay Swinney of Woodville, Madeline Davis of Colmesneil, Chloie Kinney of South Carolina, Quida White of Vidor, Janice Elliott of Colmesneil, and LaQuitta Dennis of Woodville; Henry Tucker of Alvarado, Alton Tucker of Woodville, and Johnny Tucker of Woodville, and Johnny Tucker of Ivanhoe; nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Thomas William Cubley III

Funeral service for Thomas William “Trace” Cubley III, 29, of Lufkin, Texas, was held Sunday, November 11, 2001, at 2 p.m. at the Woodville United Methodist Church with Rev. Ray Reed and Brother Hails Taylor officiating. Burial followed at Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Trace passed away November 8, at St. Elizabeth Hospital after a brief illness.

Born December 11, 1971 in San Antonio, Texas, he lived in Pasadena before moving to Colmesneil in 1979. He graduated from Woodville High School in 1990 and from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1996. He was a sales representative for Temple Inland in Diboll and lived in Lufkin.

His grandfather, Thomas Cubley, Sr., and grandparents, Theodore and Gracie Lee Hodges preceded him in death.

He is survived by his loving parents, Tommy and Pat Cubley of Colmesneil; sisters and brothers-in-law, Penny and Richard Zapach of Sugarland, Kimberly and Mike Tantzen of Woodville; grandmother, Ruth Cubley of Crosby; nephews, Shane Burns and Kadin Tantzen; three nieces, Beth Zapach, Kacie Monk, and Hope Tantzen; aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Stephan Hill, Donald Forse, John Branch, Greg Chesshir, Mike Allison and Brad Robinson.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Kathleen Frances Sullivan

Cremation service for Kathleen Frances Sullivan, 82, of Ivanhoe, were conducted by Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mrs. Sullivan died November 10, 2001, at her residence.

She was born July 15, 1919 in Ontario, Canada, and lived in California before moving to Ivanhoe three years ago. She was a home maker.

Survivors include her daughter, Saundra Case and son-in-law Robert Case of Ivanhoe; sister, Leona Lalone of Canada; two brothers, Brian Monaghan and Bud Monaghan both of Canada; grandson, Jason Abernathy of Ivanhoe.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ernest Joseph King

Ernest Joseph King, 77, of Covington, Louisiana, died November 11, 2001, at his residence.

Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Grammier - Oberle Funeral Home in Port Arthur, Texas, with a graveside service at 2 p.m. Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation will be from 7 - 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A native of Beaumont and a former resident of Groves, he lived in Covington several years and was a self employed engineer.

Survivors include daughters, Barbara King Ringgold of Bonita Springs, Florida, and Dinah King Chelena of Covington; grandchildren, Carl Safcak of Hampton, Virginia, Jason Ringgold, and Jill Ringgold of Bonita Springs, Florida; and four great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Marilyn Rose Lane

Marilyn Rose Lane, 36, of Austin, Texas, died November 10, 2001, at her residence.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 17, at the First Baptist Church in Woodville.

Born in Switzerland, she lived in Woodville, College Station, and Austin and taught as a full professor at Blinn college at Bryan.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Ahmed Eltahan of Austin; her mother Margret and step-father, Willie R. Walker, of Woodville; brother, Eduard H Lane and wife Cassandra, of Woodville; nephews, Evan Lane and Barret Lane of Woodville;
mother-in-law, Dr. Asmaa Ibrahim and family of Cairo, Egypt; aunt, Veronika Weyrauch, of Wesel, Germany; uncle Heinz Hundt, of Itzehoe, Germany and seven cousins.

Ada Bell Holmes

Ada Bell Holmes, 75, of Warren, Texas, died Friday, November 16, 2001, at Dubuis Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 19 at 3 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Fellowship Cemetery near Warren. Officiating at the services were Brother John Spanhanks and Brother Bobby Hoffpaur.

Serving as pallbearers were Ivan Reid, John Anders, Glenn Strham, Randy Holmes, Curtis Holmes, Donald Lewis, Sean O’Conner, Richard Middlebrook, Jerry Coufal, and Roy Jordan.

Visitation was held on Sunday, November 18 from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Holmes was born March 15, 1926 to Roy Strham and Henrietta Watson in Hull, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Warren and a retired waitress and caterer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy Strham and Henrietta Watson and her grandson, Kyle Ray Martin.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Fred L. Holmes of Warren; daughters and sons-in-law, Gwen and Bobby Martin of Warren and Wanda and Larry Brasher of Woodville; brother and sister-in-law, Gurvis and Evelyn Strham of Batson; sisters and brothers-in-law, Verdie and Ed Richards of Bolivar, Owedia and Joe Coufal of Mathis, Etra Middlebrook of Irving, Eloise O’Conner of Irving, and Dixie and John Lewis of Kountze; half-sister, Delita Nakunz of Livingston and Loretta Jean Strahan of Hull; grandchildren and spouses, Robert and Donna Martin of Amarillo, Shane and Janie Brasher of Carrolton, Kristi and Ivan Reid of Humble and Amber and John Anders of Kountze; and great-grandchildren, Jacob and Paul Anders of Kountze.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Estelle B. Cruse

Funeral service for Estelle B. Cruse, of Woodville, Texas, was held November 8, 2001 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Larry Trest officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Visitation was held November 7, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Cruse passed away November 6, 2001 at her residence.

A native of Colmesneil, she lived in Tyler County all of her life. She was a retired retail clerk. She was in the first graduating class of Colmesneil High School and the last survivor of her class.

She is survived by her son, James Donald Cruse of Woodville; grandson and wife, Wayne and Lynett Cruse of Woodville; granddaughter and husband, Karen and Ricky Collins of Woodville; great-grandsons, Jeffrey, Mathew, and Wesley Cruse of Woodville and Justin, Joshua and Jared Kirkpatrick of Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were Bower Pool, Joe Seaman, Wayne Cruse, Ricky Collins, James Riley and Matt Cruse.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jeremy Michael Clamon

Funeral service for Jeremy Michael Clamon, 29, of Houston, Texas, was held November 17, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Robert Hargraves officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held November 16, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Clamon passed away November 14, at West Houston Medical Center. Born January 24, 1972 in Baytown, he lived in Houston most of his life. He was supervisor for a collection agency and a Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather,
Lester Moore.

He is survived by his mother and step father, Jerry DeVries and Clifton Vick of New Waverly; father, Tommy Clamon of Baytown; grandmother, Martha Moore of New Waverly.

Serving as pallbearers were David Rackley, Clifton H. Vick, Gary Wade, Jon W. Moore, Donald E. Goudy, Jr. And Bobby Williams, Jr.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Gladys Evelyn Irvin

Funeral services for Evelyn Irvin, 72, of Woodville, Texas, were held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2001, in the chapel of the Riley Funeral Home with an Eastern Star service following. Dr. Raymond Parker officiated and music was provided by mark Tolar. Interment followed in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Monday from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Evelyn passed away Sunday, November 18, at Dubuis St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. She was born July 31, 1929 in Jay, Florida to John Cleveland and Evla Ida Edwards Word. She had lived in Woodville for 39 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville and an endowed member of the Order of the Eastern Star #462 in Woodville. She was a homemaker and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Evelyn and J.D. had celebrated their 50th Anniversary on February 26, 2001 at their home on Lake Drive in Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers; one sister; and son, William “Ricky” Irvin, on August 31, 2001.

Survivors are her husband, J.D. Irvin of Woodville; one daughter, Melanie Irvin Peeler and husband Robert of Nederland; two sons, Randy Irvin of Willis and Tim Irvin and wife Sarah of Woodville; two brothers, Harlis Word of Bon Secure, Alabama and George Word of McDaniel, Florida; eight grandchildren, Cary, Irvin, Loena Irvin, Michael Irvin, Amber Irvin, Richard Irvin, Ashley Irvin, Alaina Peeler and lauren Peeler; and one great-granddaughter, Sarah Russell.

Serving as pallbearers were Tim Irvin, Robert Peeler, Herschel Irvin, Donnie Irvin, Randy Irvin and John England.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Hughes A. Gardner

Funeral service for Hughes A. Gardner, 88, of Spurger, Texas, will be held Wednesday, November 21, 2001, at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home with Brother Troy Richardson officiating. A Masonic graveside service will be held at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery, near Woodville, by the Snow River Lodge #385 Spurger Chapter.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Gardner passed away November 18, 2001, at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born March 11, 1913 in Fort Worth to John and Alma Shotwell Gardner. He lived in Jacksonville before moving to Spurger ten years ago. He was a retired supervisor for Southern Pacific Railroad and a member of the Snow River Lodge #385 Spurger Chapter.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Mary E. And George McGill of Phoenix, Arizona; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be masons.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lorraine Duggan Allen

Lorraine Duggan Allen, age 85, passed away November 20, 2001 at Holiday Pines Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas. She was a resident of Colmesneil, Texas and a native of Birmingham, Alabama. Her occupation was as an artist.

Memorial Services were held Friday November 23, at 1:30 p.m. at the Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville.

Survivors include her husband, Woods Allen, Sr. Of Colmesneil; sons, Owen Eugene Allen of...
New Orleans, Louisiana and Woods Wilkinson Allen, Jr. of New Orleans, Louisiana; daughter, Ann Allen Sumrall of Fred, Texas; and three grandchildren.

**Ernest Joseph Wallett**

Ernest Joseph “Frenchy” Wallett, 77, of Jefferson, Louisiana, passed away November 21, 2001 at his residence.

Graveside services were held Monday, November 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother Kenneth Cauthen.

Mr. Wallett was born February 22, 1924 to Edward and Marie Grappe Wallett in Natchitoches, Louisiana. He was a former longtime resident of Kingsland, Texas, and had lived in Jefferson, Louisiana for the past year. He was a retired oil well driller and was a WW II Navy veteran.

He is survived by his stepson, Stan Tague of Indianapolis, Indiana; stepdaughter, Shirley Hooks of Houston; sisters, Marie Elmore of Haynesville, Louisiana, Mary Jones of Taylor, Arkansas, Ceal Brunson of Minden, Louisiana, and Hazel Blake of Calvin, Louisiana; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Mary Lissie McCombs**

Mary Lissie Sutton McCombs, 86, of Woodville, Texas, died Saturday, November 24, 2001 in Lufkin, Texas.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 25, at 2:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were Herbert Sutton, Jr., John Sutton, Jerry Sutton, Robert Sutton, Jr., Dr. Dayle Burton, James Allison, and George Jarrott. Honorary pallbearer was J.H. Kenesson, Jr.

Visitation was held on Saturday, November 25, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. McCombs was born December 28, 1914 to Thomas Oliver and Nancy Agnes Gibson Sutton in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. She was a homemaker, member of the Allan Shivers Library Board, The Woman’s Reading Club, and the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years; James Robert McCombs of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and John S. Young of Nacogdoches, Eleanor and Grady Holderman of Woodville; sister, Lucille Sutton Milliken of Lufkin; grandchildren and spouses, Charles Young, wife Christine, Leanne Young Brenneman, husband Brad, Melissa Holderman Fentress, husband Steve, and Colette Holderman; and great-grandchildren, Charles, Joseph and Maura Fentress, John, Jessica and Annabelle Young and Abigail Brenneman.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Ronald Cecil Morgan**

Funeral services for Ronald Cecil Morgan, 63, of Broaddus, Texas, was held November 21, 2001 at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Robert Carter officiating. A Military graveside service was held at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery, near Woodville, by the Marine Color Guard.

Visitation was held November 20, 2001 at the Funeral Home.

Mr. Morgan passed away November 19, 2001 at his residence.

Born August 31, 1928 in Los Angeles, California to Newell A. and Evelyn McDonald Morgan, and he lived in Broaddus for many years. He was a retired Master Sergeant with the U.S. Marines and he served in the Vietnam War.

Mr. Morgan is survived by his wife, Doris Morgan of Broaddus; son and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Lori Morgan of Lumberton; daughter, Cheryl Hogan of Silsbee; son, Robert Morgan of Houston; brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Andy Morgan of Lumberton; grandchildren, Christina and Cody Hogan of Lumberton; sister-in-law, Ann
Guidry of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Albert L. Stafford**

Funeral service for Albert L. "Bo" Stafford, 53, of Woodville, Texas, was held November 24, 2001 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with George Rodonaia officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held November 23, at the funeral home.

Mr. Stafford passed away November 21, 2001 at the Tyler County Hospital. He was born September 28, 1948 in Woodville, to H.A. and Janie McNeil Stafford, and lived in Woodville all of his life. He was an Electrician for Ameripol Synpol Corp. and a Army veteran of Vietnam.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Ann Dennis Stafford of Woodville; daughter, Stephanie Stafford of Houston; son, Buster Parks of Woodville; brother, Randy Stafford of Woodville; sisters, Bobbie McCollum of Warren and Beatrice Mitcham of Woodville; numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Terry Mitcham, Jerry Mitcham, Dustin Stafford, Glynn Odom, Milton Ratcliff, Timmy McCullum, and James McCullum.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Johnnie Marie Caraway**

Graveside service for Johnnie Marie Caraway, 81, of Town Bluff, Texas, was held November 25, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Town Bluff Cemetery with Brother John Spanhanks officiating.

Visitation was held November 24, 2001 at the Funeral Home.

Mrs. Caraway passed away November 22, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born February 29, 1920 in Hardin County, Texas to W.H. and Carrie Satcher Parker, she lived in Silsbee before moving to Town Bluff 30 years ago. She was a retired Inspector for Temple Inland.

She is survived by her daughter, Glenda Ferguson of Evadale; sons, Daniel Robinson of Mauriceville, Harvey Robinson of Silsbee and Kenneth Robinson of Houston; brother, Travis Parker of Silsbee; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**William A. Stark**

William A. Stark, 93, of Woodville passed away Friday, November 23, 2001 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Graveside services were held Monday, November 26 at 4 p.m. at Allison Cemetery near Warren. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Visitation was held on Sunday, November 25 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Stark was born November 10, 1908 to Arthur A. and Florence Fritz Stark in Lawrenceville, Illinois. He was a former longtime resident of Houston and had lived in Woodville for the past ten years. He was a retired electrical engineer for Houston Lighting and Power.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marion Craft Stark. He is survived by his niece, Carolyn Deats Allison and husband R.E. Allison, Sr. of Woodville and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**J.L. Risinger, Jr.**

Graveside service for J.L. Risinger, Jr., 77, of Colmesneil, Texas, was held November 24, 2001 at 11 a.m. at Magnolia Cemetery with Rev. Bobby Waters officiating. Visitation was held November 23, at the funeral home.

Mr. Risinger passed away November 21, 2001 at his residence.

Born in Doucette, Texas on January 4, 1924 to J.L. and Alice Busby Risinger. Mr. Risinger grew up in Woodville and graduated from Kirby High School
in 1942. He joined the Air Corp after graduating from high school and was stationed in Italy for the duration of World War II. He married Harriett Marthell Anglin in 1944. After the War, Mr. Risinger attended Sam Houston State University. He then began to work for Union Carbide in Texas City. He retired after 38 years and spent most of his time in Colmesneil on Lake Amanda.

Mr. Risinger is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marthell and four children, Melissa Risinger Berry and son-in-law, Bill, James L. Risinger III, Carolyn Rebecca Risinger, Julie Beth Risinger Puckett and son-in-law, Dennis, all of Texas City; grandchildren, Doug Berry, Julie Berry Lister and husband, Tim, Ann Puckett Cash and husband, Matt, Manon Puckett, and Clay Puckett; two great-grandsons, Tyler James Milutin and James Robert Lister.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Milton Clarence Thomson, Sr.

A graveside service for Milton Clarence Thomason, Sr., 46, was held Saturday, December 1, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester, Texas, with Brother Hails Taylor officiating.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Thomason passed away November 26, 2001, in Houston.

Born March 5, 1955 to William P. And Helen Mary Janak Thomason in Houston, he was self-employed.

He is survived by his daughter, Sabrina Bilbo of Crosby; son, Milton Thomason, Jr. Of Houston; sisters, Sylvia Gaines and Oliva Parnell both of Houston and Helen Heffner of Conroe; brothers, Earl Thomason of Conroe and W.P. Thomason of Chester; two grandchildren, Courtney and Tristan Bilbo of Crosby.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Leona B. Sheffield

Funeral service for Leona B. Sheffield, 87, of Warren, Texas, was held Saturday, December 1, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Warren with Brother Bobby Hoffpauir officiating. Burial followed at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sheffield passed away November 29, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Born April 14, 1914 to Bennie and Leona Jones Reid in Colmesneil, and she lived in Warren for many years. She was a retired supervisor and cashier for Lamar Food Service. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Warren.

She is survived by her daughters, Ruth Earline Ivey of Nederland and Wilma Jean Dubose of Warren; sons, Johnny Franklin Sheffield of Warren and Robert Elton Sheffield of Katy; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Donald Crawford, Harold Davis, T.K. Goolsbee, Zane Hoffpauir, Charlie Roberts, and Danny Terrell. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Truett Kinard and Dale Johnson.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mattie Lue Castilaw

Funeral service for Mattie Lue Castilaw, 63, of Warren, Texas, was held Sunday, December 2, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating. Burial followed at Bracken Cemetery in Honey Island.

Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Castilaw passed away November 28, 2001, at her residence.

Born January 10, 1938 in Kountze, Texas to John and Margarette Burrows Rodgers. She lived in Warren for many years. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Warren.
She is survived by her husband, John D. Castilaw of Warren; son and daughter-in-law, John Marion and Heidi Castilaw of Warren; daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Leroy Foxworth of Warren and Donna and Gilmer Knighten of Woodville; granddaughter, Leslie Castilaw of Warren; grandsons, Joseph Foxworth of Warren, Josh Knighten and Cody Knighten both of Woodville; grandson and wife, Todd and Debbie Foxworth of Rusk and James and Len Foxworth of Warren; great-grandsons, Levi Foxworth of Warren and Aaron Foxworth of Rusk.

Serving as pallbearers were Clifford Castilaw, Jerry Castilaw, S.A. Callaway, Randy Heniard, Todd A. Foxworth, and James Foxworth.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

J.W. Nichol

J.W. “Buddy” Nichol, 74, of Woodville, Texas, died Monday, November 26, 2001 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Thursday, November 29 at 2 p.m. in the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Colmesneil with burial at Ebenezer Cemetery. Officiating at the service was Brother Daren Hearnsberger.

Serving as pallbearers were members of the Yellowpine Lodge # 679 AF & AM.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, November 28, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Nichol was born September 22, 1927 to James William and Lela Elizabeth McCoy Nichol, Sr. in Sulphur Springs, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Tyler County and was a retired welder for Pipeline Local #798. He was a member of the Yellowpine Lodge #679 AF & AM and a U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Robert Nichol of Woodville, Mike and Sharon Nichol, and John Nichol of Colmesneil; daughter, Melinda Delucia of Colmesneil; sister, Minnie Mae Fleming of Dallas; and four grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Elmer O’Neill Hill

Funeral service for Elmer O’Neill Hill, 84, of Woodville, Texas, was held December 1, 2001 at 1 p.m. at New Shiloh Baptist Church with Brother Louis Tubbs, Pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, and Rev. James K. Alcorn, director of pastoral care at St. Luke’s Hospital, officiating. A Masonic graveside service followed at Hill Cemetery in Pennington, Texas. Visitation was held at the church.

Mr. Hill passed away November 29, 2001 at Holiday Pines Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Hill was born March 21, 1917 in Groveton, Texas to Henry Curtis and Helen O’Neill Hill. He was a retired licensed and registered public land surveyor for Kirby Lumber Company. He was a deacon of New Shiloh Baptist Church and Hillister Baptist Church and past master of Eastern Star Lodge #23 in Groveton. He was past president of the Tyler county Historical Society, and Seneca Water Board.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and step-mother, Vera West Hill; sister, Maurine Hill O’Neill; brothers, Gregg Hill, Ben C. Hill, and Horace Hill.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Maurine Dominy Hill of Woodville; daughter, Linda L. Hill of Stafford; special nephew, Mitchell Curtis O’Neill and wife, Bobbie of Lufkin; aunt, Ruth Sandeson of Diboll; sisters-in-law, LaWanda Yancey of Cleveland, Therma Lee Dominy of Huntsville, Doris Hill of Chita, and Mary Jane Hill of Houston, numerous relatives and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Mitchell O’Neill, Maxey Lyn Hill, Mark Hlavinka, Trey Marek and Jimmy Frye.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

William Andre Billingsley

William Andre Billingsley, 87, of Nederland, Texas, died November 29, 2001 at Mid-Jefferson Hospital in Nederland.

Funeral was held Tuesday, December 4, at 11
William Triplett

William “Pee Wee” Triplett, 67, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on December 2, 2001 at Lufkin Memorial Hospital in Lufkin.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, December 4 at 11 a.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the service was Brother Louis Tubb.

Mr. Triplett was born December 11, 1933 to William Berline and Ida Mae Eaves Triplett. He was a retired game warden with the Texas Parks and Wildlife and a U.S. Army Korean veteran.

He is survived by his mother, Ida Mae Stanps of Woodville; sons and daughter-in-law, William Kyle and Deborah Triplett of New Braunfels, and Gregory Scott Triplett of Houston; sister and brother-in-law, Seta and Bobby Birdwell of Woodville; five grandchildren, Jennifer Greenwald, Derek Triplett, Stephen Triplett, Heather Triplett and Taylor Triplett and two great-grandchildren, Byron Greenwald and Austen Greenwald.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Leroy Egan Swift

Leroy Egan Swift, 88, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on December 2, 2001 at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home after a brief illness.

Graveside services will be Wednesday, December 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jiggs Kenesson, Huntley Kenesson, John Yearwood, Sr., Jay Rabuck, John Bunch, David Rust, and Mario Robaw. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, December 5 at 3 p.m. in the Woodville United Methodist Church. Officiating at the services will be Reverend Ray Reed and Reverend Jack Worsham.

Visitiation was held on Tuesday, December 4, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Swift was born September 16, 1913 to Edward V. and Rena Egan Swift in Palestine, Texas. He was a former longtime resident of Bellaire and had lived in Woodville for the past twenty two years. He was a retired self employed chemical engineer and a U.S. Navy WW II veteran.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Edward R. And Susan Swift of London, England; daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Mike Taylor of Kingwood; brothers, Ed Swift of Killeen and Ernest Swift of Palestine; sister, Elizabeth Brown of Dallas; grandchildren and spouses, Claire and Eric Kugler, Kirby and Amy Swift, dan Taylor and Gwen Taylor; and great-granddaughter, Kindall Taylor.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lindy Ray Dees

Lindy Ray Dees, 72, of Dayton, Texas, passed away Saturday, December 1, 2001 at the Methodist Diagnostic Hospital in Houston.

A native of Vera, Texas he had lived in the Woodville area before moving to Dayton. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Jacinto City, a retired Houston Fire Department Firefighter and a member of the Houston Texas Firefighters Local #341.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 4, at the Pace Stancil Funeral Home Chapel in Dayton with Mr. Roddy covington officiating. Burial will follow at the Magnolia Prk Cemetery in Dayton.

He is survived by his wife, Berthelle Dees of
Dayton; sons, Gary Dees and his wife Lazara of Dayton and Ronnie Dees and his wife Florence of Goodrich; daughter, Judy Chauncey and her husband Billy Joe of Houston; brothers, Tom Dees and his wife Van of Houston, Charles Dees of Crosby, Danny Dees and his wife Edith, and Jack Dees and his wife Lavinia of Houston; sisters, Norma Sue Seymour and her husband Guiest of Mississippi, Lou Mae Hallum and her husband Ben of Channelview and Peggy Thurman of Crosby; 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Monday, December 3, from 2 - 9:30 p.m. at the Pace Stancil Funeral Home in Dayton.

Dewey Joseph Lejeune


A Mass of Christian burial was held Thursday, December 6 at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Vidor, with burial at Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches. A rosary was recited Wednesday, December 5 at 8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Mr. Lejeune was a native of Lake Arthur, Louisiana, and had lived in Nederland 26 years before moving to Vidor. He was a retired Bethlehem Steel Shipyard chipper.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Sterling Lejeune of Vidor; daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and James Boothe of Vidor and Earl Overstreet of Woodville; step-daughters, Ruby Karen Duggan and Mattie Heamsberger, of Vidor; grandchildren, Cindy Schrader, Gwen Bagley, Catherine Wedgeworth, Robin Stienbrickner, Penny Sims, and Sharon Overstreet, numerous great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Andra L. Morgan

Funeral service for Andra L. “Andi” Morgan, 63, of Lumberton, Texas, was held Sunday, December 9, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ritchard Bean, Rev. Tracy Bledsoe, and Rev Warren Wargo officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Mrs. Morgan passed away December 6, at Hospice Texas Medical Center.

Born October 2, 1938 in Beaumont to J.W. and Mary Jane Hospkins Jones, she lived in Lumberton for many years. She was a Beaumont ISD secretary.

She was preceded in death by her father, J.W. Jones and a daughter, Robin Morgan.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Robert “Bob” Morgan of Lumberton; mother, Mary Jane Hospkins Jones, she lived in Lumberton for many years. She was a Beaumont ISD secretary.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Robert “Bob” Morgan of Lumberton; mother, Mary Jane Jones of Beaumont; son and daughter-in-law, Tracy R. And Sheila Morgan of Newton; sisters and brothers-in-law, Terry and Benny Johnson of Beaumont and Judith and Ritchard bean of Village Mills; brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Diane Jones of Oyster Creek, Texas; sister-in-law, Doris Morgan of Broadus; step-grandchildren, Amanda and Shanda; eleven nieces and nephews and
fourteen great nieces and nephews; and a host of
family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Dwayne Buckley,
Tracy R. Morgan, Robert “Bob” Morgan, Carroll
Cudd, John Dorsett and Benny Johnson.

Services were under the direction of Riley
Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Rexina Clara West**

Cremation service for Rexina Clara West, 81,
of Woodville, Texas, was held under the direction
of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mrs. West passed away December 10, 2001 at
Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

She was born December 12, 1919 in Weister,
Oklahoma to Emil and Ethel Logan Helper. She
lived in Lago Vista, Texas before moving to
Woodville one year ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Robert West of
Woodville; daughter, Gina Carpenter of Warren;
son, Robert C. West of Houston; three
grandchildren, Dan Tipton of Woodville, William
Jured Tipton of Warren and Robert Colin West of
Houston.

Services were under the direction of Riley
Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Sidney E. Moore, Jr.**

Funeral services for Sidney E. Moore, Jr., 78,
of Woodville, Texas, were held Sunday, December
16, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Kelley-Watkins Funeral Home
with Rev. Doyle Butcher officiating. Burial followed
at Magnolia Cemetery in Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. Moore passed away December 12, at the
Dogwood Trails Nursing Home in Woodville.

He was born October 17, 1923 in Beaumont.
He was a retired welder at Mobil Oil and an World
War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife Glynn Moore of
Woodville; daughter, Debbie Conover of Fort
Worth; son, Ken Moore of Plano; grandchild,
Emilee Conover of Fort Worth; and special friends,
John and Nancy Morrison.

Services were under the direction of Kelley-
Watkins Funeral Home of Beaumont.

**Hazel McClain Sheffield**

Funeral services for Hazel McClain Sheffield,
92, of Spurger, Texas, was held Tuesday,
December 18, 2001, at the Spurger United
Methodist Church with Rev. Bill Services officiating.
An Eastern Star service was conducted at Turner
Branch Cemetery.

Visitation was held Monday from 4 - 8 p.m. at
Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sheffield passed away December 14,
2001 at Autumn View Gardens in Ellisville,
Missouri.

Born December 15, 1909 in Spurger, texas to
Marcus L. And Ella Grissom McClain, she lived in
Spurger most of her life before moving to Ellisville,
Missouri two years ago. She was a homemaker, a
member of Spurger United Methodist Church,
United Methodist Women, and a member of the
Order of the Eastern Star Spurger Chapter #319.

She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-
law, Peyton and Francis Sheffield of Chesterfield,
Missouri, David and Opal Sheffield of Spurger,
Jack and Mary Sheffield of Spurger; ten
grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and
seven great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Anthony White,
Rex VanCleave, Charles Sheffield, Donald
Sheffield, Brett Sheffield, and Bryan Randall.

Services were under the direction of Riley
Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Bill Sahlie**

Bill Sahlie, 81, of Arcadia, Nebraska, died
Thursday, December 13, 2001 at St. Elizabeth’s
Regional Medical Center in Lincoln.

Funeral services were held on Thursday,
December 13, at 10:30 a.m. at the Arcadia United
Methodist Church. The Reverend Richard Brian
officiated. Cremation followed the service.
Interment was at the Arcadia City Cemetery.
Memorials are suggested to the Arcadia United
Methodist Church and the Arcadia Rescue Unit.
Ord Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Sahlie was born January 24, 1920 at Cloverport, Kentucky to Chris and Teresa Johnson Sahlie. He was raised and educated in Cloverport. Mr Sahlie was a beekeeper his entire life with the exception of working in a factory in Mishawaka, Indiana during the war. On December 22, 1951 he married Laurel I. Leighton at Ord, Nebraska. The couple made their home in Arcadia and also had a winter home in Colmesneil, Texas. Mr. Sahlie had been a resident of Arcadia since 1948.

He was a member of the Arcadia United Methodist Church, he was past mayor of Arcadia, and past member of the Arcadia Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a member of the Sue Bee Honey Association and was the recipient of the Life Long Achievement Award for 49 years of dedication and service from the Sue Bee Honey Association. He enjoyed his bees and cats, gardening, bowling, and flying.

He is survived by his wife, Laurel of Arcadia; son, James of Lufkin; daughters, Debra Cernik of Lincoln, Nebraska, Beckie Stec of Grand Island, Nebraska and Teresa Nelson of Oxford, Michigan; 8 grandchildren; 3 step grandchildren; 5 step-great-grandchildren; and sister, Pauline Dowell of Hardinsburg, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Allen Sahlie and two sisters, Irene Seibert and Mamie Larson.

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Louise Harmon Mitchell

Funeral service for Louise Harmon Mitchell, 68, of Woodville, Texas was held Thursday, December 13, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Steve Hayes, Rev. Frank Hodges, and Rev. Joe Roberts officiating. Burial followed at Shady Grove Cemetery.

Visitation was held Wednesday evening at the Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mitchell passed away December 10, 2001 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born December 31, 1932 in Houston, Texas to David and Mary Chapman Harmon, Sr. She lived in Nederland before moving to Woodville 28 years ago. She was a retired seamstress for St. Elizabeth Hospital and a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Edgar Mitchell, Jr. Of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Ruthann and Pat Gilchriest of Nederland, Sandra and Herky Thornton of Lumberton, Cecilia and Donnie Todd of Elmer, Louisiana, Martha and Curtis Hall of Pt. Neches; brother, David Harmon II of Lipan, Texas; fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Pat Gilchriest, Donnie Todd, Curtis Hall, Charles Todd, Wade White, Chris Kirkland, Patrick Gilchriest, and Douglas Thornton.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

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Ronald Dean Goure

Ronald Dean Goure, 50, of Woodville, Texas, died Monday, December 10, 2001 at his residence after an illness.

Graveside services were held Thursday, December 13, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the service was Brother Clark Mahoney, pastor of Hillister Baptist Church.

Serving as pallbearers were William F. White, Marty Shane White, Danny Joe White, Danny Poirrier, Michael Zinn, Kenneth Mundy, and Bradley Standford.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, December 12 from 1 - 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Goure was born may 18, 1951 to Melvin Harvey and Norma Jean Postlethwaite Goure in Ottoway County, Kansas. He was a former resident of Sargent and had lived in Woodville for the past eight years. He was a water operator/electrician with Triangle Southern Electric Services and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Goure of Woodville; mother, Norma Henry of Minneapolis, Kansas; brother, Jerry Lee goure of Saline, Kansas; sister, Linda Reichenback of Jacksonville, Arkansas; stepsons and stepdaughter-in-law,
William F. White, Marty Shane and Bonnie White and Danny Joe White all of Woodville; stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Cheryl Lee and Danny Poirrier of Pasadena, Sherrie Gail and Michael Zinn and Shelly Ann and Kenneth Mundy all of Houston, and Norma Bell and Bradley Stanford of Woodville; and eight grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Gene Clement Russell**

Funeral service for Gene Clement Russell, 60, of Colmesneil, Texas, will be held Thursday, December 20, 2001 at 10 a.m. at Katy Baptist Church in Colmesneil with Brother Mack Anthony and Brother Gary Waver officiating. Burial will follow at Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4 - 9 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. Russell passed away December 15, 2001 in McKinney, Texas.

Born March 10, 1941 in Lukfin, Texas to Dallas and Margorie Beckman Russell, and he lived in Colmesneil for many years. He was a Texas Department of Criminal Justice Gib Lewis Unit Guard. He was a member of Katy Baptist Church and a Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie Conner Russell of Colmesneil; daughter and son-in-law, Kem and Glen Cheney of Colmesneil; sons and daughters-in-law, Kenny and Susan Russell of Colmesneil, Kyle and Stephanie Russell of Colmesneil; brother and sister-in-law, George and Linda Russell of San Augustine; stepmother-in-law, Edna Conner of Colmesneil; grandchildren, Miranda, Greg, Melissa and Megan Cheney, all of Colmesneil, and Jennifer, Brittany, Dylan and Austin Russell all of Colmesneil; and numerous nieces.

Serving as pallbearers will be the Adult Men's Sunday School Class of Katy Baptist Church.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

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Beatrice W. Foster

Beatrice W. Foster, 92, of Punta Gorda, Florida died September 21, 2001 in Punta Gorda, Florida.

Graveside services will be Saturday, December 22, at 11 a.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas. Officiating at the service will be the Rev. John Wells, pastor of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Foster was born October 12, 1908 in Palmyra, New York. She and her late husband, Hedenberg moved to Texas in 1937. In 1971 they moved to Woodville and in 1987 she moved to Punta Gorda, Florida. She was a homemaker and the mother of three children.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1983 and one of her sons, John in 1986. She is survived by her daughter, Joanne Hyltin of Punta Gorda, Florida; son Thomas of Pasadena; eight grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Local services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

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Freddie Mae McKinley

Freddie Mae McKinley, 64, of Doucette, Texas died Saturday, December 15, 2001.

Funeral services will be on Saturday at Camp Zion Baptist Church in Doucette with burial at the Moss Hill Community Cemetery.

She was a life long resident of the Tyler County Community of Doucette.

Survivors include her sister, Patricia Jean McKinley of Beaumont; brothers, Frank McKinley and T.C. Cole both of Doucette, Hubert Lee McKinley of Los Angeles, California, and Reginald McKinley of Houston.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home of Woodville.

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Norma Francine Sterling

Graveside service for Norma F. Sterling, 45, of Town Bluff, Texas, were held December 20, 2001 at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery with Brother Jesse
She died December 18, 2001 at Mid Jefferson County Hospital in Nederland, Texas.

She was born July 5, 1956 in Odessa, Texas, and lived in the Town Bluff area for 20 years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Horace Sterling of Town Bluff, daughters, April West of Town Bluff, Wanda Spasic of Oklahoma and Michelle Sterling of Arkansas; son, Roger Sterling of Vidor; Parents, Larry and Martha Carr; sister, Katherine Ortiz of Baytown; and eleven grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Maxine Copes Wooten

Funeral service for Maxine Copes Wooten, 54, of Woodville, Texas, was held Thursday, December 27, 2001, at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with Rev. C.O. Hadnot officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Visitation was held Wednesday evening at the church.

Mrs. Wooten passed away December 23, at Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Born December 16, 1947 in Woodville, to Rev. Charles Henry and Beatrice Jackson Copes, she lived in Woodville all of her life. She served as a musician at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, James “Bubba” Wooten; son and daughter-in-law, John M. and Sheila M. Copes of Woodville; grandchildren, Charles Copes, Carrington Copes, and Johnathan Foster; God children; sisters, Charlene Childress of Orange and Wanda Copes of Woodville; brothers, Joe Copes of Woodville; aunt, Johnese Jackson Ward and Uncle Issiah Ward, Sr. Of Galveston; God parents, Carl and Gloria Jones; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Ossie Wooten, Sr., Johnny Wooten, Jr., Albert Harrison, Bobby Jackson, Willie Jackson, and Anthony Barlow.


Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Bert L. Weaver

Funeral service for Bert L. Weaver, 83, of Woodville, Texas, was held Friday, December 28, 2001, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Egidio Vecchio officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the funeral home with a rosary recited at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home. VFW Post #2033 presented the flag to the family.

Mr. Weaver passed away December 25, at his residence.

Born September 25, 1918 in Beaumont, to Samuel and Anna Tobin Weaver, he lived in Port Arthur for 27 years before moving to Woodville 31 years ago. He was a U.S. Postal Service Letter Carrier and an Air Force World War II veteran. He was a member of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church, N.A.L.C. and VFW.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Weaver of Woodville; sons, Preston J. Weaver of Michigan, Raymond L. Weaver of England, and Brian L. Weaver of Nederland; daughter, Tobin L. Weaver of Tulsa, Oklahoma; brother, Leslie Weaver of Beaumont; sister, Olive Huffman of Austin; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a host of family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Kent Falgout, Roy Wiederreher, mark Welch, Jeff Johnson, Paul Welch, and Pat Robertson.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Brian Eric LaSalle

Brian Eric “Red” LaSalle, 44, of Bridge City, passed away on December 24, 2001 at his residence.

Memorial services were held Thursday,
December 27, at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Keith Bellamy, pastor of Woodville Church of Christ.

“Red”, as he was affectionately known to his family and friends was a native of Port Arthur, and lived in Bridge City for most of his life. He was a 1975 graduate of Bridge City High School. He had worked for the past few years as an insulator in and around Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana.

He is survived by his parents, Leonard Curtis and Mary Ruby LaSalle of Colmesneil; brother, Burl C. LaSalle of Bridge City; sister, Mollie C. LaSalle of Colmesneil; and nephew Christopher M. Edwards of Colmesneil.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Marcus Wilson Coffman**

Funeral services for Marcus Wilson Coffman, 44, of St. Amant, Louisiana were held Friday, December 28, 2001 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in St. Amant, Louisiana. Burial was at Holy Rosary Catholic Church Cemetery.

Mr. Coffman died Wednesday, December 26, 2001 at St. Amant, Louisiana. A native of Woodville, Texas, he was a graduate of White Castle High School. He worked as a laboratory technician for Syngenta for twenty-three years. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Debi Frey Coffman of St. Amant, Louisiana; mother and stepfather, Jewel Bryant Tucker and Olen Tucker of Jasper; son, David Bellina, Jr. Of Crested Butte, Colorado; sister and brother-in-law Rebecca and Robert Byerly of Hondo, Texas; brother and sister-in-law John, Jr. and Tina Coffman of Lake Charles, Louisiana; step-sister, Ann Reisner of Tomball, Texas; uncle and aunts, Ruth Coffman Crunk of Gretna, Louisiana, Mary Helen and Clel Segrest of angleton, Texas, Sarah Coffman of Woodlands, Annie Rae Coffman of Shreveport, Louisiana; many nieces and nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Carroll Coffman, Sr.; Jim Coffman of Shreveport, Louisiana; and his grandfather, J. Berry Coffman of Woodville, Texas.

Pallbearers were Gerard Frey, Curtis Marchand, John Coffman, Jr., David Bellina, Jr., Peter Klebba, Jake Daigle, Joe Dearmand, Berry Coffman and Christ Moye. Honorary pallbearers were Buddy Champagne and Clifton Bryant.

Services were under the direction of Ourso Funeral Home of Gonzales, Louisiana.

**Albert Paling**

Cremation service for Albert “Bill” Paling of Woodville, Texas, was held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mr. Paling passed away January 5, 2002 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Born July 20, 1910 in London, England to Ernest and Sarah Paling, he lived in Woodville for many years. He was a route man for Sanitary Farm Dairies.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Veronica Paling of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Bert and Patsy Paling of Houston; son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Helen Paling of Woodlands; four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Sallie Cain**

Funeral service for Sallie “Sis” Cain, 91, of Spurger, Texas, was held Sunday, January 6, 2002 at 2 p.m. at the Spurger United Methodist Church with Rev. Bill Service officiating. Burial followed at Turner’s Branch Cemetery near Spurger.

Visitation was held Saturday evening at the Riley Funeral Home.

Ms. Cain passed away January 4, at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home.

Born September 20, 1910 in Spurger, to John and Sarah Read Cain, she lived in Tyler County all of her life. She was retired from Keller Industries in Woodville, and a member of Spurger United Methodist Church.
She is survived by her nieces, Mary Knight, Sarah Crumpler, and Gayle Hutto all of Spurger; nephews, Ricky Cain of Maine and Marty Cain of Arkansas.

Serving as pallbearers were Robert Knight, Kent Knight, Bryant Crumpler, Daniel Spell, Scotie Hutto, and Michael Hutto.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ernest Sirkegian

A memorial service for Ernest Sirkegian, 93, of Woodville, Texas was held Friday, January 4, 2002 at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Woodville.

Mr. Sirkegian passed away January 1, at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home.

Born July 12, 1908 in Ely, Nevada to Jacob and Diamond Bacon Sirkegian he lived in Livingston most of his life before moving to Woodville in 1998. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Woodville Branch.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillie Mae Angle Sirkegian.

He is survived by his granddaughter, Georgeen “Gigi” Angle of Woodville; great-granddaughter, Tamera Sims of Spurger; numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Luther Alvis Thigpen

Funeral service for Luther Alvis Thigpen, 69, of Warren, Texas, was held Saturday, January 5, 2002 at 10 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery Chapel in Grapeland, Texas, with Rev. Bobby Hoffpaur officiating.

A Masonic graveside service followed at Evergreen Cemetery by Myrta Lodge #658.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Thigpen passed away January 3, at Dubuis Hospital in Beaumont.

Born November 14, 1932 in Lufkin, to Harvey Sylvane and Maurine Hampton Thigpen, he lived in Warren for 36 years. He was a retired superintendent for Allco, Inc. And an Army veteran. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Warren, Scottish Rite, and Myrta Masonic Lodge #658.

He is survived by his wife, Adell Thigpen of Warren; daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Hassan Zomorrodian of Warren; granddaughter, Jenny Zomorrodian of Warren; brothers, Joe Thigpen and Terry Thigpen both of Lufkin, Ronnie Thigpen of Houston, and Donnie Phigpen of San Antonio; sisters, Pat Wash of Lufkin and Nelda Briggs of LaPorte.

Serving as pallbearers were Rocky Thigpen, Ricky Thigpen, Paul Wash, Randall Wash, Shane Thigpen, and Derek Thigpen. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Gene Allen, Clufford Castilaw, and members of Myrta Masonic Lodge #658.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Carlton Bazil Stewart

Funeral service for Carlton Bazil Stewart, 85, of Warren, Texas, was held Monday January 7, 2002 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Warren with Brother Kenneth Cauthen and Brother Mark Smith officiating. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery near Warren.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. Stewart passed away January 4, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born October 20, 1916 in Angelina County, to Lee and Virgie Stewart, he lived in Warren for many years. He was a retired teacher for Warren ISD. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Warren, and an Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie Mae Stewart of Warren; daughter, Joy Ashworth of Warren; sons, Philip Stewart and Gary Stewart both of Warren; brother, Benice Guy Stewart of Warren; grandsons, Stan Honeycutt of Houston, Cody Stewart and Jason Stewart both of Warren; one great-granddaughter, Jade Stewart of Warren.
Serving as pallbearers were Grady Hatton, Harold Hatton, Floyd Inman, Ralph Mitchell, J.H. Hall, and Ken Cauthen.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Alta B. Powers

Alta B. Powers, 91, of Warren, Texas, died Wednesday, January 2, 2002 at Holiday Pines Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 5 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services was Brother Kenneth Cauthen.

Serving as pallbearers were Ralph Winters, Richard Winters, Lonnie Winters, Gary Winters, Everett Rose, and Jon Rose.

Visitation was held on Friday, January 4 from 3 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Powers was born November 20, 1910 to B.W. and Maggie Nelson Woodward in Newton County, Texas. She was a former resident of Baytown and a longtime resident of Warren. She was a member of Hillister Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including Florence and Imre Mozes of Warren and a host of great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Melvin A. Davidson

Melvin A. Davidson, 85, of Woodville, Texas, died January 5, 2002 at Woodland Heights Hospital in Lufkin.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 8 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Eddie Stafford, Timothy Stafford, Joe Clark, Larry Breaux, and Bryan Davidson.

Visitation was held on Monday, January 7 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Davidson was born May 18, 1917 to John Albert and Lillian Clark Davidson in Abbeville, Louisiana. He was a former resident of Port Arthur and was a long time resident of Woodville. He was a self-employed general contractor, a member of First Baptist Church, Volunteer Christian Builders and a WW II Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Bess Mae Davidson of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Doug A. And Emma Davidson of Houston; daughter and son-in-law, Jeanna Kaye and Eddie Stafford of Woodville; brother, Dyer Davidson of West Lake, Louisiana; sister, Eleanor Longnion of Vinton, Louisiana; grandchildren, Brittney Tribble, Brya Davidson, Timothy Stafford, and Jennifer Grace Stafford; great-grandchildren, Amber Lea Tribble, Max Tribble, Ethan Davidson, and Tony Lee Stafford.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Joyce Clements

Joyce Clements, 71, of Corpus Christi, Texas passed away Wednesday, January 2, 2002 in a local hospital after a sudden illness. She was born July 19, 1930 in Tyler County, Texas to Denver and Vivian Holland Bailey. She was a retired bookkeeper.

Mrs. Clements was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Clements and a daughter, Vivian Schudalla.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda "Bill" Dicke of Corpus Christi; sons, David "Valerie" Bull of Houston, and Jimmy "Margie" Bull of Marshall; a sister, Faye Waler of Pleasanton; an aunt, Tommie "Rex" Evetts of Warren; 8 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 5 in Sawyer-George Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Robstown Memorial Park.

Sawyer-George Funeral Home in Corpus Christi in charge of arrangements.
Irene Conner

Irene Conner, 94, of Warren, Texas died Sunday, January 6, 2002 at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 9 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Chapel with burial in Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the services will be Brother Kenneth Cauthen.

Visitation was held Tuesday, January 8 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Conner was born October 10, 1907 to Henry and Harriett Simmons Williams in Warren. She was a lifelong resident of Warren and was a member of First Baptist Church of Warren.

She is survived by her sons & daughter-in-law, Loy and Irene Conner of Woodville, Leo and Theresa Conner of Groves, Carrol and Frances Conner and Harrol and Lexie Conner of Warren, J.T. and Ima Jean Fox of Groves and Betty Joyce Conner of Warren; nineteen grandchildren; numerous great and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Harold Eugene Tobey, Jr.


Memorial services will be held this Thursday, January 10, at 10 a.m. at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Woodville. The Rev. John Wells, vicar of St. Paul’s will officiate.

Visititation will be held this Wednesday, January 9 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr. Tobey was born in Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, August 17, 1916 to Harold Eugene Tobey, Sr., and Lillian R. Tobey.

He was reared in Dallas subsequently moving to Houston where he then retired to Tyler County which has been his residence for the past 20 years. He was a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. He was a Certified Public Accountant and served as Secretary/Comptroller for the Southwestern Pipe Co., a subsidiary of Brown and Root, Inc. He was a devoted member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church having also served the wider Episcopal Diocese of Texas in various leadership roles. Locally he was a church Senior Warden, Treasurer, School Board officer and faithful Acolyte.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter; David Tobey and Judith of Leander, and Thomas Rockwell Tobey of Hillister and Deborah Tobey Morton and Phillip of Buffalo and two grandchildren; Travis B. Tobey and Tina K. Tobey.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Margie Jean Simons Judalet Hunter

Graveside services for Margie Jean Simons Judalet Hunter, 57, of Henderson, Texas, were held at the Colmesneil City Cemetery on Saturday, January 12, 2002, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Hunter died January 9, in Henderson. She was born January 6, 1945 in Cleveland, Texas and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by husband Bobby Judalet, Sr., in 1976.

Survivors include her sons and daughter-in-law Bobby Judalet of Westlake, Louisiana and Wallace and Jackie Judalet of Henderson; three daughters and sons-in-law, Eva (Sissy) and Fred Vannier of Joinerville, Mary Templin of Henderson and Carrie Judalet of Cold Spring, Texas; brothers and sister-in-law, Horace Simons of Kountze and Tommy and Chris Simons of Point Blank; sisters and brothers-in-law, Carolyn and Henry Burnett of Pollock, Jimmie and Robert Jones of Henderson, Arlene and Paul Melvin of Knoxville, Tennessee; 22 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson, Texas.
Johnny Raymond Gray

Funeral service for Johnny Raymond Gray, 76, of Woodville, Texas, was held Tuesday, January 15, 2001 at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel. His family presented the eulogy in Mr. Gray’s memory. He was buried at Magnolia Spring Cemetery near Kirbyville.

Mr. Gray passed away January 13, 2001 at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Mr. Gray was born October 14, 1925 in Beaumont, Texas to James Virgil and Mildred LeBlanc Gray. While growing up he lived in Woodville before moving away after graduation. In 1966 he returned to Woodville to raise his family. He was retired from the sales industry.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Clarience Gray of Woodville; daughters, Sherry Moore of Beaumont, Julie Monk of Spring, and Pamela Stillwagon of Houston; sister, Betty Scarborough of Tyler; grandchildren, Desa, Katie and Alicia Gray, Christopher Moore, Falynn, Madison, and Graysen Monk, Kaila and Rebecca Stillwagon, Shawn and Laci Swinney; one great-grandchild, Dillon Swinney.

Serving as pallbearers were Jody Gray, Jim Stillwagon, Michael Monk, Bert Rogers, Bob Scarborough, Jack Moore, and James Gray.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Marguerite Hatton Duhon

Funeral service for Marguerite Hatton Duhon, 80, of Warren, Texas, was held Friday, January 11, 2002 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Warren with Rev. Thomas “Butch” Martin, Rev. Bill Morgan, and Brother Mark Smith officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Duhon passed away January 8, at the Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

Born January 2, 1922 in Warren, Texas to Lonnie and Tinnie Hughes Hatton, she was a retired tax collector and bookkeeper for Warren ISD. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Warren and an Army veteran.


Serving as pallbearers were Moutie Morgan, Marvin Hatton, James Morgan, Sanders Phillip, Andy Martin and Perry Phillips.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Seawillow Marion Gardner Crosby

Service for Seawillow Marion Gardner Crosby, 91, of Denver, Colorado were held at 1 p.m. Friday, January 11, 2002, at the Kelley-Watkins Funeral Home in Beaumont, with the Rev. Dan Gardner officiating. Interment was in Old Hardin County Cemetery.

Mrs. Crosby died on Saturday, January 5, in Denver, Colorado following a short illness.

Seawillow was born February 10, 1910 at Newton, Texas to Gervase Charles and mary Dennis Gardner. She grew up in Hardin County and attended school in Kountze and Sour Lake, graduating from Sour Lake High School in 1927. She began a piano teaching career in 1928 that continued until the late 1970's. She married H.A. Crosby of Kountze in 1938 and was married 23 years until his death in 1960. Seawillow lived in Kountze until 1981 except for three years during WW II when she lived with her family in San Diego and worked in a war factory, while H.A. served in the Navy.

She moved in Beaumont in 1981 and finally
moved to Denver in April 2000. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Beaumont after being a long time member of the First Baptist Church in Kountze, where for a number of years she was church pianist. She continued to enjoy music and reading in her later years and was known for her wonderful smile and genuine kindness.

Survivors include her sister, Gerthene Pierce of Woodville, sister and brother-in-law, Macel and James Neushafer of Beaumont; sister-in-law, Rena Gardner of Wildwood; sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Nancie Crosby of Denver, Colorado and John and Kay Crosby of Wills Point, Texas; grandchildren, Guy and Tod Crosby of Wills Point and Amy Crosby of Denver; great-grandchildren, Tiffany and Chealsey Crosby of Wills Point.

Pallbearers included grandchildren, Tod Guy, and Amy Crosby; great-grandchildren, Tiffany and Chealsey Crosby; nieces, Shirley Wood and Ruth Kugler; nephew, David Teague.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

H.A. Harper

Funeral service for H.A. Harper, 83, of Warren, Texas, was held Friday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Warren with Brother Kenneth Cauthen, Brother Van Lowe, and Brother Mark Smith officiating. A Masonic graveside service by Warren Masonic Lodge was held at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren. Visitation was held Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Harper passed away January 15, 2002 at the Harvest Care Center of Lumberton, Texas.

Born September 10, 1918 in Tyler County, Texas he lived in Port Arthur before moving back to Warren after retirement. He was a lab technician for Texaco with 40 years of service. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Warren, the Texas Men Retiree Builders and the Warren Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his son, Earl Wayne Harper of Brenham; daughters, Glenda Landry of Lumberton and Betty LeMaster of Austin; brother, Jess Harper of Mexia; sister, Freddie Mae Payne of Nederland and a host of family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were the men of the Warren Masonic Lodge.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Rankin Ball McMillan

Rankin Ball McMillan, 90, of Silsbee, Texas, died January 15, 2002 at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in Houston.

A Christian burial was held Thursday, January 17, at 11 a.m. at Fairview Baptist Church in Town Bluff. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff.

A native of Groveton, he lived in Newton and Jasper Counties throughout his youth, graduating from Jasper High School in 1929. He met and
married Sibyl Inez Burks of Jasper, later moving to Vidor in 1945. Upon his retirement, they moved to Town Bluff where they remained until the death of his wife of 55 years. He then moved to Silsbee and resided with his son for the past 9 years. He was a retired construction superintendent for G. Sargl, Pat McGettigan and Mar-Len construction companies and was a member of First Baptist Church of Silsbee.

He is predeceased by his wife, Sibyl Inez Burks McMillan; brothers, Horace Green McMillan, Clinch Odom McMillan and Deral Christian McMillan.

Survivors include brothers, Woodrow Franklin McMillan of Blekwood, Texas and James Coy McMillan of Nederland; daughters, Janis McMillan Netterville of Pasadena, Beverly McMillan Maurer and husband Dean of Arlington; and son, Walter --- --- Loren Netterville Lunsford, Leslie Netterville Karvelis, Dana Kay Netterville Curley, Scott Netterville, Rebecca Albers, Summer Albers Wenzel, Carol Miller, Laura McMillan, and Cliff McMillan; grandchildren, Jeremy Lunsford, Brian Lunsford, Timothy Lunsford, Shane McCarty, Erin Curley, Drew Curley, Cade McMillan, and Randy McMillan and also a niece reared as a daughter, Dorothy “Dottie” May of Vicksburg, Mississippi; Dottie’s children, Cheryl Burton, Pamela Fuller, Diane Welch, Robert Netterville and Tamera Sanders; and several other relatives and descendants.

Services will be conducted by Rev. Robert Netterville and assisted by Rev. Scott Netterville. Serving as pallbearers will be the great-grandsons.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

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**Jessie Odene Brown**

Funeral service for Jessie Odene Brown, 67, of Rockland, Texas, was held Sunday, January 20, 2002 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Ben Gibbs officiating. Burial followed at the Rockland Cemetery.

Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Brown passed away January 18, 2002 at her residence.

She was born February 27, 1934 in Rockland to Jessie and Linnie Mae Hopkins Oscar. She was a devoted mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her sons, Terrence Ray Brown, Benny Dwight Brown, Jessie Royce Brown, Ricky Duane Brown, Michael Douglas Brown and Paul Jefferson Brown all of Rockland and Steven Wayne Brown of Colmesneil; daughters, Bonnie Gail Brown of Colmesneil and Maria Diane Rogers of Vidor; sister, Lois Reppond of Rockland; fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Serving their mother as pallbearers were her sons.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

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**Martha Jean Howton**

Graveside service for Martha Jean Howton, 66, was held January 18, 2002 at 3 p.m. at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas. Bishop Richard Anguiano officiated at the service.

Mrs. Howton died January 13, at St. Lukes Hospital in Houston.

She was born July 1, 1935 in Moundville, Alabama. She lived in Houston most of her life, and she lived in Woodville five years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Pamela J. Twilley of Poplar Bluff, Missouri and Patricia A. Picou of Abbeville, Louisiana; sister, Inez Patton of Pasadena; brother, Bill Williamson of Alabama; grandchildren, Betty J. Kee, Chad L. Twilley, Angela M. Barton, Alexandria R. Barton and Travis W. Picou; great-grandchildren, Cory R. Kee, Luke C. Kee and Angel R. Istre.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Margaret Barraque Parker

Funeral service for Margaret Barraque Parker, 61, of Beaumont, Texas, was held Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Mike Phillips officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Parker passed away January 19, 2002 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born February 16, 1940 in Houston to James and Vera Stewart Barraque, and she lived in Beaumont most of her life. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Parker of Beaumont; son and daughter-in-law, Barry and Renee Schexnaider of Anahuac; daughter, Krystal Wahlberg of Austin; daughter and son-in-law, Gaye and Terry Logsdon of Cleburne; brother, Joe Barraque of Houston; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Eugene Blount Pleasant

Funeral service for Eugene Blount Pleasant, 85, of Spurger, Texas, was held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel. A graveside service was held at Shady Grove Cemetery near Nacogdoches.

Visitation was held Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Mr. Pleasant passed away January 19, 2002 at his residence.

Born September 5, 1916 in Appleby, Texas to Hollis R. and Rutha Ann Humphrey Pleasant, he lived in the Jefferson County area before moving to Spurger in 1981. He was a carpenter and a lifetime member of United Brotherhoods of Carpenters and Joiners of America. He was a member of the Spurger United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Buster of Woodville; sons and daughters-in-law, David L. and Susan Buster of Houston, Damon and Diane Buster of Cypress, and step-son, Glen Bradley and wife Patsy of Gunter; step-daughter and son-in-law, Sylvia and Ronald Watts of Woodville and Marion and Jerry Royston of Tucson, Arizona; brother, Edwin Buster of Warren; sister and brother-in-law, Nina and Harold Scholl of Kentucky; ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Marion Buster

Marion “Bud” Buster, 81, of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, January 20, 2002 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 23rd at 1 p.m. at the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Seamans Cemetery near Chester, Texas. Officiating at the services will be Brother Larry Trest.

Visitiation was held on Tuesday January 22nd from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Buster was born March 12, 1920 to Eugene and Myrtle Black Buster in Canal Fulton, Ohio. He was a former longtime resident of Pt. Neches and had lived in Woodville for the past five years. He was a retired carpenter from B.F. Goodrich and a member of the area Jefferson County Chapter of Harmony Exporters.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Buster of Woodville; sons and daughters-in-law, David L. and Susan Buster of Houston, Damon and Diane Buster of Cypress, and step-son, Glen Bradley and wife Patsy of Gunter; step-daughter and son-in-law, Sylvia and Ronald Watts of Woodville and Marion and Jerry Royston of Tucson, Arizona; brother, Edwin Buster of Warren; sister and brother-in-law, Nina and Harold Scholl of Kentucky; ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Levie Coplen Foxworth

Levie Coplen Foxworth, 87, of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, January 20, 2002 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 23 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Brother James Stephens, pastor of Harmony Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 22 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Foxworth was born April 25, 1914 to Sam and Ruby Carl Jordan in Van Zandt County, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and had worked in housekeeping at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. She was a member of Harmony Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Elzie Edward and Juanita Coplen of Alvin, Cleo Bernard Coplen of Woodville, Sherwood Eugene Coplen of Shreveport, Louisiana, Billy Jack and Sharon Coplen of Silsbee, Troy and Gloria Joyce Coplen of Doucette, and Bobby Joe and Kathy Coplen of Thermopolis, Wyoming; daughters and sons-in-law, Deloris and Marvin Cox of Lufkin, and Helen Marie and Marvin Mott of Spurger; twenty-five grandchildren, fifty great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ruby Fae Jeffcoat Brown

Ruby Fae Jeffcoat Brown, 70, of Woodville, Texas, died January 22, 2002 at her residence.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 26 at 10 a.m. in the Fairview Baptist Church in Town Bluff with burial in Fairview Cemetery. Officiating at the services were Brother Billy Hudson and Brother Thomas Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were Sambo Callaway, Port Callaway, Winston Sylvis, Johnny Jones, Sam Bible and Shawn Bible.

Visitation was held on Friday, January 25 from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Brown was born October 23, 1931 to John Edward and Gladys Beatrice Simmons Jeffcoat in Spurger, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a member of Victory Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Brown, Sr., of Woodville; sons & daughter-in-law, Paul and Sarah Bourdreaux of Vidor, Jemmie Joe Bourdreaux of Tennessee Colony, Texas, and Raymond and Nyana Brown, Jr., of Jasper; daughter and son-in-law, Candis and Thomas Wilson of Vidor; brothers, Thomas Jeffcoat of Silsbee, Bobby Jeffcoat of Spurger, David Lee Jeffcoat of Port Neches, and Gary James Jeffcoat of Nachitoches, Louisiana; sister, Marie Romero of Jeannerette, Louisiana; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Luella Adeline Kasbohm

Memorial service for Luella Adeline Kasbohm, 93, was held at 11 a.m. January 29, 2002 at Hillister Baptist Church with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating.

Mrs. Kasbohm died January 25, at Holiday Pines Manor in Woodville, Texas.

She was born in Evansville, Indiana, former resident of Labelle and Silsbee, she had lived in Warren and Woodville a short time. She was a homemaker and a member of Hillister Baptist Church.

She is survived by several nieces nephews and cousins.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Sophia Mae Vanek

Funeral services for Sophia Mae Vanek, 88, of Barnum, Texas were held Friday, January 25, 2002 at 2 p.m. at the Corrigan Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Judy Anderson, Rev. Royce Pennington and Rev. Delbert Lamb officiating. Interment
followed in the Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester.

Mrs. Vanek was born Thursday, November 13, 1913 in Chester, Texas and passed away Tuesday, January 22 in a Lufkin Hospital. She was a housewife and a member of the Cade Memorial Methodist Church in Chester.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Vanek, her parents, Henry and Katie Lamb, eight brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, JoAnn and Boyce Parrish of Leggett; grandchildren, Connie and David Hudley of Cedar park, Texas, Alicia and Billy Walton of Leggett, Charlotte and Glenn Cummings of Livingston, and Joe Nixon of League City; great-grandchildren, Joshua Sackberger of Leggett, Eric Cummings of Livingston, Alex Hudley of Cedar Park.

Pallbearers were Johnny Pittman, Billy Lamb, Joe Nixon, Eric Cummings, Walter Elliot, and Phil DeLaFosse.

Honorary pallbearers were Rubin Hall and Jacob Darden.

Services entrusted to Corrigan Funeral Home, Inc.

**T.L. Wheeler**

Graveside service for T.L. Wheeler, 73, of Brookeland, Texas, will be held Wednesday, January 30, 2002 at 2 p.m. at the Fred Community Cemetery. Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Wheeler passed away January 25, at his residence in Brookeland.

Born February 13, 1928 in San Augustine, Texas to William and Nora Phelps Wheeler, he lived in Brookeland many years. He was a timber cutter for Kirby Lumber.

He is survived by his son, Terry Wheeler of Lufkin; daughters, Betty Harvill of Woodville, Elois Jenkins of Spurger, Elaine Eason of Fred, and Nancy Eason of Spurger; brothers, Edward Odair Wheeler of Pt. Arthur and Eugene “Buck” Wheeler of Pt. Arthur; sister, Jackie Odean White of Vidor; eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Carrie Thornell Franks**

Funeral service for Carrie Thornell Franks, 74, of Colmesneil, Texas, will be held Thursday, January 31, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Ken Derouen, Brother Gene Clowers and Brother Irving Mott officiating. Burial will follow at Ferrel Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Franks passed away January 26, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born June 27, 1927 in Vidor to Benjaman and Martha Gentry Thornell, she lived in Beaumont before moving to Colmesneil 15 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Carrie and Larry Glenn Wagstaff; grandchildren, Jennifer Nicole Wagstaff and Calvin Glenn Wagstaff; brothers, Walter Thornell of Vidor and John Henry Thornell of Jacksonville, Florida.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Oddis Mae Odom**

Funeral services for Oddis Mae Odom, 77, of Woodville, Texas were held at 11 a.m. Friday, January 25, 2002 at the First Baptist Church in Warren with burial at Turner’s Branch Cemetery in Spurger.

Ms. Odom died January 22, at the Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville. She was a native of Silsbee but had lived in Woodville for the last 15 years. She was a loving mother and homemaker.

Survivors include daughters, Nelma Offield of Kilgore, Betty Key of Pt. Neches, Shirley Hammons and Barbara Clowers of Warren, Thelma Joyce Strother of Vidor, Jackie Strother of Karnack and Linda McGown of San Augustine; sons, wilburn Lee Odom of Fred, Chester Odom of Overton, Thomas Odom and Escar Odom of Kilgore, Glen Odom and Charles ofom of Warren and Jerry Don
George Elvin Davis, Sr.

George Elvin Davis, Sr. 89, of Woodville, died January 31, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Sunday, February 3rd at 3:00 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Pilgrim Rest Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating will be Reverend Ray Reed, pastor, Woodville United Methodist Church.

Serving as pallbearers will be James P. Spencer, James P. Spencer, II, James M. Bailey, Wesley D. Bailey, Richard Pattison, Tim Bauer, John Bauer and George Wayne Bryant.

Visitation will be Sunday from 8:00 a.m. til service.

Mr. Davis was born January 18, 1913 to Nannie Bryant Davis & John Wesley Davis, Sr. at Colmesneil, Texas. He was a 1931 graduate of Colmesneil High School and retired from Texaco Inc. in Port Neches, Texas. He also operated Davis Radio & T.V. Service. He married Maggie Elizabeth Richardson Cruse on October 7, 1932. After retirement, he returned to the Dies Community where he was reared. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Colmesneil.

In 1990 he was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years Maggie Elizabeth Richardson Cruse Davis.

He is survived by daughter, Peggy Davis Libby and husband, Douglas Libby of Woodville; son, George Elvin Davis, Jr. of Jasper; brother, Arvil M. Davis and sister-in-law "Bill", and John Wesley Davis, Jr. all of Woodville; two granddaughters, Lisette Helveston of Charlotte, North Carolina, Linnet Ludtke of Spring, Texas; four great granddaughters, Kristen Helveston, Kelsey Helveston, Alyssa Ludtke and Ashley Ludtke.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Oliver Britton Grissom


Survivors include wife, Alice Mae Grissom; mother, Doris Grissom; children, Charles B. Grissom, Sharon L. Gossage and Craig B. Grissom; sisters, Doris Lefevre, Kathy Pitre, Gwen Cowart and Eva Jones; brothers, Royce Grissom, John Grissom and Oscar Grissom; grandchildren, Samuel D. Pierce, Hillary Grissom, Miranda Gossage, Caryn Grissom, Ashley Gossage and Britton Grissom.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 1, 2002 at Pace-Stancil/Probst Chapel. A graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren, Texas. Rev. Gerald Read and Rev. Woodrow Wilson officiating.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Charles W. Hudson, Sr.

Charles W. "Bucky" Hudson Sr., 66, of Warren, Texas, died Friday February 1, 2002 at his residence.

Funeral services will be 1 pm Tuesday, February 5, 2002 at Broussard's in Nederland with Rev. Jim Copeland officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

A gathering of friends will be from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the mortuary.

Mr. Hudson is a native of Louisiana and lived in Warren for 4 years. He is retired from Mobil Oil in Beaumont as a Machinist with 30 years of service.

He is survived by his wife Shirley J. Hudson of Warren; sons, Charles "Carlos" Hudson of Arlington and Raymond Hudson of Los Angeles, Calif; step-son, Jimmy Parish and wife Cindy of Houston; sisters Jeanett Broussard of Nederland, and Merty Miller of Nederland.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Jessie Bryant Green

Funeral service for Jessie Bryant Green, 85, of Kingsville, Texas, was held February 8, 2002 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Troy Richardson officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

She died February 5, at Spohn Kleberg Memorial Hospital in Kingsville.

Jessie was born October 29, 1916 in Woodville, the daughter of Jessie and Doulas Hair Chambless. She lived in Beaumont most of her life, moving to Kingsville 5 years ago. She was retired from Lamar food service.

Survivors include her son and daughter in law, Jesse and Brenda Bryant; step-daughters, Jo, Martha, Faye and Jane; grandchildren, Terry (Keith) Kanaday, Jim (Marla) Bryant; great-grandchildren, Lathen Bryant and Kayla Bryant and nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Buddy Ogden, Keith Kanaday, Jesse Bryant, Daniel Smiley, Bill Bondand, and Melvin Bond.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Edith Mae Jones

Edith Mae Jones, 73, of Woodville, Texas, died Tuesday, February 5, 2002 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were held Friday, February 8 at 2 p.m. in the Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at service was Brother Ken Derouen.

Mrs. Jones was born January 18, 1929 to Zed and Sadie Walker Robertson in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She had worked in food service with Picadilly Cafeteria and had lived in Woodville since 1988.

She is survived by her sons, William Jones, James Jone, Roland Jones and Shawn Wayne Jones all of Beaumont; daughter and son-in-law, Sadie and Donald Horton of Woodville; and grandchildren, April Horton and David Horton of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

James Walter Ling, Sr.

James Walter Ling, Sr., 71, of Spurger, Texas, died February 9, 2002 at Dickerson Memorial Hospital in Jasper. Memorial services will follow at a later date.

He was a native of Angelina County and had formerly lived in Alaska for a few years. He was a carpenter in the Construction Industry. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, hunting, and other pioneering ways of life and activities.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Christene Ling of Spurger; four sons, James Walter Ling, Jr. Of Bastrop, Larry Wayne Ling of Spurger, Carl Edward Ling of Freeport, and Mark Keith Ling of Houston; two daughters, Linda Christene Hornung of Palmer, Alaska and Tammy Lynn Ling of San Jose, California; two brothers, Wallace Ling of Anchorage, Alaska, Danie Ling of Phoenix, Arizona; one sister, Mamye Kitchens of Newton; twenty-four grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Charles Strban

Charles Strban, 54, of Conroe, Texas, passed away Friday, February 8, 2002 in the Methodist Hospital in Houston.

He was born September 23, 1947 in Crockett and had lived in Huntsville most of his life. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the United States Army. He was a retired Assistant Warden with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Funeral services for Mr. Strban were held Sunday, February 10, at 2 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel in Crockett with Rev. E.P. Ramsey, Jr. officiating. Interment followed in the New Energy Cemetery.

Survivors include his daughters, Sarah Crawford of Tenaha and Oliva Fant of Zavalla; son, Joseph Strban of Conroe; grandchildren, Chase Crawford and Jordan Fant; sister, Lydia King of
Rice; brother, Leland Strban of Crockett; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by parents, Frank and Marie Strban.

Callaway-Allee Funeral Home of Crockett was in charge of arrangements.

**Clifford Earl Hamric**

Clifford Earl Hamric, 39, passed away Sunday, February 17, 2002 in Conroe, Texas.

Visitation was held Tuesday, February 19 at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 20 at Brookside Funeral Chapel with interment to follow in Brookside Memorial Park with Ronald Petree officiating.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert Hamric and his brother George McKeever.

Cliff is survived by his wife, Angela Hamric; daughter, Holly Marie Hamric; sons, Franklin Andrew Hamric, Clifford Joseph Hamric, Richard James Robertson and Samuel David Robertson, II; mother, Cecile Lazenby; sisters, Georgette Lawson, Susan Phelps and husband Michael; brother, Johnny McKeever and wife Sandy; mother-in-law, Vickkie Hernandez and brother-in-law, Anthony Hernandez. Cliff is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

**Steven Eric Wagner**

Steven Eric Wagner, 25, of West Orange, Texas, died Tuesday, February 12, 2002 at his home.

The funeral was held Friday February 15 at 3 p.m. at the First United Pentecostal Church of Orange with the Rev. Gary Wheeler, pastor, officiating. Interment was at Jett Cemetery in Orange.

Steven was a native of lifelong resident of Orange. He worked construction, and was a member of the First United Pentecostal Church.

He is survived by his grandmother, Mary Wagner of West Orange; mother and father, Karen and Uko. W. O’Connor of Woodville; sisters, Erika O’Conn and Amberly O’Connor both of Woodville; uncle, Ivan Dale Wagner of Orange; aunts, Cecilia Goins of Lumberton, Kathy Buxton of Littleton, Colorado, and Kim Borne of Orange; nephew, Douglas O’Connor of Woodville and numerous cousins.

Services were under the direction of Dorman Funeral Home of Orange, Texas.

**Martha May Lohmeyer**

Martha May Lohmeyer, 85, of Canyon Lake, Texas, passed away February 17, 2002 at her residence. A native of Jasper, she had lived in Canyon Lake for several years.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 19, at 1 p.m. at Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper and burial followed at Ebenezer Cemetery.

Visitation was held on Monday, February 18, from 5 - 7 p.m. at Forest Oakes Funeral Home.

Survivors include her daughters, Freida Lohmeyer and Betty Thomas of Canyon Lake; grandson, Edward Moreman of Bellsville; granddaughter, Cynthia Moreman of Dallas; great-granddaughters, Megan and Shelby Moreman; brothers, J.W. May of Lake Charles and G.P. May of Jasper; sister, Ruth Cowey of Cuero.

Funeral services are under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper.

**Dorothy May Jackson**

Funeral service for Dorothy May Jackson, 80, of Warren, Texas, will be held Thursday, February 21, 2002 at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Ron Davis officiating. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Beaumont.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Jackson passed away February 18, 2002 at the Tyler County Hospital. Born March 14, 1920 in Mangham, Louisiana to Lee and Dorothy Hurt Southern, she lived in Tyler County for many years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, James D. Jackson
of San Angelo, Kenneth R. Jackson of Grandberry, and David M. Jackson of Tyler; daughters, Wynona Burton of Bon Weir, Willie Kirkpatrick of Orange, and Daisy Barnard of Fort Payne, Alabama; eighteen grandchildren, thirty-eight great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jonas Steve English

Jonas Steve English, of Warren, Texas, passed away February 17, 2002 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, February 20, 2002, at 2:00 pm at the Beech Creek Baptist Church in Spurger with burial at Beech Creek Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Born in Trinity County, Texas, he lived in Nederland for 40 years before moving to Spurger 30 years ago. He was a retired machinist for Neches Butane. He has worked for Bethlehem Steel and sailed with The Merchant Marines.

He is survived by his grandchildren, Margarette Olivier, Regina Hopkins, Leonard English, Jonas English, Lester English, Eslen English; great-grandchildren, Casey Sellers, Erin Ryan, Steven Olivier, Serge Olivier, Leonard English, Michael English, Edward English; great-great-grandchildren, Mason Anderson and Dakota Ryan; daughter-in-law, Ester English of Jasper.

Serving as pallbearers will be Lester English, Jonas H. English, Earl Hicks, Dan Jordan, Steven Olivier, and Eugene Tipton.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Charles English, Leonard English and Charles Ross.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Grady McVay Ayres

Graveside service for Grady McVay Ayres, 85, of Woodville, Texas, was held Saturday, February 16, 2002 at 2 p.m. at Camp Ground Cemetery with Brother Ken Derouen officiating.

Visitation was held Saturday morning at the funeral home.

Mr. Ayres passed away February 15, at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home.

Born July 6, 1916 in San Augustine to John T. And Nina Zeggler Ayres, he lived in Woodville for many years. He was retired from the oil industry. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Rex and Sarah Ayres of Lumberton and Terry and Slyvia Ayres of Buna; daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Jack Conkle of Fanette; nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Carrie Vay Davis McAlister Allison

Carrie Vay Davis McAlister Allison, 97, of Jasper, was born to Sam H. Davis and Mary Jane Rawls Davis on July 30, 1904 in Tyler County, Texas and she passed away February 20, 2002.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Lester L. McAlister in 1965 and C.B. Allison in 1973. Also six brothers and three sisters.

She was a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church of Colmesneil, Texas, until 1941 when her membership was transferred to Beech Grove Baptist Church of Jasper, Texas.

She is survived by her son, John D. McAlister and wife Anne, of Mobile, Alabama; daughters, Nelda Martindale and husband Donice of Jasper and Jo Chambliss of Buna; grandchildren, John McAlister, Jr., Sheila Hughes, Keith Chambliss, Craig Martindale, and Kent "Slim" Martindale; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth McAlister, Jake McAlister, Alicia Hughes, Brandon Hughes, Cody Hughes, William Martindale, and Brad Martindale.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper with burial to follow at Egypt Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 22, 2002 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Forest Oaks
Funeral Home.

**Daisy Juanita Henderson Barefield**

Funeral service for Daisy Juanita Henderson Barefield, 74, of Woodville, Texas, was held February 14, 2002 at 1 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Charlie Hodge officiating. Burial followed at Damascus Cemetery in Corrigan Texas.

Visitation was held Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Barefield passed away February 12, at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born September 11, 1927 in Corrigan to John and Viola Chandler Henderson. She lived in Tyler County for many years. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Viola Henderson and brothers, James D., Joe and J.R. Henderson.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Pat and Joyce McCarty of Livingston, Jessie and Alicia Barefield of Dayton, John David and Beverly Barefield of Woodville, William Russell and Michelle Barefield of Georgia, Jeffery Ray and Beverly Barefield of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Paul Hutto of Corrigan, Ruth and Ralph Kimball of Woodville; sisters, Eunice Standley and Sadie Woodrome both of Chester; brother, Raymond “Red” Eugene Henderson of Cleveland; twenty-four grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were James Kimball, Jessie Barefield, Stephen Barefield, Jessie Barefield, Billy Brewer, William Barefield, and John Kimball.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Geneva Bellamy**

Geneva Bellamy, 78, of Texas City, Texas, passed away Friday, February 22, 2002, at her residence in Texas City.

Geneva was born February 5, 1924 in Lillybrook, West Virginia. She was a member of the Mainland Church of Christ.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Bob Moore of Clear lake; two sons and daughter-in-law, Keith and Diane Bellamy of Woodville and Doug Bellamy of Texas City; sister, Estella Beasley of Beckley, West Virginia; five grandchildren, Barbara Green, Pamela Gonzalez, Janice Bellamy, Jason Bellamy and Jennifer Wolf; and two great-grandchildren, Hannah Wolf and Michael Chase Gonzalez.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen Lee Bellamy, Jr. In 1999.

Visitation was Sunday between 4 and 7 p.m. in the chapel of the James Crowder Funeral Home in LaMarque.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday February 25, at the Mainland Church of Christ in Texas City with Cecil Haffelfinger, Charles Goodnight, and Tom Medlin officiating. Burial followed at Forest Park East in League City, Texas.

Pallbearers were Billy Leach, Bill Fritch, Bill Wayne Fritch, Bob Price, Lennon Stone and Ed Miller. Honorary pallbearers were Cecil Casey and Pat Patterson.

**Donald Edward Hendrix**

Donald Edward Hendrix, 78, of Beaumont, Texas died Saturday, February 23, 2002, at Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday, February 27, at 1:00 p.m. at Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at the Big Sandy Cemetery in Dallardville, Texas.

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 26, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Hendrix is a native of Honey Island, Texas. He was a retired minister having been involved with many activities. He was a veteran of World War II.

Mr. Hendrix is survived by his wife, Esther Woodard Hendrix of Beaumont; one daughter, Donnelle Hendrix Webb of Vidor; three brothers, R. J. Hendrix of Nederland, Llyod Dean ("L.D.") Hendrix of Woodville, Louis Melbourne ("Sam") Hendrix of Honey Island; two sisters, Georgia Overstreet of Kountze, Tommy Jean Williams of
Honey Island; three grandchildren, Jonathan D. Webb, Elisabeth D. Webb Reed, Richard D. Webb; one great grandchild, Caleb A. Reed; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Services under the direction of Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Beaumont, Texas.

**Grover C. Cloyd, Jr.**

Grover C. Cloyd, Jr., 79, of Doucette, Texas, passed away Sunday, February 17, 2002 at his residence.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel of Woodville with burial in Hopewell Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating will be Brother Robert Gillespie & Brother Russell Bryan.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was a retired sprayer with Chemical Applicators Company, a member of First Baptist Church of Doucette and a U.S. Navy WWII veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Cloyd of Doucette; sons & daughters-in-law, Daniel R. and Carol Cloyd, Richard L. and Sheila Cloyd all of Vidor, David L. Cloyd of College Station, Bill Cloyd of Doucette, and James L. and Flossie Cloyd of Colmesneil; daughters & sons-in-law, Diana Gail Best, Nita and Frank Hilburn all of College Station, and Katherine Ryan of Conway, South Carolina; brothers, Johnny T. Cloyd of Doucette and R.C. Cloyd of Lumberton; sisters Fay Wigley of Woodville, Matt Cain and Merline Edwards both of Village Mills; fifteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Wilma Seamans Lewis**

Wilma Seamans Lewis, 90, of Chester, Texas, passed away Monday, February 25, 2002 at her residence.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, February 27th at 11:00 a.m. in the Enon Baptist Church in Chester with burial in Seamans Cemetery near Chester. Officiating will be Brother Larry Trest.

Serving as pallbearers are Eddie Lewis, Mark Stevens, James “Rusty” Hughes, James Seamans, Durt Freeman, and Kyle Freeman.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2002 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Lewis was born July 5, 1911 to Theron and Annie Mary Priest Seamans in Chester, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Chester and was a member of Enon Baptist Church. She was a devoted wife and mother, an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed sewing. She had graduated from Enon School and attended Stephen F. Austin. She had been a nursing home volunteer, received the service award from Chester Lions Club, an active member in Baptist Woman's Association and had served many years in her community as a caregiver to many families.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Lewis on December 6, 1989.

She is survived by her daughters & sons-in-law, Pat Barnes of Chester, Abbie & Gordon Wiggers of Temple, and Catherine & Steve Watts of Chester; brother & sister-in-law, T.J. "Mutt" & Sybil Seamans of Chester; sister, Helen Hardy of Palestine; six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and one great-great grandson.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Lewell Freeman Chandler**

Lewell Freeman Chandler, 83, of Bastrop, Texas, died Wednesday, February 26, 2002 surrounded by his family.

Visitation was held Friday, March 1, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home.

Services were held March 2 at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel and burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger, Texas, with full Military Honors.

Lewell was born on June 11, 1918 in Shreveport, Louisiana to Benjamin P. and Martha Lemoine Chandler. He grew up in Monroe, Louisiana and graduated from Quanchita Parrish High School. At the age of 19 Lewell joined the
U.S. Army and was stationed in Brownsville, Texas at Fort Brown, as a member of the Horse Calvary Division. On January 18, 1940 he was attached to the 31st Infantry Division and was sent to the Philippines where he was captured by the Japanese on April 9, 1942 at Bataan. Lewell was a Death March Survivor and was interred at Cabanatuan Camp 3, Camp 17, Camp O’Donnel and Omuta, Japan. Lewell was held prisoner until the war ended and was liberated on February 9, 1945. After returning from the war he was assigned to recruiting duty in Beaumont, where he met and married his wife of 55 years, Sina Jordan Chandler of Spurger. In 1950 while stationed in Tacoma, Washington he volunteered to go to Korea where he served with the 78th AAA Gun Battalion, 1st ROK (Republic of Korea) Division. Lewell was awarded the following medals: American Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Star; American theater Campaign Ribbon; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two Bronze Stars; Philippine Defense Ribbon with one Bronze Star; Good Conduct Medal; Victory ribbon; Distinguished Unit Badge with two Oakleaf Clusters; Bronze Star Medal; Commendation Ribbon with Medal; Korean Service Medal; U.N. Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Philippine Liberation Medal; and the POW medal.

Lewell was a member of the American Ex-Prisoners of War Organization, Disabled American Veterans Organization, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Association, and Retired Officers Association.

At the time of his retirement in January of 1960 he held the rank of CWO4. Lewell and his family settled in the Beech Creek Community near Spurger. For a brief time Lewell was employed by A & M Motor Company in Woodville and then was employed by Temple-Eastex Paper mill until he retired in 1979 and then relocated to Bastrop, where he lived until his death.

Lewell is survived by Sina Chandler, his wife of 55 years; two sons, Robert Chandler of Smithville, and Paul Chandler of Bastrop; two daughters, Linda Odom of Woodville, and Virginia (Ginger) Royston of Smithville; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Martha (Marty) Chandler of Spurger.

Pallbearers were Randy Villanueva, Allen Jordan, Sean Perry, John Livingston, Jim Walters and Buck Odom. Honorary pallbearers were the Capitol City Chapter of the American Ex-Prisoners of War in Austin.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**John Henry Robinson**

John Henry Robinson, 79, of Woodville, Texas died Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at the residence of his niece in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 4, at 2:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville, Texas with Rev. C.O. Hadnot officiating. Burial followed at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

He was a life long native of Woodville and Tyler County and lived in Las Vegas, Nevada for a very short time.

Survivors include a sister, Jessie Hazel Cruse of Woodville, Texas; brother, Lee Wallace Robinson of Houston; and A special friend, Frank Lee of Woodville.

Services entrusted to Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home, Woodville, Texas.

**Stuart B. Roberts**

Stuart “Stu” Berton Roberts, 85, of Woodville, died Thursday, February 28, 2002 in Woodville.

Visitation for Mr. Roberts will be Sunday, March 3rd from 5 to 8 P.M. at Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church in Woodville on Monday, March 4th at 5 p.m. with the Reverend John Wells officiating.

Mr. Roberts was born March 15, 1916 in Belgrade, Maine. Prior to moving to Texas many years ago, he was a long time resident of Mobile, Alabama. He was a dedicated employee for Bemis Bag Company for forty years. As an active member
Mr. Roberts was also an accomplished craftsman, having constructed much beautiful furniture throughout his life for friends and family.

Mr. Roberts was preceded in death by a son Richard Roberts.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Priscilla Roberts of Woodville, Texas; a son John William "Jack" Roberts of Orange Beach, Alabama; a sister, Rena Lander of Holden, Massachusetts; granddaughters, Beverly Roberts of Atlanta, Georgia, Ashley Roberts of Orange Beach, Alabama, and Vanity Roberts of Birmingham, Alabama; nephews, Billy and John Gillman of Hope Valley, Rhode Island; nieces Bonita McMullen of Bar Harbor, Maine, Patty Dinsdale and Nancy Perkins, both of Holden, Massachusetts.

Services under direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

Lilly May Salles Anderson

Funeral service for Lilly May Anderson, 79, of Spurger, Texas, were held March 3, 2002 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Egido Vecchio, Pastor of Our Lady Of The Pines Catholic Church in Woodville, officiating burial followed at Turner Branch Cemetery near Spurger. Visitation and a rosary was held Saturday.

Mrs. Anderson died February 28, 2002 at her residence. She was born May 14, 1922 in Beaumont on 1420 Harriet St., in a home built by M.J. Salles. She went to South Park High School, she was a homemaker, member of the Salles family, largest named family in Beaumont in 1924.

She is survived by her husband, Ben Hershel Anderson; sons, Curtis Dole Price and Carl Allen Price both of Beaumont; daughter, Lillie May Brooks of Woodville; sisters, Betty Lue Stanford of Louisiana and Ruth Queen of California; eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Clint Steed, Carl Price, Jr., Jesse J. Brooks, Philip W. Cox, Ed Cooley, Jessie Perron, Bob Lyle and Big Jim Salles.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Larkin Leon Collum

Larkin Leon "Sonny" Collum, 67, the eldest son of Rev. Fred Augustus Lark Collum, an itinerant Methodist Protestant preacher, and Elizabeth Manon Brooks Collum was born June 5, 1934 at Jay, Oklahoma. He was called from this life March 1, 2002 after suffering from Leukemia for the past 5 years. He had been a resident at the Woodville Convalescent Center, Woodville, Texas for the past nine months.

Sonny was a member of the Sunshine Club at the Burke Center in Livingston, Texas and of the Seed of Faith Church of Woodville, Texas.

Sonny is survived by one brother, Brooks R. Collum of Woodville; one sister, Margaret Young of Houston; and close relatives and friends in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Arkansas.

All are invited to Services at The Morris Memorial United Methodist Church, Wednesday, March 6, at 2 p.m. and to burial services at the Chino Community Cemetery.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Julia T. Rogers

On March 1, 2002, Julia T. Rogers, 77, of Woodville, Texas died after a brief battle with cancer.

She was preceded in death by her father, E.L. Taylor of Lynchburg, VA., and her daughter Anne Daphne Jones of Austin, Texas.

She leaves behind loving family members: husband Charles E. Rogers; son, Chuck Rogers and daughter-in-law, Karyn of Dripping Springs; daughters, Dianne Lawrence of Houston, and Susan Williams of Texas City; son-in-law Bob White of Austin; mother, Julia D. Taylor; brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Taylor Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James W. Taylor all of Lynchburg, VA and Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Taylor of Madison, N.C.; grandchildren, Damon Jones and Will White of Austin, Julia Craft of Bacliff, Christopher and
Cole Rogers of Dripping Springs; and great-grandchildren Jaeda and Chandler Jones of Bacliff.

Judy was very active with her family and community. Her love of horses brought her family into 4-H and horse shows around Galveston County for many years. After raising their family, she fulfilled a lifelong desire to learn to paint. She painted special pictures for many of her family members and friends to enjoy in their homes. After retiring and building a home in Ivanhoe, Judy and her husband Charlie became charter members of the Ivanhoe Volunteer Fire Department and helped raise funds for the first fire truck. She was a board member of the Ivanhoe Property Owners Improvement Association for four years and served on several board and community committees and belonged to the Ivanhoe Civic Club. She graduated from the Woodville Citizen’s Police Academy and participated in many of their activities.

Judy was beloved by her family and will be missed by her many friends. Her strength and vision will serve as inspiration to all who have known her.

Services were held at the Woodville United Methodist Church on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at 1 p.m. in Woodville with Rev. Ray Reed officiating.

Honorary pall bearers were Joe and Billie LaBorde, Mildred Malina, Lewis Rigsby, Malcolm Worrell I, James Harmon, Ret. Col. James C. Crigger and Glen Martin.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Elmer L. Ewings**

Elmer L. Ewings, 78, of Woodville, Texas, died Saturday, March 2, 2002 in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 4th in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation will begin at 8:00 a.m. today at the funeral home.

Mr. Ewings was born January 2, 1924 to James & Minnie Cliburn Ewings in Colmesneil, Texas. He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran and was a retired forestry technician from Kirby Lumber Company.

He is survived by his wife of 55 year, Pauline Owens Ewings of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, V.J. and Robert E. Wisenbaker of Beaumont; sister, Irene Tucker of Woodville; grandchildren, Robert A. "Tony" Wisenbaker and Brandi Wisenbaker-Valenzuela; and great grandson, Mark Ethan Valenzuela.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Loraine Smith**

Loraine Smith, 87, of Barnum, Texas died Friday, March 8, 2002 at Medical Hospital in Lufkin.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 12 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Pine Grove Cemetery in Polk County near Chester. Officiating at the services was Brother James Loving.

Serving as pallbearers were Nicky Dowdy, Glen Dowdy, Ronnie Wind, Gary Crissman, Tommy Jones, and Alan Dowdy.

Visitation was held on Monday, March 11 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Smith was born March 23, 1914 to Clarence and Amanda Logan Barron in Corpus Christi. She was a longtime resident of Barnum and had lived in Corrigan since 1989. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church and loved to quilt, and work with the women’s organizations and missionary council of her church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Menton Lee Smith on April 30, 1997. She is survived by her sons, Lloyd Maurice Smith of Barnum, Bobby Smith of Trinity, C.J. Smith of Liberty, and Larry Smith of Dayton; daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Tommy Jones of Richmond; brother, T.C. “Willie” Barron of Houston; sister, Clara Turner of Lovelady; seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Shirley R. Gann

Shirley R. Gann, 70, of Warren, Texas died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at the Woodville Convalescent Center in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 9th at 11:00 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services will be Reverend Russ Munch, pastor of Warren United Methodist Church and her niece, Reverend Meg Procopio.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 8th from 5:00-8:00 p.m at the funeral home.

Mrs. Gann was born February 3, 1932 to Frank S. & Ruby E. Nichols Roberts in Apalachicola, Florida. She was a longtime resident of Warren and was a retired teacher with Warren I.S.D. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Warren United Methodist Church, Retired Teacher’s Association, and Wildwood United Methodist Women. Two of her passions were reading and playing bridge.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Leon Gann and her step grandson, Tim Gisler.

She is survived by her step daughter, Joy Gisler of Refugio; sister, Carol R. Bowden of Albany, Georgia; nephew, Frank Bowden of Acworth, Georgia; niece, Meg Procopio of Savannah, Georgia; great niece, Alden Procopio of Savannah, Georgia and great nephew, Justin Bowden of Acworth, Georgia; step grandchildren, Mike Gisler of Victoria and Wendy Pursell of Refugio; and three step great grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lorena Page Ard

Funeral service for Lorena Page Ard, 85, of Silsbee will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 9, 2002 at Farmer Funeral Home with burial at Franks Branch Cemetery near Fred, Texas.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Lorena was born July 2, 1916 in Merryville, Lousiana and lived most of her life in Fred. She was a retired nurse's aide at Schlesinger Geriatric Center. She died at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital on March 7, 2002.

Survivors include three sons, John Ard and wife Sarah of Woodville, Manuel Ard and wife Martha of Fred, and Grant Ard and wife Marie of Silsbee; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Farmer Funeral Home of Silsbee, Texas.

Gladys Powell

Gladys Powell, 84, of Woodville, Texas died Friday, March 8, 2002 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 11 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Seamans Cemetery near Chester. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were Edward Powell, Milton Powell, Herschel Powell, Everett Powell, Don Grant and Mike Duke.

Visitation was held on Sunday, March 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Powell was born March 22, 1917 to Thomas Henry and Edna Elizabeth King Barclay in Colmesneil. She was a longtime resident of Woodville, former resident of Baytown, and was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville as well as the Melody Makers Choir. She had a love of holding garage sales, raising African violets, working in her yard, and helping in the church library.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Barnie Powell and is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Cecil Ray and Marguerite Powell of Baytown; daughter and son-in-law, Jan and David Dauphin of Baytown; grandchildren, Stewart Powell of Baytown, Curtis Powell of St. Louis, Mo., Debra Rash of North Carolina, Christa Powell of Houston, Mike Powell of Baytown and Stephanie Dauphin of Austin; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer.
and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**J.L. Roberts**

J. L. (Buddy) Roberts, 78 years old, was born May 19, 1923 in Port Arthur, Texas. He went to be with the Lord, March 10, 2002 after a short illness.

Mr. Roberts was preceded in death by his parents, J.L. Roberts, Sr. and Mary LaPlace Roberts; sisters, Ina Block, Hazel Baddock, Audrey Tibbits, Versie Talbot.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille Roberts; sisters, Mamie Cantrell, Mildred (Pete) Davidson and Gloria (Potchie) Ardoi; daughters, Hazel Cupples and Mike of Alabama, Karen Greaff and Cameron; granddaughters, Kelly, Sherri, Amanda, Cheri, Kim, Ginger, Amy, Michael, Dusty, Cody, Casey, Cameron; great-grandchildren, Autumn, Kelsie, Madaline, Mason, Molly, Maxton, Zaccary, Tyler, Ashton, Chase, Chelsie, Keaton, Kolton, Kameron, and Brooke.

Surrounded by a close family, Buddy spent his last weeks in the Park Plaza Hospital and Vitas Unit, Houston, Texas. Thanks to all the doctors, nurses, and tech staff at Park Plaza Hospital and Vitas.

Bud and Lucille live in Woodville. Buddy was a retired insulator from the Asbestos Workers Local #22 in Houston, Texas. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home with burial at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation will be held Monday from 5 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Doyle Tibbits, Michael Greaff, Dusty Ware, Joe Ware, Rodney Cuccerre, and Brian Weatherford.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Lonnie Ray Hickman**

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, march 13, 2002 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Hickman passed away March 7, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Born March 18, 1976 in Lufkin, to Donald Ray Hickman and Judith F. Barnhart Hickman. He lived in Woodville all of his life. He worked in the maintenance department for Wal Mart.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, Donald Ray and Linda Marie Hickman of Cleveland; mother, Judith F. Barnhart Hickman of Woodville; sisters, Stacy Hickman and Tracy Hickman both of Woodville; grandmother, Lillie Mae Dockery of New Waverly; step-brother, D.J. Hickman of Cleveland; aunts, Patricia Owens of Woodville, Linda Baird of Village Mills, and Mary Cobern of Spurger; uncles, Ricky Barnhart, Michael Barnhart, and Billy Owens all of Woodville; cousins, Edgar Neyland and Lacy Neyland of Woodville; girlfriend, Jaresiah Benoit; numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Norma Dale Anderson**

Norma Dale Anderson, 55, of Warren, Texas died Thursday, March 14, 2002 at her residence.

Funeral services were Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m. in Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Village Mills Cemetery. Officiating at the services was Brother George M. Standley.

Serving as pallbearers were Darrell King, Timothy King, Kenny Snodgrass, Johnny Anderson, Troy Smith and Scott Atkinson.

Mrs. Anderson was born February 7, 1947 to Howard Atkinson and Ethel Clowers in Freeport. She was a longtime resident of Warren and a former resident of Houston.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Rhonda Lynn Anderson and is survived by her husband of 37 years, Melton Anderson of Warren;
mother, Ethel Atkinson Parker of Houston; brother, Roy Atkinson of Houston; sisters, Jane Collins and Barbara "Che Che" Smith both of Houston.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Anderson H. McNeely**

Anderson H. "Mac" McNeely, 71, of Warren, Texas died Saturday, March 16, 2002 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Baker-Bell Cemetery near Fred. Officiating at the services will be Dave Collier.

Serving as pallbearers will be Roger Karnes, Robert McNeely, Leslie McNeely, Dale McNeely, Tommy McNeely, and David Hardy. Honorary pallbearer is Wesley McNeely.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 18th from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. McNeely was born September 1, 1930 to E.D. & Ella May Baker McNeely in Fred, Texas. He was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a retired mechanic for Warren ISD and a former longtime employee with Chesser & Sutton Oil Field Construction of Village Mills. He was a twelve year member of Warren V.F.D. and longtime member of Warren Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Pauline Martin McNeely of Warren; sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Lawana McNeely of Huntsville, Leslie and Charlena McNeely of Kountze, Hubert Dale and Rhoda McNeely of Woodville and Michael Hooks of Warren; daughters and son-in-law, Debra & Robert Karnes of Silsbee, Sandra Hooks and Amber Hooks both of Warren; sisters, Annie Lee Kimball of Woodville and Hazel Cummingham of Dam-B; sister-in-law, Inez McNeely of Silsbee; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Vera Marshburn Wade**

Graveside services for Vera Marshburn Wade, 85, of Zavalla, Texas was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 17, 2002 in the Macedonia Cemetery in San Augustine County with Rev. Russell Bryan officiating.

Mrs. Wade was born March 4, 1917 in San Augustine County, Texas the daughter of Almeda E. Stringer and David Materson Marshburn. She died Friday, March 15, 2002 in a Lufkin hospital.

Mrs. Wade was a homemaker, wife and mother. She was a Protestant by faith and had lived in Zavalla most of her life.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Caroline Wade of Rockland; special friend, M.D. Grubbs of Zavalla; as well as a number of other relatives.

Honorary pallbearers will be the staff and management of the Woodville Health Care Center.

The family received friends from 5 - 7 p.m. Saturday evening at the Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Home.

Services under the direction of Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Directors of Huntington, Texas.

**Harvey Broussard**

Harvey Broussard, 79, of Zavalla, Texas passed away March 13, 2002 at the Twin Lakes Care Center in San Augustine, Texas.

The funeral service for Mr. Broussard will be held Monday, March 18, 2002 at 11a.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville with Father A. Rex Broussard, Jr. officiating. Burial will be held at Zavalla City Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. with a rosary recited at 6 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Born August 27, 1922 in Maurice, Louisiana to Eli and Nita Landry Broussard, he lived in Beaumont for 48 years before retiring to Zavalla. He was retired from Carnation Dairy and was a World War II Navy Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his son, David Harvey Broussard.
He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Bobbie Powell Broussard of Zavalla; daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Mike Galland of Tomball, Loretta and John Worsham of Zavalla; brother, Howard Broussard of Beaumont; daughter-in-law, Connie Broussard of Beaumont; grandsons, Michael Galland and wife, Erin, John Wosham, Michael Galland, Andrew Galland and John Galland, all of Tomball, granddaughters, Anna Gomez, Amanda Broussard, and Bobbie Broussssad of Beaumont, Melissa Broussard of Arizona; great-granddaughters, Mia and Katherine.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Michael Maltese

Cremation services for Michael Maltese, 81, of Woodville, Texas was held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mr. Maltese died March 13, at his residence. He was born February 8, 1921 in Port Arthur to Giacomo and Virginia Maltese. He lived in Woodville for many years, and was a retired seaman and was a Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Nash Maltese of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Sheila Maltese of Nederland; daughters and sons-in-law, Marie and Clif Sitz and Fay and Willard Smith all of Port Arthur; daughter, Michele Burke of San Jose, California; brother, Dominic Maltese of Jasper; sister, Thresa Reeves of Mauriceville; twelve grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Earline Treat Clark

Earline Treat Clark, 69, of Woodville, Texas passed away March 16, 2002. She was born May 27, 1932 in Wewoka, Oklahoma. She moved to Houston, Texas when she was eleven years old and graduated from Galena Park High School in 1950.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Percy and Lillie Treat.

She is survived by her sister Roberta Fry and husband Wilburn; brother, Ron Treat and wife Ann; sister, Jan Chapa and husband Saul; a number of nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews and a very dear friend, Jim Pierce.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at Riley Funeral Home, Woodville, Texas with Keith Bellamy officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

J.D. Miguez

J.D. Miguez, 79, of Ivanhoe, Texas died March 18, 2002 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves.

Visitation will be 2 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

A native of Port Arthur, he lived in Ivanhoe over 30 years. He was retired from Texaco in Port Arthur, and was a greeter at Wal - Mart in Woodville. He was a Navy veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Ouida Miguez of Ivanhoe; sons, Jack Miguez of Austin, Fred Christy of New Orleans and Jason Hopper of Nederland; daughters, Charlotte Harrington of Port Lavaca, Linda Vollmering of Crosby and Ruth Costa of Houston; brother, Jimmy Miguez of Port Neches; 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Philip Medley

Graveside service was held for Philip Medley of Colmesneil, Texas at 2 p.m. March 18, 2002 at Garden of Memories Memorial Park in Lufkin.

Mr. Medley died March 15, in Colmesneil. He was born February 9, 1917 in Arkansas to Phil and Dolly Medley. He lived in Tyler County for many
years. He was retired from Southern Pacific Railroad and was a Army veteran of WW II.

He was survived by and will be missed by a host of friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Gladys Griffin

Funeral services for Gladys Griffin, 87, were held March 24, 2002 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother R.C. Tillery officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Mrs. Griffin died March 23, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

She was born May 5, 1914 in Woodville and was a lifelong resident. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Allen Griffin; daughter; father and mother, Jason and Cora Tucker; sister, Margarett Bingham; and brother, Dempsey Tucker.

She leaves behind six children; Jack and Ann Mullins of Woodville, Ernest and Jane Tester of Houston, Jerry and Kaye Griffin of Sour Lake, Roger and Judy Davis of Terrell, Ben and Ann Griffin of Woodville; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter; two sisters; Ruth Collins and Will Maher; one brother; Jack Tucker and a host of other family and friends.

Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers were her grandsons.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

George Woodrow Miller

A graveside service for George Woodrow Miller, 86, of Woodville, Texas, was held Friday, March 22, 2002, at 2 p.m. at San Patricio Memorial Gardens in Portland, Texas.

Mr. Miller passed away March 20, at the Tyler County Hospital.

He was born February 9, 1916 in Baltimore County, Maryland. He lived in Portland before moving to Woodville several years ago. He was a retired repairman for Central Power and Light and a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his daughters, Virginia Reynolds and Linda Wells both of Woodville, Pat Forehand of Victoria, and Betty Pepau of Aransas Pass; son, J.F. King of England; grandchildren, Dana Reynolds, David Floyd, Peter Floyd, Mark Floyd, Kevin King, Kraig King, Stacey Morris-Potter, Allison Adams, Ashley Adams, Trey Forehand, Wade Forehand, Becky Forehand, Lisa DeLeon, and Shana Clark; numerous great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Fred Barlow

Services for Fred Barlow, 73, of Woodville, Texas was held Friday, March 29, 2002, at 1 p.m. at Robinson’s Community Funeral Home in Jasper. Burial followed at Moss Hill Cemetery in the Moss Hill Community near Woodville.

Mr. Barlow passed away Saturday March 23, 2002 at Dickerson Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

He was a member of New Shady Grove Baptist Church in Moss Hill Community.

He is survived by his daughters, Earlene Sells and Demerecy Hadnot of Moss Hill Community; sisters, Estell Alexander, Mary Alice Overtree, and Ola Mae Logan of Houston; brothers, Joe Lee Barlow, Lester Barlow, and Lee Barlow all of Woodville; and eight grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Robinson’s Community Funeral Home in Jasper.

Beulah Isbell Goen

Beulah Isbell Goen, 105, passed away peacefully March 26, 2002 at The Hallmark in Houston, Texas.

Graveside services were held, Saturday, March 30th at 11 a.m. in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville under the direction of Geo. H. Lewis & Sons Funeral Home of Houston. Officiating was Reverend Ray Reed pastor of Woodville United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Goen was born December 14, 1896 in
Woodville, Texas. Her contributions to life and love of life was an inspiration to all.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Preston Soles Goen. She is survived by her daughter, June Napier; grandchildren, Becky Lander Beeson and husband, Barry, Trey Lander and wife Vickie, Ellen Lander yeoman and Louise Lander Myler and husband, Wayne; great-grandchildren, Michael Beeson, Christopher and Kaylee Beeson, John Lander, Lizzie Lander, Houston Lander and Angele Lander, Lander Yoeman, Josua Yoeman and Audrey Yoeman, Matthew Myler, Lane Myler, Austin Myler and Haley Myler; nieces, Cathryn Graham Whaling, Shirley Tucker Charpiot, and Johnnie Maxwell; and beloved friends, Leola Davis, Elnora Reynolds and Ruby Lucky.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Thomas Roland Hines

Services for Thomas Roland Hines, 71, of Jasper, Texas will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jasper. Burial will follow in Holton Cemetery in Jasper County.

Visitation was held from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home in Jasper.

Mr. Hines died Sunday, March 31, at Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

A native of Tyler County, he was a lifelong resident of Jasper. He was an active member and Deacon at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jasper. He was a 1949 Jasper High School graduate. He retired as Senior Engineering Technician with the Texas Department of Transportation. He loved woodworking, traveling and fixing things.

Survivors in include his wife, Naomi Wilson Hines of Jasper; son Thomas J. Hines of Sparta, New Jersey; two daughters, Debra Edwards of Spring, and Sara Wendt of College Station; two brothers Dale Hines of Houston and Don Hines of Humble; sister, Patricia Worn of Bossier City, Louisiana; and eight grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

Hiram Earl Worn

Hiram Earl Worn, 75, of Woodville, Texas, passed away at his residence on March 29, 2002.

A memorial service was held Monday, April 1, 2002, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Born August 23, 1926 in Climax, Georgia, he lived in Houston most of his life before moving to Woodville 13 years ago. He was a retired Mill Right for Brown and Root and a Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by a son, Carl Worn.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Brock Worn of Woodville; sons, James Worn of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Larry Worn and Leonard Worn of Houston; daughters, Sandra Schultz of Woodville and Linda Cook of Chappell Hill; brothers, Thomas E. Worn and Charles Owen Worn, Jr. Of Georgia; sisters, Vidaleigh Barber, Christine Morris, and Geneva Owens of Georgia. Eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Billy Ray Prine

Services for Billy Ray Prine, 67, of Warren, Texas, will be held on April 3, 2002 at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Graveside services will be held April 4, 2002 at 2 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Monticello, Mississippi.

Mr. Prine died March 31, 2002 at his residence.

He was born August 18, 1934 in Utica, Mississippi to Farman and Irene Prine. He lived in Vidor, Texas before moving to Warren 30 years ago. He was a retired machinist for Schaefer Tools and was a Army veteran.

Survivors include his daughter, Terri Prine of Fred; son, Wesley Prine of Mauriceville; brother, Gary Haley of Houston; and sister, Janese Parker.
Stephenson of Plano.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Irene Harkins Laughman

Irene Harkins Laughman, 94, a longtime resident of Port Arthur, Texas died March 27, 2002 at the Dogwood Trails Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

Born in Abbeville, Louisiana, she moved to Port Arthur as an energetic young woman where she met and married Charles W. Laughman who died in 1975. They were active members of the Methodist Temple and the Cullen Hamilton Bible Class for many years. Irene was a homemaker who, with Charles, made a wonderful and loving home for their young family.

She is survived by two daughters and their husbands; Ethel Lynne and Murray Richardson of Rayburn Country, and Linda and Jim Boone of Colmesneil. She is also survived by two granddaughters and their husbands; Lesley and Clyde Reisdorf, and Lauren and Billy Pate; four great-grandchildren, Andrew and Austin Reisdorf, Katie Jernigan, and Blakley Pate, all of Houston. Of eleven siblings, she leaves sisters, Ethel Reed of Brenham, and Dorothy Richardson of Abbeville, Louisiana, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A burial site service was held Thursday, March 28, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Faith Mausoleum, Greenlawn Memorial Park in Port Arthur.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be sent to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Kendall Asa Skinner

Kendall Asa Skinner, 62, of Kissimmee, Florida died March 27, 2002 at Osceola Regional Medical Center in Kissimmee. A graveside service was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 2002 at Gregory Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas.

Visitation was held from 2 -7 p.m., Friday at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland, Texas.

Mr. Skinner was a resident of Kissimmee, Florida for 20 years and was also a former resident of Beaumont.

Survivors include his mother, Vashti Skinner of Nederland; son, Kendall Asa “Kenny” Skinner II of Seattle, Washington; brother; Daryl Skinner of Monahans, Texas; sisters, Judith Ann Wount of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Janell Hanks of Nederland, and one grandson.

His father, Aaron Skinner, preceded Mr. Skinner in death.

Local services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mikayla Shandria Madison

Baby, Mikayla Shandria Madison passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2002 at U.T.M.B. in Galveston, Texas.

Services was held on Thursday at Coleman’s Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Michael Hadnot officiating. Burial followed at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Survivors includes parents, Lamond Madison and Diane Madison of Huntington, Texas; grandparents, Beverly Thomas of Woodville; Melvin Jefferson of Houston; Gracy Madison of Lufkin, and James Madison of Pt. Arthur.

Services were intrusted to Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home Woodville, Texas.

Robert Carlton Hendrix

Robert Carlton Hendrix, 85, died March 26, 2002, in Audie Murphy Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Doucette, Texas on October 15, 1937 to Elizabeth and Oscar Lee “Casey” Hendrix.

Robert was a Navy veteran. He served in the Vietnam era aboard the aircraft carrier, the “USS Kitty Hawk”. After leaving the Navy he lived in Lufkin until 1994. He moved to San Antonio and at the time of his retirement was employed as maintenance foreman for Baxar County ARC.

Robert was buried with military honors in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. His brother, Rev.
Dr. Herman L. Hendrix of Lufkin conducted the graveside services on Monday, April 1, 2002.

Survivors are his daughters Lorna Bodley, Lisa Maria Brookshire, Carla Guntz, all of San Antonio; brothers, Rev. Herman Hendrix and sister-in-law, Billie of Lufkin and Henry C. Hendrix of Beaumont; sister, Margaret Morgan and brother-in-law Donald of Lufkin; son, Geoffrey and daughter-in-law, Melissa of Lufkin; ten grandchildren, one great-grandchild; sisters-in-law, Lora Mae Hendrix of San Angelo and Yuvone Hendrix of Reston, Va.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, CM/SGT James Harold (His twin), M/SGT Paul Wesley and Tommy Lee.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home, San Antonio, Texas.

Lois Jones

Lois Jones, 77, of Jasper, Texas passed away April 1, 2002 at her residence. A native of Sabine County and longtime resident of Newton, she had lived in Jasper for 15 years and was a homemaker.

Funeral services were held on April 4, at 2 p.m. at Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper with burial following at Morse Cemetery in Buna.

Visititation was held on Wednesday, April 3, from 4 - 7 p.m. at Forest Oaks Funeral Home.

Ms. Jones was preceded in death by her son, Dr. Merle Jones, Jr. in January of 2002.

Survivors include her husband, Merle Jones, Sr. of Newton; sisters, Virginia Hancock of Jasper and Francis Jones of Marshall; brother, Junior McWilliams of Dam B.

Funeral services were under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home, San Antonio, Texas.

Albert Godshalk

Albert Isaac “Uncle Nipper” Godshalk, 69, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away April 8, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital. An anatomical donation was made to U.T.M.B.

Born December 12, 1932 in Portland, Pa., he lived in Houston before moving to Woodville 19 years ago. He was retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of service.

He is survived by his sister, Ann Brautigam of Colmesneil; niece, Cynthia Ostrander of Katy; nephew, Thomas C. Smith of New Castle, De.; great-nephews, Steven Ostrander and Daniel Ostrander of Katy and Shawn Ostender of Woodville; sons, Stephen Godshalk and James Godshalk of Bangor, Pa., and David Godshalk of Atlanta, Ga.; two grandsons, two granddaughters; two great-great-nephews and one great-niece.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ella M. Jones

Ella M. Jones, 92, of Simms, passed away April 1, 2002 at Wadley Regional Medical Center in Texarkana.

Funeral services were Friday, April 5 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Chapel in Woodville with burial in the Justice Cemetery near Warren, Texas. Officiating at the services was Brother John Yaws.

Visititation was held on Friday, April 5 from 12 noon until service time at the funeral home.

Mrs. Jones was born July 3, 1909 to John and Emma Sanders Hickman in Franklin. She was a former longtime resident of Hillister and had lived in the Texarkana area for the past 18 years.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Clifford Jr. and Audrey Faye Jones of Woodville, Howard Curtis and Bettye Jones of Simms, and Lawrence Paul and Madeline Jones of Warren; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mary Mozelle Garrison

Mary Mozelle Garrison, 98, of Warren, Texas died Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, April 6 at 2 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park in Gilmer, Texas. Officiating at the service was her grandson, Gary Garrison.
Visitation was held Friday, April 5 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Garrison was born February 25, 1904 to Claude Eric and Carolyn Patton Harris in England, Arkansas. She was a former longtime resident of Gilmer and had lived in Warren for the past four years. She was a member of Ore City Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.O. Garrison, Sr.; sons, J.O. Garrison, Jr. and F.L. “Tiny” Garrison.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jean and Dick Johnston of Warren; daughter-in-law, Ouida Garrison of Dallas; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Gabriel Michael Burnes

Gabriel Michael Burnes, 13, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at Hermann Memorial Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Monday, April 8 at Shawnee Church in Huntington with burial at Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil. Officiating at the service was Cary Modisett.

Visitation was held at Shawnee Church on Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7.

Gabriel was born September 16, 1988 to Michael Lloyd and Dorothy Lynette Martin Burnes in Jasper. He was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a 7th. grade student at Colmesneil Middle School. He enjoyed all sports, but mainly football. He had a passion for his horses and loved music of all kinds. He never met a stranger because of his kind and living heart. He was a joy to be around and will be missed terribly.

He is survived by his mother, Lynette Burnes of Colmesneil; father and step-mother, Michael and Tammy Burnes of Rockland; sisters, Andrea Miles of Colmesneil and Taylor Janelle Sheffield; grandparents, Andrew and Billie Martin of Colmesneil and Dick and Shirley Burnes of Silsbee; great-grandparents, Earl and Hazel Ross of Huntington and Forest Howard of Goodrich; step-brother, Christopher Anthony Meza; and step-sisters, Brandy Renee Meza and Lauren Ann Ramsey.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Roxie Janice Cox

Roxie Janice Cox, 71, of Woodville, Texas, died Thursday, April 4, 2002 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating at the service will be Reverend Daren Hearnberger. Her final resting place will be beside her mother at Beckcom Cemetery at Hornbeck, Louisiana.

Miss Cox was born August 5, 1930 in Hornbeck, Louisiana. She was a former resident of Liberty and had lived in Woodville for the past twelve years. She was a member of Colmesneil Assembly of God Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ivy and Bettie Cox Jones, and a younger sister, Daisy Pearson.

She is survived by her brothers, Paul Edward Jones of Willis, Jerry L. Jones of Baytown, and Larry W. Jones of Kingwood; sister, Evie Whitehead of Baytown; eight nieces and nephews; Carolyn Weber of Liberty; Alice Whitehead of Baytown; Ellen Chavez of Smithville; Stephanie Leach of Houston, Jonathan Jones of Cleveland, Tiffany Dunham of San Diego, California, Roberta Lasalvia of Fresno, Texas, and Allan Jones of Houston and a host of other family and friends.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Horace Beshea

Horace Beshea, 77, of Rockland, Texas, died at his residence Friday, April 5, 2002.

Visitation was Saturday, April 6 from 3 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 7 at the Funeral Home Chapel with Brother
Marvin Stovall officiating and burial was in Kitchens Cemetery near Zavalla, Texas.

Mr. Beshea was born April 3, 1925 to Frank and Ludie Mae Beshea in Taylor, Arkansas. He was retired from Champion International Corporation and had lived in Rockland for nine years.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Magdolene Beshea of Rockland; sons and daughters-in-law, Horace Lee and Vickie of Woodville, Pat and Tammy of Rockland; grandchildren, Ellis Patrick Beshea of Woodville, Bonnie Beshea of Pasadena; great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Beshea of Indianapolis, In.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Reverend Jason Travis Riley

Reverend Jason Travis “J.T.” Riley, 81, of Nacogdoches, Texas, passed away April 9, 2002 in Nacogdoches.

Funeral service was held Friday at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Rev. Eric Peyton and Brother Larry Trest officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Thursday from 4 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Born in Doucette, Texas to Clarence Jackson and Aurelia Watters Riley, he graduated from Colmesneil High School and shortly thereafter entered the Air Force. He served his country during World War II as a cryptographer in India. He entered the ministry at 33 years of age and served his Lord in numerous Baptist churches in East Texas. After retiring from the ministry, he participated in short-term mission trips to India, Australia and Brazil.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Helen Aline Riley of Nacogdoches; son, Travis Riley and wife, Nancy, of Beaumont; daughters, Lynette Sanders and husband, Roger of Nacogdoches, Margaret Murphy and husband, Randy of Phoenix, Az., Nancy Bailey and husband, Randy of Plano; brothers, C.J. Riley and wife, Loriene, of Colmesneil and Bill Riley of St. Petersberg, Fl.; sisters, Marjorie Houser of Conroe and Betty Ruth Williams of Pneville, La.; 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Jason Riley, Jordan Riley, Lance Waldie, Jared Ross, Jonathan Bailey, Josua Bailey, and Jeremy Bailey.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Dee L. Shird

Dee L. Shird, 80, of Woodville, Texas, passed away April 10, 2002 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral service was held Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Milton Powers officiating. Burial followed at Hopewell Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Born December 4, 1921 in Broaddus, to Sammy and Cleo Atkins. He lived in Tyler County for many years. He was a truck driver.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Len Shird.

He is survived by his wife, Coraleen Shird of Woodville; daughter, Shirley Powell of Woodville; sons, Lester Shird of Merryville, La., James Shird and Monte Shird both of Woodville; brother, Willis Howard of Colmesneil; sisters, Willie Mae Henry and Vernel Reynolds both of Colmesneil and Dorothy Lawson of Vidor; twenty grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Jessie Wayne Courtney, Richard Lee Spell, Clinton Shird, Kas Shird, Corey Shird and Kirby Shird.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jimmie Sue Odom

Mrs. Jimmie Sue Odom, 72, of Woodville, Texas passed away April 13, 2002, at Lufkin Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 16, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with
Brother John Spanhanks officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs Odom was born April 16, 1929 in Rosevine to Colonel and Middie Carroll Rainer, and lived in Tyler County most of her life. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, R.D. Odom of Livingston; sons, Robert Odom of Livingston, Dan and wife Sallie Odom of Woodville, Bill and wife, Patricia Odom of Barnum and Clint Odom of Livingston; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

W.A. Callaway

W.A. Callaway, 81, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, died at 5 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

Mr. Callaway was a native of Oklahoma and lived in Lake Charles, Louisiana for the past forty-six years. He was a graduate of Leesville High School and worked as a clerk for the Kansas City Southern Railroad for forty-four years. Mr. Callaway also taught transportation management at Sowela Technical Institute for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, Ezora Royer Callaway of Lake Charles; son, Terry Callaway of Metairie, Louisiana; daughter, Bette Jeanne Callaway Cooley of DeRidder, Louisiana; sister, Wilma Harrelson of Albuquerque, New Mexico; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 13, in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating at the services were Rev. Ricky Treece, Terry Callaway and Betty Jeanne Callaway Cooley. Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Swearingen Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Visitation was held from 5 - 9 p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m. until time of services on Saturday.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Emmie Anders Burleigh

Emmie Anders Burleigh, 74, of Vidor, Texas, died March 27, 2002 at her residence. A native of Brookeland, she lived in Vidor most of her life. She also lived in Ivenhoe for a number of years.

Funeral services were held on March 29, at Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Restlawn Memorial Park in Vidor.

She was preceded in death by her husband of many years, Albert Burleigh.

She is survived by her sons, Mike Anders of Woodville, Dwayne Anders, Danny Anders all of Vidor; daughters, Linda Rhodes of San Augustine and Barbara Lejune of Vidor; brothers, Early Lakey of Brookeland and Wilburn Lakey of Vidor; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Robert D. Forsythe

Robert D. “Bobby” Forsythe, 73, of Woodville, Texas, died Thursday, April 18, 2002 at his residence.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with a 4 p.m. service in the Chapel of Love Mausoleum at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves. Officiating at the services was Dr. Dwayne Freese, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

Visitation was held Friday, April 19 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Forsythe was born May 21, 1928 to Walter Paul and Ollie Philen Forsythe in Port Arthur, Texas. He was a former longtime resident of Groves and had resided in Woodville for the past eight years. He attended Baylor University 2 years and later earned his degree at Lamar University. He was a Marine Air Force veteran and a Texaco retiree.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Edna Forsythe of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Stephanie Forsythe of Port Arthur; brother, Paul Forsythe of Nederland; and granddaughters, Sarah Michelle Forsythe of
Houston and Alicia Kaye Forsythe of Port Arthur.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**James R. Givens**

James R. “Corkey” Givens, 73, of Longview, Texas, died Sunday, April 7, 2002, at Good Shephard Medical Center in Longview.

Grave side services were held Wednesday, April 10 at 10 a.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the service was Brother Luis Tubbs.

Mr. Givens was born August 12, 1928 to Ben and Betsy Givens in Gainesville. He was a longtime resident of Longview and was a retired civil engineer from Sun Pipeline Company. He was a Korean War veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, June Givens of Longview; daughter, Susan White of Longview; grandson, Jeffrey White of Longview and cousin, Betty Jo Gardner of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Ivy K. Hennigan**

Memorial services for Ivy K. Hennigan, 78, of Jasper, Texas, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 11, 2002, at Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper.

Mr. Hennigan died Monday, April 8, at Christ us St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. A native of Dry Prong, Louisiana, he was a longtime Jasper resident. A 1941 graduate of Kelly High School in Kelly, Louisiana, he worked for over forty years in Oil Exploration as a Party Chief and Permit man.

Survivors include his wife Terressa Hennigan of Jasper; six children; twin sister, twin sister, Ava “Pete” Trahan of Brookeland; also numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

**Eli Duncan Hart**

Graveside services for Eli Duncan Hart, age 95, of Woodville, Texas will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Refuge Cemetery in Palestine, Texas with Rev. Riley Burra officiating. Military honors will be accorded by the U.S. Air Force from Barksdale Air Force Base. Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey and Foster Funeral Home of Grape land, Texas.

Mr. Hart died Thursday at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. He was born March 4, 1907 in Crockett, to the late Joseph Warren and Mary Ann Blue Hart. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Hart was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and four brothers. He is survived by his wife, Elene Hart of Woodville; daughter, Teresa Walley of Woodville; son, Phil Hart of Doucette; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers will be Mark Alan Dorsey, John Dorsey, Rodger Walley, John Albert Isget, and Clay Hart.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Gene Butler**

Gene Butler, 73, of Woodville, Texas, died Monday, April 15, 2002 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral service was held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville, with burial at the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Colmesneil.

He was a native of Colmesneil and lived in Woodville a number of years.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Butler of Woodville; sons, Jimmie Solomon of Houston, Wendell Butler of Dallas; daughter, Claudette Butler of Los Angeles, California; brothers, Willie Butler, James Butler, of Beaumont, and John Butler of Colmesneil; sister, Margie Frazier of Garrison; granddaughter, China Solomon of Beaumont; mother-in-law,Levity Miller of Woodville; father-in-law, L.C. Jones of Lufkin.

Services were under the direction of Coleman's
Joe Kelley Taylor

Joe Kelley Taylor of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, April 21, 2002 at Ben Taub Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services will be on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville. Burial will follow at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation will be from 6 - 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

He was a native of Woodville and a department store dock worker.

Survivors include sons, Michael Hadnot of Ozark, Alabama and Mathew Hadnot of San Antonio; sisters, Teresa Hadnot and Beulah Taylor of Woodville, and Patricia Hadnot of Houston; brothers, Johnnie Taylor, Richard Taylor, of Houston, Lester Taylor of Woodville, Cecil Taylor of Pearl and, and Willie Charles Taylor of Hillister.

Services under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home.

James Prince

Funeral services for James “Cotton” Prince, 78, will be held Wednesday, May 1, at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Mike Drake officiating and vocalist, Brother Elmer Adaway. Burial will follow at Dunk-Havard Cemetery near Zavalla.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Prince passed away April 28, 2002 at his residence in Port Arthur, Texas.

He was born October 11, 1923 in Port Arthur to James and Eva Berger on Prince. He was a retired auto parts salesman for Howard Auto after 35 years of service. He was a Merchant Marine during World War II.

He is survived by his daughter, Antoinette Prince Stone and husband, Bobby of Rockland; brother, Arthur Guilbeaux of Groves; numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Bobby Stone, Charles Marshall, Tommy Curtis, Jonathan Spence, Michael Rezaie, and Scott Umfrid.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Craig Leon Smith

Graveside funeral services for Craig Leon Smith, 70, of Woodville, Texas, will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil, with Brother Melvin Smith officiating.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. Smith passed away April 29, 2002, at his residence.

He was born December 23, 1931 in Evans, Louisiana to Audie Reese and Bessie Mae Jarrell Smith. He lived in Woodville for 25 years. He was a retired staff Sergeant from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years service.

He is survived by his sons, Gary Smith of Evans, Louisiana and Ronald Craig Smith of Spring; brother, Melvin smith of Evans, Louisiana; sister, Jasmine Stevison of Evans, Louisiana; 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Johan Witte

Johan “John” Witte, 74, of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, April 28, 2002, at Memorial Specialty Hospital in Lufkin, Texas.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 2 at 10 a.m. in the St Paul’s Episcopal Church in Woodville. Officiating at the service will be Reverend John T.Wells, pastor of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.

Serving as pallbearers will be the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Dell Hite. Honorary pallbearers are Ed Dearstyne and Joe French.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 2, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Witte was born April 29, 1927 to Johan
Hermann and Jansje VanderHorst Witte in Albany, New York. He was a former longtime resident of Bailiff and had lived in Woodville for the past six years. He was a retired owner/equipment operator of John Witte Inc. and was a WW II U.S. Navy veteran. He had been a member of the Redford, New York Volunteer Department and St. George Lodge #6 F & AM in Schenectady, N.Y. He was a member of Dogwood Hills Country Club where he loved to play golf, an active member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. John had a heart of gold and great love and compassion for family. His sense of humor carried him through his long illness which he handled with great dignity, never complaining and as always was concerned with others. He will be missed dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Hartwell (Lamberth) Witte of Woodville; sons and daughter-in-law, David and Janice Witte of Alexandria, Va., Peter Witte of Scottsdale, Az.; daughters, Karen Witte of Queensbury, N.Y., Susan Witte of Scottsdale, Az.; stepsons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Liz Lamberth of Brook, and John and Julie Lamberth of Spring town; step-daughters, Carol Vaughan of Woodville, Nancy Lambert of Everman, and Sandy Snyder of Nacogdoches; sister, Eleanora Meloun of Hendersonville, N.C.; two grandchildren, Mark and Heather Witte of Atlanta, Ga., and Ryan Witte of Alexandria, Va.; eleven step-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Elton K. Rawls


Mr. Rawls was a native of Jasper, and was a life long resident of the Beech Grove Community. He was a former Manager and Salesperson for Minyard & Co. and a U.S. Navy, World War II Veteran.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 7, at 2 p.m. at Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper with burial to follow at Holton Cemetery in Beech Grove.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 6, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Survivors include his wife Mamie Lucile Rawls of Jasper; son, Danny Rawls and wife Diana of Evadale; daughter, Nadia Martingale and husband Jeffrey of Jasper; brother, Donald Rawls and wife Betty of Dayton; grandchildren, Ed Rawls and wife Regina of Bridge City, Michael Rawls and wife Tiffany of Evadale, Jessica Hobbs and husband Chuck of Evadale, Ericka Stewart and husband Craig of Jasper, Quincy Martingale and wife Jessica of Jasper, and Seth Martingale of Huntsville; also 8 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents R.J. and Edith Rawls and his brother Thomas Rawls.

Funeral services are under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home of Jasper.

Doris L. Blanchette

Doris L. Blanchette, 84, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, May 3, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 7, at 11 a.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Beaumont.

Visitation was held Monday, May 6, beginning at 5 p.m. with a 7 p.m. memorial service at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville.

Mrs. Blanchette was born April 23, 1918 to John Henry and Dessie Stringer Flake in Vineland. She was a former resident of Beaumont and had lived in Tyler County for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Val Blanchette; and her sister, Bonito Woodell.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Jan Blanchette of Lubbock and Jacques and Leeza Blanchette of Woodville; daughters, Valerie Ann Smith and Don Marx of Crystal Beach, and Jeanne Stephens of Beaumont; sisters, Amanda Frances Holmes of Abilene, Anita Entler of Houston, Trudy Valentine of Austin, and Dorothy Holmes of Jasper; and seven grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer
James Michael Talley

A graveside service for James Michael Talley, 59, will be held Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at 11 a.m. at Allison Cemetery near Warren, Texas. Officiating at the service will be Brother Tony Fitzgerald.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Talley passed away May 3, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital.

He was born on October 15, 1942 in Tom Green County, Texas to Morris and Daisy Talley. He lived in Austin before moving to Warren 14 years ago. He was a trade development manager for Tom’s Foods and a Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Neff Winkler of Warren; parents, Maurice and Daisy Talley of San Angelo; sons, Michael Talley, Thomas Talley and Richard Winkler all of Warren; daughters, Tiffany Talley of San Angelo, Tammy Winkler, Brandy Winkler, Angela Winkler and Cheri Winkler, all of Warren; brothers, Robert Talley and Paul Allen Talley, both of San Angelo; grandchildren, Brittany and Kayle.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Effie Rabelais

Effie Rabelais, 93, of Corrigan, Texas, died May 1, 2002, at the Woodville Convalescent Center.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Restlawn Memorial Park in Vidor under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home in Vidor.

Visitation will be at 4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A native of Arcadia Parrish, Louisiana, she has lived in Corrigan for four years and she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her niece, Pat Walker of Corrigan; and great-niece, Rhonda Carr of Corrigan.

Local arrangements under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Naona L. Darden

Funeral service for Naona L. Darden, 98, of Chester, Texas will be held at 12 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2002, in the Palestine Missionary Baptist Church in Chester with Rev. W.Z. Terry officiating. Interment will follow in the Darden Cemetery near Chester.

Mrs. Darden was born December 10, 1903 in Barnum, Texas and passed away Sunday, May 5, 2002, in the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. She was a member of the Palestine Missionary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Darden, Sr. in 1975 and three children, Shirley, Esau, and Savoy.

She is survived by her sons, Jacob Darden of Barnum, Angus Darden of Houston, Sam Darden, Jr. of Chester, James Darden of Beaumont, Charles Darden of Houston, Clyde Darden of Houston, Jack Darden of Kountze, and Glenn Darden of Beaumont; daughters, Arzalia Morris of Chester, Gertrude Grotty of San Augustine, Yvonne Coleman of Richmond, California, and Patricia Conner of Houston; brothers, John Henry Marshall of Moscow and Oliver Marshall of Chester; sister, Lettie Marshall Fisher of Chester; uncle, J.D. Patrick of Camden; 40 grandchildren; 99 great-grandchildren; 68 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Stanley Morris, Angus Eugene Darden, Samuel Lewis Darden, Mark Darden, Johnny Darden and Rodney Darden.

Services entrusted to Corrigan Funeral Home, Inc.

Claudia Lee Read Bowen

Funeral service for Claudia Lee Read Bowen, 82, of Colmesneil, Texas, was held Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Lynn Dykes and Irvin Mott
officiating. Burial followed at Carter Cemetery near Rockland, Texas. Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Bowen passed away May 6, 2002, at her residence in Colmesneil. She was born May 16, 1919 in Warren, Texas to Claude Samuel and Annie Wright Read. She lived in Huntsville 31 years before moving to Colmesneil. She was a homemaker and a member of Oak Grove Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Chester Samuel Read.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Benton Bowen; sisters, Pauline Townsend of Silsbee and Geneva Broom of Warren; brother, Gene Read of Vidor; nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Robert James, William Landry, Ron Read, Sammy Read, S.A. Smith, Jr., and Bill Barnes. Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Annie Ruth Shumaker Lockhart

Funeral service for Annie Ruth Shumaker Lockhart, 84, of Woodville, Texas, was held Friday, May 10, 2002, at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Clark Mahoney officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the funeral home. Mrs. Lockhart passed away May 8, 2002, at St Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. She was born November 6, 1917 in Cherokee County, Texas to James Burris and Fannie Durham Shumaker. She lived in Groves where she worked for the PNG School District, retiring in 1977. After moving to Woodville, she worked for the Woodville School District for 20 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Luby Lockhart.

She is survived by her sons, Joe Lockhart and wife Will of Cranbury and Chris Lockhart and wife Patsy of Lumberton; daughter, Judy Wheeler and husband Trubon of Cranbury; twelve grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Greg Lockhart, Rich Lockhart, Randy Wheeler, Roney Wheeler, G.W. Parks, and Keith Viator. Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James L. Tolar

Funeral service for James L. Tolar, 94, was held Monday, May 13, 2002, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Raymond McHenry officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas. Mr. Tolar passed away May 9, 2002, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. He was born November 13, 1907 in Warren, Texas to Marcus and Jenny Best Tolar. He worked in construction and was a World War II Army Veteran. He was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Woodville.

He is survived by his daughters, Fayvetta Phillips and husband Herb of Beaumont and Faylette Clinebell of Anchorage, Alaska; sister, Audrey McGee; step-daughter, Gloria Broca to and husband Sam of Warren; 8 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers were Jerry Tolar, Willie Tolar, Alton Gober, L.C. Rogers, Sam Broca to, Jr., and Samuel Jay Brocato. Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Johnny Watt Meyka

Johnny Watt Meyka, 58, of Warren, Texas, died Tuesday, May 21, 2002, in Warren. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 24, at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Warren Cemetery. Officiating at the services was Brother Kenneth Cauthen.

Serving as pallbearers were Jeremy Levy, Christopher Levy, Cory Greer, Randy Moore,
Casey Williams, Robert Davis, Marty Davis, Eric Glaesmann, and Terry Davis.

Visitation was held on Thursday, May 23 from 1 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Meyka was born October 26, 1943 to Don Enloe and Viola Cain Meyka in Warren. He was a former longtime resident of Livingston and had lived in Warren a short time. He had worked for both Windham & Sons and Memorial Point in Livingston.

He is survived by his sisters, Ruby Christoph of Woodville, Elsie Powers of Florida, Willie Sontag of Spurger, Sarah Key and Ann Brod ob Warren; brother, Tommy Meyka of Splendora and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

William H. Torres

Funeral service for William "Bill" H. Torres, 68, will be held Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Clark Mahoney officiating. Burial will follow at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation to be held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Torres passed away May 27, 2002, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

He was born February 21, 1934 in Beaumont to Bill and Alicia Charon Torres, he lived in Houston for 38 years before moving to Hillister three years ago. He was retired from the auto sales industry and a member of the Hillister Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Cora Madeline Williams Torres of Hillister; daughter, Debra Buck of Grand Fall, Va.; sons, Dr. Bill Torres, III and wife Karen of Longview and Alex Torres and wife, Deanna, of Hillister; brother, Louis Torres and wife, Mary Helen of Beaumont; sister, Norma Davis and husband, Al of Austin; grandchildren, Stephanie Buck of Grand Fall, Va., Harrison Torres, Nicholas Torres and Amelia Torres all of Longview and Travis Torres of Hillister.

Serving as pallbearers will be Bill Torres, III, Alex Torres, Louis Torres, Damian Torres, Louis Torres, Jr. and Vernon Gamier.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be James Neal, Al Pricket, B.A. Smith, Ben Caperton and Byson Holley.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Sadie Lea Ford Strickland

Funeral service for Sadie Lea Ford Strickland, 81, was held Thursday, May 23, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Troy Richardson officiating. Burial followed at Mr. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Strickland passed away May 21, 2002, at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

She was born April 5, 1921 in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana to Owens Washington and Bertha Ann Cassels Ford. She lived in Tyler County for many years and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Sheila Diane Haygood of Warren; sisters, Ethel Smith, Nellie Mae Nugent, Eloise Crawford all of Columbia, Louisiana, and Gladys Doughty of Jena, Louisiana; grandson, Jeff Haygood of Woodville; granddaughter, Kristi Scherry of Warren; great-grandchildren, Chris Haygood, Dylan Scherry, Cody Haygood and Austin Scherry.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Charles Brent Tesch

Charles Brent Tesch, 48, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away May 16, 2002, at his residence.

Funeral services were held May 18, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Timothy Dinger officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Friday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the
funeral home.

A native and lifelong resident of Port Arthur, he lived in Colmesneil a short time. He was a head operator for the Huntsman Corporation.

He is survived by his parents, Charles and Barbara Tesch of Port Arthur; sister, Debra Beard of Bridge City; brother, Roddy Tesch of Port Neches; granddaughter, Mariah Tesch of Humble; loving companion, Linda Turano of Colmesneil; numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Darrell Falcon, K.D. Wright, Ernie Morris, Elton Williams, Glen Huckabay, and Emery Scott.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Byron Frosch, Regan Swanky, Leroy Bossier, and co-workers at Huntsman Corp.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Reginald F. Epperson

Reginald F. Epperson, 90, of Texas City, Texas since 1937, passed away Saturday, May 18, 2002, at a nursing home in Angleton.

Mr. Eperson was born September 18, 1911 in Loxly, Alabama to Roy and Lula Epperson. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Reserves, member of the Texas City Masonic Lodge 1118, a retired pipeliner from the Pipefitter Union local 2111 and a member of the 14th. Street Church of Christ in Texas City.

Visitation was held Tuesday, May 21 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the James Crowder Funeral Home in LaMarque.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at the funeral home with Mr. D.J. Delaney officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Park East, Webster, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Gertrude Epperson; sisters, May Langford, Rose Flirt; and brother, Roy Epperson.

He is survived by a daughter, Carole Chesshir of Woodville; sons, Duane R. Epperson of Lake Jackson, and Harold Epperson of Alamogordo, New Mexico; brothers, L'dwin Epperson of Magnolia Springs, Alabama and Author Epperson of Lillian, Alabama; eleven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; numerous nieces, nephews and special friends, Sherry Tullos and Elaine Fields.

Pallbearers will be Vance Epperson, Gary Epperson, Max Chesshir, Greg Chesshir, Tyrell Epperson and Davin Epperson.

Rhonda Sherril Hanks Broomes

Mrs. Broomes was born September 6, 1951 to J.M. and Edith Hanks in Orange, Texas. She passed away on Mother's Day, May 12, 2002, at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 17, at First Baptist Church in Deer Park.

Rhonda was a wonderful wife, mother, “Momo”, sister, daughter, and friend. She will be remembered for her fantastic sense of humor and outgoing personality. She loved spoiling her grandchildren, riding on the back of her husband’s Harley Davidson motorcycle, and sharing the love of Jesus with others.

Rhonda was preceded in death by her father, Josh M. Hanks of Starks, Louisiana; grandparents, Ernest and Carrie Hanks; and grandfather, L.J. Vincent of Orange.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 18 years, Gqry Broomes of Laporte, Texas; seven children, Kimberly Fury and husband, Paul of Pearland, Tara Jenkins and husband, Emerson of Pearland, Angela Hamilton and husband, Troy of Pasadena, Mark Drake of Pasadena, Ted Broomes of Houston, Cindy Broomes of Warren, and Colleen Willis and husband Shannon of Houma, Louisiana; ten grandchildren, Jocelyn, Chase and Stephan Fury, Morgan Major, Taylor Drake, and Samantha Jenkins, Tatiana Broomes, Tonya and Steven Johnson, and Emma Willis; mother, Edith King; grandmother, Lena Vincent of Warren; brothers, Jerry Hanks and wife, Laverne of Warren, Ronald Hanks and wife, Sherry of Deer Park, Ludger Hanks and wife, Judy of Starks, Louisiana, and her beloved sisters, Alexine Clark of Starks, Louisiana, Tommie Wilson and husband, Tommy of Humble,
Carolyn Verdine and husband, Mike of Starks, Louisiana, Kay Oldham and husband, Bob of New Braunfels; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

**Artie Lee Willis**

Artie Lee Willis, 83, of Spurger, Texas, died Thursday, May 16, 2002, at his residence.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 18, at 3 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Turner Branch Cemetery near Spurger. Officiating at the service was Brother James Stephens.

Serving as pallbearers were Jack Griffith, Sam Griffith, Billy Frank Griffith, Randy Griffith, Regan Warren and Buster Herndon.

Visitation was Friday evening from 5 - 9 p.m. and continued from 8 a.m. till service at the funeral home.

Mr. Willis was born November 3, 1918 to Artie & Pearlie Lee Willis. He retired from Champion International as a surveyor and served in the U.S. Army in WW II, receiving a purple heart.

He is survived by his wife f 58 years, Birtna (Griffith) Willis of Spurger; sons and daughter-in-law, LaWayne and Ann Willis and Charles Willis all of Spurger; sister, Mary Frances Grissom of Henderson; grandchildren, Rhonda Nickelbur and Justin Willis; and great-grandson, Hunter Nickelbur.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Howard Lee Parham, Sr.**

Howard Lee Parham, Sr., 83, of Woodville, Texas, died Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

He was a native of Nashville, North Carolina and a resident of Woodville for the past 11/2 years and was previously of Silsbee for 24 years and Groves for 31 years. He was a retired Marine Engineer from Union Oil with over 22 years of service. He was a member of Pinecrest Baptist Church in Silsbee.

Services were held Sunday, June 2 at 3 p.m. at Levingston Funeral Home in Groves, with Rev. Robert Carter and Rev. Don Falke officiating. Burial followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Visitation was held Saturday, June 1 from 5 -8 p.m. at Levingston Funeral Home.

Survivors include his sister, Maxine Ayres of Woodville; grandsons, Howard Lee Parham, III, of Roundrock and Shane Parham of Vidor; two great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Levingston Funeral Home of Groves.

**Charley R. Hanks**

Charley R. Hanks, 89, of Woodville, Texas, died Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at Pine Arbor Nursing Center in Silsbee. He was a lifetime resident of Colmesneil and Woodville.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 31, at 10:30 a.m. at Stringer and griffin funeral home, with burial at Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Thursday, May 30, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Charley was one of ten children born to Edward Wyatt “Dump” Hanks, Jr. and Rannie Lazenby Hanks on September 15, 1912. Charley is a descendent of Wyatt Hanks, a pioneer of early Texas who settled in Tyler County in 1832.

He is preceded death by his wife of 58 years, Velma Dean Hanks in 1992; brothers, Wyatt and Harry Hanks; and sister Rannie Mae Dean.

He is survived by his sons, Jimmy Hanks and his wife, Joyce, Harold Hanks and his wife, Maurine; daughter, Nancy Smith and her husband, Freddie; four grandsons, Charles Hanks and his wife, Brenda, Robert Hanks, Randy Hanks and his wife, Melinda, Danny Daniel and his wife, Tracy; five granddaughters, Melissa Trunnel, Tammy Broker and her husband, Chris, Connie Dacus and her husband, Joe, Karyn Gravis and her husband, Bruce, and Cindy Wentrcek and her husband, Jeremy; step-grandchildren, Janci Kimball and her husband, Thad, and Craig Smith and his wife, Susan; eighteen great-grandchildren, Chad, Cody and Clay Hanks, Christopher, Jasmine, and Kevin Trunnell, Joel, Emily, Robynn, and Christian.
Broker, Edward Wyatt Hanks, Whitney Hanks, Rachael, David, Anna, and Kimberly Dacus, Kara and Zachary Gravis, and Baby Daniel on the way; step-great-grandchildren, Rhiannon Voss, Jordan Smith, and Remi and Jacob Kimball; sisters, Eula Lee Shepherd, Jessie Sheffield, Mary Lancaster, Lillian Estes and her husband, Dwain; brothers, John Edd Hanks and his wife, Evelyn, and Blant Hanks and his wife, Betty.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Arthur Lee Best

Arthur Lee Best of Wilmington, North Carolina, died Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center.

He was born January 11, 1923, in Woodville, Texas, son of the late William Arthur and Mattie Vera Mills Best.

Mr. Best was a member of Pine Valley United Methodist Church and the Agape Sunday School Class, and a former member of Bear Creek United Methodist Church in Houston. He was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army having served in the Amphibian Engineers in the Pacific during World War II and was a member of the WW II Remembered Group.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Joyce Beach Best of the home; three children, James Ashley Best and wife, Mariah, of Raleigh, North Carolina, Sandra Lee Atkinson and husband, Grant, of Wilmington, North Carolina, and Thomas Arthur Best and wife, Glenda, of Kingsville, Texas; grandchildren, Charles, Jordan, Tracy Robin, Dustin, Nichole, Michelle, Bo, Heather, and Ashley; sisters, Elizabeth Muennink and husband, Odis, of Baytown, and Jeanie Skakour of Beaumont; brother, Wayne Allen Best of California; brother-in-law, Jack Burnett of Katy; and many special nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

George Haynes


Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 5 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial to follow in Village Mills Cemetery in Village Mills, Texas.

Visitation was held Tuesday, June 4, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Haynes was born June 3, 1926 to William George and Aurelia Holt Haynes in Village Mills. He was a longtime resident of Tyler County and had formerly owned and operated Armstrong-McCall Beauty Supply in Jasper. He was a WW II U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his son, George Haynes of Beaumont; daughters and son-in-law, Beverly Jane and Ed Graning of Kyle, and Debra Ann Haynes of Austin; step-daughter, Donna Gail Clotiaux of Austin; sister and brother-in-law, Jo and J.W. DeRamus of Hillister; fourteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Neil Frances Holton Raspberry

Funeral service for Neil Frances Holton Raspberry held Thursday, May 30, 2002, at 10 a.m. at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas with Brother Larry Trest officiating.

Visitation was held Wednesday evening at Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Raspberry passed away May 27, at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing home in Woodville.

She was born April 10, 1920 in Magnolia Springs, Texas to Neil Frances and Gertrude Dean Holton. She lived in Sour Lake before moving to Colmesneil 25 years ago. She was a retired nurse for the Tyler County Hospital.

She is survived by her sons, Roger Raspberry and wife, Karen, of Plattsburg, New York, Leon
Raspberry of Woodville, Raymond Raspberry and wife Charlene of Lumberton; daughters, Joyce Brown and husband, Kenneth, of Colmesneil, Phyllis Raspberry of Beaumont, and Kathy Ellerbee and husband, Herbert, of Mineola; brothers, Elmer Holton and wife, Martha, of Ceres, California, and Vernon Holton and wife, Dolly of Rosenberg; sister-in-law, Lila Holton of Woodville; fourteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James Robert Priest

Funeral services for James Robert Priest, 69, of Chester, Texas, were held May 31, 2002, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Jacob Conner and Brother Kevin McCluskey officiating. Burial followed at the Mahaffey Cemetery near Chester.

James died May 29, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

He was born July 17, 1932 in Chester to Ross and Evie Wallace Priest. He was a retired Seismographer for the oil industry and was a Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Mahaffey Priest of Chester; sisters, Mazine Huntsinger of Chester, and Lou Kinnie of Clear Lake; mother-in-law, Fredda Mahaffey of Chester; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, James David and Linda Mahaffey of Crockett, Brenda and Nolan Conner of Chester and Sheran and Everett Powell of Chester.

He was “Uncle Daddy” to Kelly Powell Jobe, Kara Powell Migl, James Scott Mahaffey, James Lanis Conner, Jacob Lynn Conner and their children, Kasey and Kyrstin Jobe, Rebecca and Haley Migl, Will, Seth and Drew Mahaffey, Dylan and Kortnie Conner; other nieces and nephews, Jerry Scruggs, Gale Williams, Flo Tuten, Benny Johnson, Dennis Johnson, and Dale Johnson.

Pallbearers were R.K. Moore, Dennis Johnson, Dooley Johnson, Gene Vinson, Jerry Scruggs, and Ben Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers were Ken Jobe, James Scott Mahaffey, Brian Migl and James Lanis Conner.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Brendon Shane Dorsett

Funeral services for Brendon Shane Dorsett, 18, were held June 3, 2002, at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Brother Mark Martin officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil, Texas.

Brendon died on May 28, in angelina County from accidental drowning. He was born August 26, 1983 in San Diego, California, and had lived in Colmesneil for many years. He was a 2001 Colmesneil High School graduate.

Survived by his parents, Stephen and Amy Bell of Colmesneil; brothers, Matthew Dorsett, Scott Raymond and Ronald Bell, all of Colmesneil; grandparents, Kathryn Dorsett of Colmesneil, E.Ray and Joyce Bell of Woodville; uncle and aunt, Rodney and Melissa bendy of Chester; numerous family members and family he so dearly loved.

Pallbearers were Joseph Hickman, Matt Dorsett, Brian Hensearling, Terry Hensarling, Kevin Matuska and Jim Howard.

Honorary pallbearers were Ronald Bell, Raymond Bell, Scott Bell and Teddy Heckman.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Arthur M. Barnes

Funeral services for Arthur M. “Pete” Barnes, 76, of Chester, Texas, will be held June 6, 2002, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Larry Trest officiating. Burial will follow, with military honors, at Mount Hope Cemetery near Chester.

Mr. Barnes died June 3, 2002 at his residence in Chester.

He was born October 15, 1925 in Chester, to Carr and Nettie Neal Barnes. He was the commissioner for Tyler County Precinct #2 for 13 years and was an Army veteran.

Visitation will be June 5, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the
funeral home.

Survivors include his wife, Iva Hughes Barnes of Chester; son, Art Barnes and wife Oveita; daughters, Jo Carolyn Sturrock and husband Harold and Barbara Petri and husband Floyd, all of Chester; brother, Preston Barnes and wife Katherine; sisters Maggie Bryan and Mary Bigsby, all of Chester; grandchildren, Clint and Kim Sturrock, Sandra and Scooter Pratt, James and Yolanda Sturrock, Chuck Petri, Joann and Jamie Wilkins, Sonya Deneise Petri, Billy Jack and Casey Sturrock, Zeblin Barnes and Michelle Barnes; great-grandchildren, Kaity Pratt, Wade Sturrock, Tanner Pratt, Dusty Sturrock, Garet Sturrock, Jason Sturrock and Lane Sturrock.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Richard Lee Holtman

Richard Lee Holtman, 63, of Katy, Texas, died Friday, June 14, 2002, at Katy Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services will be Wednesday, June 19 at 1 p.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 19, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the funeral home.

Mr. Holtman was born February 2, 1939 to Thurman B. and Ora Lee Sikes Holtman in Port Arthur, Texas. He was a longtime resident of the Houston area and was a retired cameraman.

He is survived by his brothers and sister-in-law, Jerry Holtman of Katy and William and Sandy Holtman of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Jim Phillips of Waco.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ronzie Bankston

Ronzie Bankston, 78, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Friday, June 14, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Mr. Bankston was born August 6, 1923 to Fletcher Young and Norma Mable Stark Bankston in Norphlet, Arkansas. He was a former resident of Porter and had lived in Colmesneil for the last fourteen years. He was a retired truck driver.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Louise Bankston of Colmesneil; son, Bernie Gerald Bankston of Houston; two granddaughters, Veronica Bankston and Ronzie Gerald Bankston.

Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Albert Levie Roberts

A memorial service for Albert Levie Roberts, 74, of Colmesneil, Texas, will be held Sunday, June 23, 2002, at 3 p.m. at the Gathering Place in Colmesneil with Brother Louie Campbell officiating. Casual attire is requested by the family.

Mr. Roberts passed away June 15, at his residence.

He was born July 20, 1927 in Houston to Orville and Novie Klopp Roberts, he lived in Colmesneil for 15 years. He was a electrical and instrument superintendent for M.W. Kellogg and a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Regina Roberts of Colmesneil; mother, Novie Massey of Woodville; brother, V.W. Roberts of Amarillo; children, William A. Roberts of Houston; daughter, Renee Settlocker and son-in-law, Josh Settlocker of Colmesneil; son, Orval L. Roberts and daughter-in-law, Sharon Roberts of Dayton; very special friends, E.W. and Verdie Richard; grandchildren, Michael L. Roberts of Arlington, Va., Kimberly Tackett of Kilgore, Theresa Roberts of Longview, Christina Roberts, John A. Settlocker, Stephanie Settlocker, all of Colmesneil, Justin Roberts of Bakersfield, California, Joseph Roberts of Houston, and Kristie Roberts of California; great-grandchildren, Hali Tackett and Taylor Tackett of Kilgore, Jade Curtis, Jason Roberts and Aaron Perez, all of Longview.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Robert Allen Fortenberry

Robert Allen Fortenberry died in Tyler, Texas, on Monday, June 10, 2002. Mr. Fortenberry was a retired career naval officer beginning with his several years of naval combat during World War II and later representing the United States as a liaison to several foreign navies.

Mr. Fortenberry’s funeral was held at New Shiloh Baptist Church on Wednesday, June 12 at 2 p.m. with burial immediately afterwards near so many others of his ancestral family and friends at Camp Ground Cemetery. New Shiloh Baptist and the adjacent Camp Ground Cemetery are located west of Woodville on FM 256 north of Texas Highway 190.

Born on May 28, 1919, Robert Allen Fortenberry just reached age 83. His parents were the late William Walter Fortenberry and Florence Tucker Fortenberry. Before his joining the U.S. Navy during World War II, the family had lived in and around Woodville and Tyler County.

Fortenberry’s immediate family include two children; a daughter, Barbara Jean Fortenberry Marriott and her husband Ken Marriott of Menifee, California and a son Howard Allen Fortenberry of San Diego, California.

Mr. Fortenberry’s brother Claude Wain Fortenberry of Bowie, Arizona and a sister, Ruby “Berry” Fortenberry Caprallis of Menifee and Oceanside, California, also mourn their loss but celebrate his life as do numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Previously deceased sisters and a brother include, Jessie Mae Fortenberry, Nora Fortenberry Weeks, Henry Festus Fortenberry, and Ona Fortenberry Minyard as well as Barbara and Howard’s mother Imogene “Jean” Mikles.

In retirement, Mr. Fortenberry had continued to be very active with his travels, extended family, building several attractive homes and working as a Realtor as well as honing his gardening and computer skills until the past month when he became ill with the somewhat rare Wegner’s granulomatosis.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Shirley Ann Weaver

Funeral services for Shirley Ann Weaver, 59, was held at the first Baptist Church of Coldspring, Texas, on Thursday, June 20, 2002 at 2 p.m. with Dr. Don Shannon officiating. Burial followed at Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil. She passed away on June 17, in Conroe.

Mrs. Weaver was married to Billy J. Weaver 41 years on June 3. She worked for the Postal Service over 31 years.

She was past Secretary/Treasurer of the Sam Houston Local #070. She was currently serving as Vice President of the Texas Rural Letter Carriers Association, serving on the Grievance Board for the National Rural Letter Carriers Association and Area Steward for the Houston District as well as Local Steward for the Sam Houston Local #070.

Shirley was a member and Sunday School Teacher of the First Baptist Church since 1966. She was a member for 15 years and Secretary/Treasurer for 8 years of the San Jacinto County Fair Board. She was also a 4-H Leader for 15 years, a High School twirling sponsor for 8 years, pst officer and member of the Coldspring Band Booster for 8 years, and Secretary/Treasurer of the Ebenezer Cemetery Fund.

Survivors include her husband Billy J. Weaver; mother, Helen Marshall; daughters, Vickie Peterson and Cheryl Lewis-Sanders and husband, Billy; mother-in-law, Eddie Lee Weaver; brother, Talmage Marshall and wife, Janice; three grandchildren, Brian and Kyla Pererson and Jeffery Lewis; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Henry Lee Marshall and son-in-law, Larry Peterson.

Services were under the direction of Pace-Stancil Funeral Home of Cleveland.
Robert A. Dickmeyer

Robert A. “Bob” Dickmeyer, 79, of Woodville, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville after a long battle with cancer and Parkinson.

Funeral services were Thursday, June 27 at 10 a.m. in the Woodville United Methodist Church with a 3 p.m. graveside service at Forest Park East on Gulf Freeway in Houston under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating were Reverend Buddy Miller, Sr. and Reverend Ray Reed.

Serving as pallbearers were Bruce Farmer, Glen Jordan, Glen Martin, Jimmy Reagan, Don Palermo, and John Foreman.

Honorary pallbearers were Glen Neiswander, C. P. Jordan, and Membership of 42-45 WWII 4th Fighter Group.

Visitation was held Wednesday, June 26 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Dickmeyer was born October 22, 1922 to Carl William and Mary Martha Ray Dickmeyer in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was a former resident of Nassau Bay and had lived in Woodville for the past twelve years. He had owned and operated The Glove Company of Houston and was a U. S. Army/Air Corps WWII fighter pilot veteran. He was in the 8th Air Force, 4th Fighter Group and leader of the Kiwanis Club of Southeast Houston, East Texas Shrine Club-Jasper, American Society of Safety Engineers, past president of the WWII Association of the 4th Fighter Group, past president of the Ivanhoe Homeowners Association and a member of the Purdue Alumni Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents and first wife, Janice Dickmeyer.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby E. Dickmeyer of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Johnny Passmore of Pinewood; sons and daughter-in-law, John Dickmeyer of Bacliff, Mark Dickmeyer of Houston, Rodney and Elaine Flinchum of Comstock and Richard and Amanda Flinchum of Shepherd; twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Elray Thomas Ayres

Elray Thomas Ayres, 82, of Woodville, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at Woodville Healthcare Center in Woodville.

Funeral services were Thursday, June 27 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating was Brother Mark Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were Josh Smith, Mike Smith, Doyle Woodrome, Edward Lee Alexander, Clay Kimball, and Randy Grimes.

Visitation was held Wednesday, June 26 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Ayres was born June 7, 1920 to John Thomas and Nina Frances Ziglar Ayres in Brookeland. He was a long time resident of Woodville and was a retired machine operator with Brown & Root. He was a U. S. Army WWII veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Maxine Ayres of Woodville; niece, Kathy Daniels of Woodville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Alton Chester Byerly

Alton Chester Byerly, 78, of Jasper, passed away June 30, 2002, at Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital. A native and lifelong resident of Jasper, he was a retired steelman from Texaco and a U. S. Army WW II veteran.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 3, at 2 p.m. at Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper with burial at Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation was held Tuesday, July 2, from 5 - 8 p.m. at Forest Oaks.

Survivors include his sons, Don Ellis of Danbury, Leon Byerly of Ebenezer Community and Elray Byerly of Ebenezer Community; daughter, Phyllis Lopez of Nederland; sister, Stella Morton of
Dayton, along with 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper.

Elaine King

Elaine King, 44, of Brookeland, passed away June 30, 2002, at Lufkin Memorial Hospital, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident that occurred on June 16, in North Jasper County.

A native of Pt. Arthur, she had lived in Houston before moving to Brookeland 7 years ago. She had been employed as a waitress at the Fin and Feather Lodge located at Toledo Bend Lake near Hemphill.

Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, July 3, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Brookeland under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper.

Survivors include her parents, J. C. and Flossie Moore of Brookeland; sisters, Yvonne Fuselier of Orangefield, and Barbara Jean Bertrand of Nederland.

Funeral services are under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home of Jasper.

Ralph Shivers

Ralph Shivers, 81, of Woodville, died at Dickerson Memorial Hospital June 30, 2002.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, at Forest Oaks Chapel with interment at the Prairie Grove Cemetery in Diboll. Visitation was held Tuesday, July 2, at Forest Oaks Funeral Home from 5 - 9 p.m.

A native of Diboll, he lived in Silsbee, for 12 years before moving to Woodville, 23 years ago. A U. S. Army veteran he was a self employed dry wall finisher all of his life.

Survivors include his wife Erma Shivers of Woodville; sons, Pete Shivers of Roganville, and Kevin Shivers of Jasper; daughter, Linda Langham of Lumberton; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Dolores Barclay Bean Brazeal

Dolores Barclay Bean Brazeal, 90, of Spurger, died June 26, 2002, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

She was born April 4, 1912, in Call. She was a direct descendent of the original settlers of Tyler County. She was the daughter of John Lewis and Alma Katherine Barclay, and was the granddaughter of Rebecca and William Collier who were early settlers of Spurger. She was a descendent of Samuel D. McMahan who founded McMahan’s Chapel, which was the first Methodist Church in the State of Texas.

Mrs. Brazeal was retired from Unical Oil Company (Pure Oil Company). She was a volunteer with the Tyler County Hospital, Spurger Elementary School in their reading program until December 2000, Spurger United Methodist Church, Tyler County Home Demonstration Club and “The Busy Bodies”.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Clifton Brazeal and her son, John Lewis Bean, Jr. and daughter, Teddie Waldrop.

She is survived by one daughter, Laura Bean...
Peters and husband, J. F. Peters of Houston; daughter-in-law, Ms. Virginia Bean of Burleson; son-in-law, John Waldrop of Kountze. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren, Michael J. Peters who lived with her; Kathy Peters, Matthew Peters, Susanne Coleman, John Lewis Bean, III, Christopher Bean and eleven great grandchildren and one sister, Dorothy Barclay Lloyd of Silsbee.

Funeral service was held Saturday, June 29, at 11 a.m. at The Spurger United Methodist Church with Bro. Bill Service officiating. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday evening at Riley Funeral Home.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Linda Earl Bright Toole**

Linda Earl Bright Toole, 46, of Woodville passed away on Tuesday, June 25, 2002.

She was born in Greenville, North Carolina On March 3, 1956 to Edward Earl Bright and Sarah R. Penley Bright.

She was a beautician before she became ill, since she has lived in Woodville she worked at the Highlander Cafe.

She was raised in Ayden, North Carolina and has been in Texas for 9 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Tony Earl Dixon.

She is survived by her husband, Robert "Bob" Toole; one son, Chad Ebersole of Houston; two sisters, Terry Turner and Virginia Ann Garris both of Ayden North Carolina.

Services were under the direction of Trinity Funeral Home of Trinity.

**Nancy Jo Price Jehlen**

Nancy Jo Price Jehlen, 72, of Warren, Texas, died Monday, July 1, 2002, at Memorial Medical Center of East Texas in Lufkin.

Funeral services were Wednesday, July 3 at 7 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Officiating at the service was Reverend Dr. Richard A. Burnham.

Visitation was held Wednesday, July 3 from 4 p.m. until service time.

Additional services were held on Friday, July 5, at 2 p.m. in the White Hall United Methodist Church with burial in the White Hall United Methodist Church Cemetery all in White Hall, AR. Visitation at White Hall United Methodist Church began at 1 p.m. on the day of the service.

Mrs. Jehlen was born June 5, 1930 to A. J. and Ione Owen Price in Cornerville, AR. She was a former resident of Port Arthur and longtime resident of Warren. She was a retired English teacher from Warren ISD having previously taught in Port Arthur ISD and former member of TSTA and PTA in Port Arthur and board member of Warren ISD. She had been a Silver Sister of Alpha Delta Kappa, and a member of Tyler County Retired Teachers Association and Warren United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Rex Jehlen, Sr. of Warren; daughter and son-in-law, Joannie and Billy Atkinson of Warren; son and daughter-in-law, Charlie and Sheri Jehlen of Groves; grandchildren, Brad Atkinson, Jennifer Atkinson, Meagan Jehlen, Chris Jehlen and Hannah Jehlen.

Memorials may be made to the ADK Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 575, Warren, Texas 77664.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Mary Louise Lee**

Funeral services for Mary Louise Lee, 89, of Woodville, Texas, were held Sunday, June 23, at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Troy Richardson officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Lee passed away June 21, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born January 7, 1913 in Orange, she lived in Woodville for many years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Angie Tucker
Orvis W. Read

Orvis W. Read, 87, of Jasper, Texas, passed away July 3, 2002, at Dickerson Memorial Hospital. A native of Tyler County, he had lived in Jasper for 54 years and was a retired ironworker for the AFL Union and was a past master of the Dewitt Clinton Masonic Lodge #29 in Jasper.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 9, at 2 p.m. at Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper with Masonic burial services to follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation was held on Monday, July 8, from 5 until 8 p.m. at Forest Oaks.

Mr. Read was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Mae Wells Read, his brothers, Forest Read, Travis Read, and J. R. Read, and his sister, Vestal Belle Hines. He is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home of Jasper.

Joyce Hill Hogue

Funeral services for Mrs. Joyce Hill Hogue, 75, of Lufkin, Texas, were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 3, in the Sanctuary of Lufkins First Baptist Church. Pastor Dr. Nolan Duck officiated, assisted by Reverend Kenneth King. Interment followed in the Garden of Memories Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hogue was born January 3, 1927, in Rockland, and she died Monday, July 1, 2002, in a Lufkin Hospital following a year and a half battle with cancer.

Mrs. Hogue was an active member of Lufkins First Baptist Church for 54 years. She taught Sunday School for many years and was the teacher of the Grace Sunday School class for the past ten years. She also was president of the Womens Missionary Union several times. She was active in and former President of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Lufkin Rotary Anns. Mrs. Hogue was a former member of the Lufkin Service League, the Museum Guild of East Texas and the local Genealogy Society. She was a former President and honorary lifetime member of the Lufkin Historical and Literary Club.

Mrs. Hogue was a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University, and had a masters degree in English and Art. She taught several years in the Lufkin public schools and 20 years in the English Department at Angelina College.

Joyce loved her family and cherished a host of good friends.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Dr. Nash Hogue of Lufkin; her son, Steve Hogue, and daughter-in-law, Sally of Lufkin; grandchildren, Steven, Samuel and Stuart Hogue, all of Lufkin; her mother, Ona Skinner Hill of Lufkin; sisters, Mary Jo McKay of Lufkin and Esther Hacker of Pasadena; brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Betty Hill, Lary and Nell Hill, all of Lufkin; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph B. Hill; brother, Jimmy Hill and niece, Candy Woodall.

Pallbearers were Ernest Bartlett, Dr. Ned Barrett, Dr. Bob Rhodes, Lacy Breckenridge, Roscoe Ivy and Bob Hicks. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. W. D. Thames, Dr. Bob Garrett, Dr. Dan Spivey, Edward Smith, Harvey Westerholm, Walter Still and Harold Hughes.

Memorials may be made to the Building Fund of Lufkins First Baptist Church, 106, E. Bremond, Lufkin, Tx. 75901.

Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Directors of Lufkin.
Elray Thomas Ayres

Elray Thomas Ayres, 82, of Woodville, Texas, died Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at the Woodville Healthcare Center in Woodville.

Funeral services were Thursday, June 27, at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating was Brother Mark Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were Josh Smith, Mike Smith, Doyle Woodrome, Wade Skinner, Casey Kimball and Randy Grimes.

Visitation was held Wednesday, June 26 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Ayres was born June 7, 1920 to John Thomas and Nina Frances Ziglar Ayres in Brookeland. He was a long time resident of Woodville and was a retired machine operator with Brown & Root. He was a U. S. Army WWII veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Maxine Ayres of Woodville; niece, Kathy Daniels of Woodville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Winphry Docia Holloway

Funeral services for Winphry Docia Bill" Holloway, 88, of Chester, Texas, were held Wednesday, July 10, 2002, at 1 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Darren Smith officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Chester.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Holloway passed away July 7, at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville. Born May 21, 1914 in Elkhart, to George Glen and Bessie Moore Stanley, she lived in Chester for many years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Fate Crumpler of Spurger; sons, Chandler Fortenberry of Missouri and Kenneth Fortenberry of Woodville; brother, E. J. Collins of McAllen; ten-grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Serving as pallbearers were Richard Fortenberry, Cecil Fortenberry, Floyd Fortenberry, Otis Ray Fortenberry, Ron Fortenberry, Shawn B. Fortenberry and Aaron Fortenberry.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Callie Ardell Fortenberry Crumpler

Funeral services for Callie Ardell Fortenberry Crumpler, 88, of Spurger, Texas, were held Sunday, July 7, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Robert Allen Brock and Brother Aaron Fortenberry officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery in Woodville. Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Crumpler passed away July 5, 2002, at the Jasper Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

Born July 8, 1913 in Elkhart, to E. J. and Florance Collins, she lived most of her life in Tyler County. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Fate Crumpler of Spurger; sons, Chandler Fortenberry of Missouri and Kenneth Fortenberry of Woodville; brother, E. J. Collins of McAllen; ten-grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Richard Fortenberry, Cecil Fortenberry, Floyd Fortenberry, Otis Ray Fortenberry, Ron Fortenberry, Shawn B. Fortenberry and Aaron Fortenberry.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Martha H. Watts

Martha H. Watts, 86, of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, July 7, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Tuesday, July 9 at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville under the
direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were Mark Odom, John Odom, Jimmy Watts, Michael Watts, Stephen Odom, and Joseph Odom. Honorary pallbearers were Ramon Shaw and Herbert Seamans.

Visitation was held on Monday, July 8 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Watts was born May 16, 1916 to William Wallace and Lou Ella Hensley Howell in Logansport, La. She was a life long resident of Woodville and was a member of Woodville #462 Order of Eastern Star and First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her husband of 72 years, John T. “Pete” Watts of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, James Earl and Bobbie Watts of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Frances and Martin Odom of Woodville; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Helen Sniffen

Lt. Commander Helen Jackson Sniffen (USN Ret.), 91, of Bossier City, Louisiana, passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2002, in a Shreveport, La., hospital. For the past 18 months she had resided in Bossier City, but prior to that had been a resident of Woodville for 23 years.

A memorial service was scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, July 28, at First Christian Church of Woodville. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

Born on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1911, in Nelsonville, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Robert H. and Hattie Cooley Jackson. She attended Ohio Wesleyan University, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She received a bachelor’s degree in education from Ohio University in 1933. Her teaching career began in the fall of 1933 at Nelsonville High School, where she taught French and English for nine years.

In 1943, she enlisted in the U.S. Navy and attended officers training school at North Hampton, Mass. She served for 19 years as records and administrative officer at the following locations: Cornell University, New York City; Washington, D.C.; Seattle, Wash.; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and San Francisco.

She was affiliated with First Christian Church of Woodville.

She is survived her husband, Max K. Sniffen; stepdaughter Jane Lee Atwood of Louisville, Ky.; stepsons William Sniffen of Bossier City, La., Robert Sniffen of San Diego, Calif., and John Sniffen of Richmond, Va.; niece Sally Jackson Harmony of Nelsonville; nephew F. Robert Jackson of Columbus; grandnieces Susan Harmony and Jane Harmony, both of Nelsonville.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Col. Bennett L. Jackson; and her brothers Erle, Frank and John Jackson.

Winphry Docia Holloway

Funeral services for Winphry Docia “Bill” Holloway, 87, of Chester, Texas, were held Wednesday, July 10, at 1 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Darren Smith officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Chester.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Holloway passed away July 7, 2002, at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Born May 21, 1915 in Elkhart, to George Glen and Bessie Moore Stanley, she lived in Chester for many years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Leon Holloway; son, Donald Davis and wife, Marge of Huntsville; daughter, Patsy Strange and husband, Lonnie of Cleveland; daughter-in-law, Sue Davis of Buffalo; brother, W. J. Stanley of Port Neches; sister, Agnes Carter of Woodville; nine grandchildren, Twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mitchell Davis,
Chuck Davis, Robert Davis, Donnie Davis, Patrick Grigg, and Mark Davis.
Honorary pallbearers will be Royce McKee, Duke Goodnight and Tim Grigg.
Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Betty Pauline Robinson

Betty Pauline Robinson, 74, of Spurger, Texas, passed away Friday, July 5, in Spurger.
Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Monday, July 8, in Farmer Funeral Chapel with burial following in Knupple Cemetery in Silsbee.
Visitation began at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon at Farmer Funeral Home.
Mrs. Robinson was a native of Votaw, and had been living in Spurger for the past 31 years. She worked for Keller Industries.
Mrs. Robinson is survived by two sons, James Robinson of Spurger and Robert Robinson of Lumberton; five daughters, Linda Royal and Jo Ann Ezernack, both of Spurger, Betty Foxworth and Martha Smith, both of Warren, and Brenda Spears of Silsbee; brother, A. J. Waldrep of Vidor; two sisters, Marie Hughes of Orange, and Ora Mae Peveto of Mauriceville; eighteen grandchildren and twenty-five great grandchildren.

Harmon Eugene Powers

Harmon Eugene Powers, 70, of Woodville, Texas, died Tuesday, July 9, 2002, at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.
Funeral services were Friday, July 12 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.
Visitation was held on Thursday, July 11 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.
Mr. Powers was born May 12, 1932 to Alfred and Pearl Gardner Powers in Woodville. He was a longtime resident of Tyler County and was retired as an operator from Texaco Refinery.
He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Gayle Powers of Woodville; daughter, Janice Henderson of Beaumont; sisters, Lois Chamblis and Doris Thompson both of Beaumont; and grandchildren, Jordan and Chad Henderson.
Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

William E. Brentzel

William E. (Bill) Brentzel, 77, of Baytown, Texas, died July 7, 2002, after a long, courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born in Huntsville, on Oct. 3, 1924 to Henry Reese and Bereniece Brentzel. He grew up and attended school in Huntsville; where he love the outdoors, scouting and football, and was selected to play in the Texas high school North/South All Star game.
After high school, he entered Texas A & M University on a football scholarship. He left school in 1942 to serve his Country and join the Navy during WWII, and served three years, including a tour of duty in the South Pacific as gunner on a TBF Torpedo Bomber.
After his discharge, he returned to Huntsville and attended and graduated from Sam Houston State with B. S. and Masters degrees. At Sam Houston he met his wife of 56 years, Ruth Marshall.
He taught school for 33 years and retired in 1985 from Robert E. Lee High School. During the 1960's at Horace Mann Junior High, he organized and led numerous canoe trips with junior high students to Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario. While at Lee, Goose Creek School District selected him Secondary Teacher of the Year and the 1974 Lee Traveler annual was dedicated to him.
He was a true Gander fan, and he and his art classes painted many posters including the run through for the football games and other athletic events.
He loved nature, fishing, hunting, camping and bird watching. He saw beauty in a rock, a leaf or a bird feather- but his first love was for his family, which he always put first.
He was a 43 year member of St. Paul's Methodist Church of Baytown which he attended.
regularly until his illness slowed him down.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth of Baytown; Sons, Mark Brentzel and wife, LeAnn of Taylor Lake and Brent Brentzel and wife, Jill of Houston; grandchildren, Julie and Jakob of Houston, Lauren of Taylor Lake, and Kasey Brentzel of New York City, and Jaime Brentzel of Baytown and their mother, Sue Chatham of Baytown.

Visitation was held 6 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday night at Navarre Funeral Home in Baytown. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Navarre Funeral Home, followed by burial in the Bethany Cemetery, Colmesneil on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Dora Holt

Dora Holt, 95, of Hillister, Texas, died Friday, July 12, 2002, at her residence. Funeral services were Monday, July 15, at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Allison Cemetery near Warren.

Visitation was Sunday, July 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Holt was born October 7, 1906 to James and Pearl Scott in Call. She had lived in Hillister for 34 years after moving from Beaumont.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Joann Holt of Houston; grandson and wife, Sidney Ronald and Lynda Holt of Call; great-granddaughter and husband, Shelli and Anthony Garza of Houston; great-great-grandchildren, Caine, Briyanna and Tyra Garza; and niece, Charlotte Barrett of Port Arthur.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ruth Odessa Hall

Ruth Odessa Hall, 86, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Friday, July 12, 2002, at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, July 13 at 4 p.m. in the Colmesneil Cemetery under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services was Brother Darrel Furlow.

Mrs. Hall was born January 15, 1916 to William Clyde and Elizabeth Sumrall Crews in Rockland. She was a former resident of Port Neches and a longtime resident of Colmesneil.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews and friend, Wade Conatser of Colmesneil.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Hazel Lorraine Foster

Funeral services for Lorraine Foster, 80, of Town Bluff, Texas, were held July 15, at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Tom Owens officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Foster died July 12, 2002, at Silsbee Convalescent Center in Silsbee. She was born July 28, 1921 in Stephenson, Mississippi to Dave Rutherford and Nettie Brown, she lived in Port Arthur before moving to Town Bluff 30 years ago. She was retired credit clerk for Western Auto.

She is survived by her husband Leo Foster of Town Bluff; daughter Nettie Ann Smith of Nederland; grandchildren, Henry Darrell and Tammy Kathryn; three great-grandchildren and brother, Henry J. Rutherford of Beaumont.

Pallbearers were Mike Toups, Billy G. Havard, Bobby Havard, Marion D. Havard, Thomas Reid and Jim Fuller.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Olga Lee Hefner Witt

Funeral services for Olga Lee Hefner Witt, 79, of Warren, Texas, were held Monday, July 15, at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother W. A. Hornberger officiating. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery in Warren. Visitation
was held Sunday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Witt passed away July 11, 2002, at her residence.

Born December 29, 1922 in Hereford, to James Columbus and Alma Naomi Reid Hefner she lived in Warren for seventeen years. She was a retired librarian for the Splendora School District and a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Donnie Wayne Witt; brothers, Jim Hefner and Larry Hefner; sisters, Wilsie Balkum and Wanda Dufour.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Gene Paul Witt; daughters, Genoyce Bell and husband, Eugene of Warren, Becky Willson and husband, James of Humble and Carolyn Garza and husband Norberto of Splendora; brothers, Bob Hefner and wife, Fefa of Coleman, Giv Hefner and wife, Dorothy of Troup and Wayne Hefner of Coleman; sisters, Charlene Cumbo of Victoria, Donna Wagner of Cross Plains and Jackie Hefner of Abilene; grandchildren, Chris Bell and wife, Mandy of Splendora, Treacy Dumas and husband, Lynn of Splendora, Sarah Atkinson and husband, Kris of Cleveland, Carey Willson of Humble, Joe Willson of Humble and Jamie Willson of Humble; five great-grandchildren and a blessing on the way; numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Richard L. Dumas, Jr., Joe P. Willson, James C. Willson, Kris Atkinson, Chris Bell, Birdy Garza, and Eugene Bell.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Virgie Carr Phillips

Funeral service for Virgie Carr Phillips, 79, of Woodville, Texas, were held Saturday, July 13, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Troy Richardson and Brother Dick Postelwaite officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Phillips passed away July 10, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born April 5, 1923 in Manning, to George Milton and Zula Mae Deggs Carr, she lived in Tyler County most of her life. She was a butcher and a member of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Cecil M. Phillips, son, Billy Phillips, Grandson, Richard Allen Mitcham and a sister, Nora Fancis Daily.

She is survived by her daughters, Wanda Faye Mitcham and husband, Richard of Woodville, and Jo Ann Phillips of Woodville; son, James Robert Phillips and wife, Patricia of Hillister; sisters, Georgia Mae Dominy of Woodville, Jesse Pugh of Woodville, Dorothy Joseph of Livingston, Barbara Reynolds and husband, Otis of Woodville and Carolyn Sue Wells and husband, Charlie of Nederland; grandchildren, Baby Jo Mitcham, Monica Hite, Jonathan Phillips, Pam Phillips, Travis Black, Susan Price, Pamela Taylor, Carrie Phillips, Brandon Phillips; and nine great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were George E. Carr, Greg Kirkpatrick, James Courville, Keith Currie, Jonathan Phillips, Matt Hite and Allen Mitcham.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mildred Rawls Johnson

Mildred Rawls Johnson, 75, of Town Bluff, Texas, died Sunday, July 21, 2002, at Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital.

She was born September 29, 1926 in Hardin County and had lived in Tyler County most of her life. She was a devoted homemaker and wonderful mother.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 23, at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Brother Jimmy Lloyd Graham and Brother Ray McKee officiating. Burial followed at Ferrell Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

Survivors include her husband, Doyle Johnson of Town Bluff; daughters and sons-in-law, Marlene and Ray McKee of Woodville and Lisa and John Ford of Lufkin; sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Sandy Rawls of Town Bluff and W. J. and Linda
Rawls of Waco; sisters, Ruth Glaze of Sour Lake and Betty Jane Luke of Louisiana; brothers, John Brown, Wilbert Brown and Jackie Brown all of Kountze and Gene Brown of Sour Lake; twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends in this area.

Serving as pallbearers will be Johnny Rawls, Ricky Rawls, James Read, Daniel Read, Wayne Rawls, Randy Glaze, Roy Cryer, and Mike Brown.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Elizabeth Frances Dennis

Elizabeth Frances Dennis, 78, of Warren, Texas, was born October 17, 1923 and passed away July 15, 2002, in Frisco. Mrs. Dennis is a native of Winnipeg Canada and a former resident of Bridge City. She had retired from K-Mart and did volunteer work for the hospital Care and Share Food Bank and worked as a Teachers Aide for Warren School District. She had resided in Warren for the last 18 years.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 18, at 10 a.m. at the Warren Methodist Church with Rev. Russ Munch officiating. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery in Warren. Visitation was held Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Dennis was survived by her son, Maurie Dennis of Houston; daughters, Celia Hightower of Dallas, Judy Reams of Mississippi, and Denise Guyote of Danbury; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Jessie Hightower, Jessie Hightower, III, Terrill Dennis, W. A. Dennis, Billy Pate, and Kenneth Spiller.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Dr. Howard F. Mallett

Dr. Howard F. Mallett was born in Port Arthur, on September 19, 1931. He went to Heaven on July 20, at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Howard graduated from Bishop Byrne High School in 1949, Lamar University in 1952, and the University of Texas Dental Branch in 1956. Upon receiving his DDS degree, he served two years in the United States Air Force achieving the rank of captain.

In 1958, Dr. Mallett returned to Nederland and began his practice of general dentistry. He remained in private practice for 35 years at which time he closed his practice to become the Cluster Dental Director for three East Texas prisons in the Woodville area.

Howard enjoyed two years of retirement during which time he found out that he was a woodworker at heart. He made many beautiful pieces for family members to enjoy.

Howard was proud of becoming an Eagle Scout during his youth. He served as president of the Golden Triangle Gun Club where he enjoyed many years of competitive shooting and the fellowship of its members. Howard served six years on the Board of Education of Nederland Independent School District from 1973-1979. He was an ordained elder and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church, Nederland. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Jasper.

Howard leaves to mourn his wife, Gay (Petzold) of Woodville and six children, Kim Williams, Nederland; Casey Fults, San Antonio; Corey Mallett, Missouri City; Kellie Clark, Atlanta; Sunny West, Nederland; and Courtney Mallett, Dallas; seven grandchildren whom he dearly loved are Jordan, Justin and Joel Fults; Ryan Mallett and Seth Clark; Kyle Williams, and Carley Mallett; one brother, Dr. Roland Mallett of Holy Lake. He will be sorely missed and loved forever.

A celebration of his life will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Jasper at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23. Visitation from 12-1 at Coleman Hall in the church. Memorial gifts may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Jasper, Cathedral Christian School Scholarship Fund, or a charity of your choice.

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. John 5:24.

Services were under the direction of Riley...
Funeral Home, Woodville.

**Mildred Carleton Sundin**

Mildred Carleton Sundin, 76, of Woodville, Texas, died Monday, July 22, 2002, at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler, Texas.

Memorial services were Thursday, July 25th at 11:00 a.m. in the Woodville United Methodist Church with a family gathering that followed in the fellowship hall under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating was church pastor, Reverend Ray Reed.

Mrs. Sundin was born August 21, 1925 to William David & Charlotte Harper Carleton in West Columbia, Texas. She was a graduate of Baylor University and had worked as a medical technologist. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Tyler County Hospital and Woodville United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey Paul Sundin, brother, Paul Carleton, and her parents.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Paul Sundin of Woodville; son & daughter-in-law, David W. & Rosie Sundin of Tyler; daughter & son-in-law, Amy Karol & John Nichols of The Woodlands, brother & sister-in-law, Dr. Milton & Betty Carleton of Lake Charles; sister, Sandra Powledge of Katy; grandchildren, Allison Nichols, Brooke Nichols, Victoria Sundin, and Veronica Sundin.

Memorials may be made to the Woodville United Methodist Church Music Department, P.O. Box 698, Woodville, Texas 75979.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Lorene Jenkins**

Funeral services for Lorene Jenkins, 94, of Woodville, Texas, were held Saturday, July 27, 2002 at 2pm at the Riley Funeral Home chapel with Brother Aaron Carter officiating. Burial followed at Mr. Pisgah Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Friday at the funeral home. Mrs. Jenkins passed away July 24, 2002 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home.

Born December 9, 1907 in Rusk, TX to Wade and Mary Lou Gober Coleman, she lived in Woodville for many years. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, James L. Jenkins of Athens, John Jenkins of Beaumont and Elbert L. Jenkins of Woodville; daughter, Mary L. Smith of Silsbee; sisters, Irene Rotan of Woodville, Martha Williford of Woodville and Dartha Cummings of Cold Springs; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Lloyd Jenkins, Ricky Jenkins, Johnny Jenkins, Steven Jenkins, Charles W. Smith, Billy R. Smith, and John L. Smith.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Leroy Powell**

Funeral services for Leroy Powell, 77, of Chester, Texas, were held Friday, July 27, 2002, at 2pm at the Riley Funeral Home chapel with Brother Mark Martin officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Chester, Texas.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Powell passed away July 23, 2002 at his residence.

Mr. Powell was born June 23, 1925 in Groveton, Texas to George W. and Isabelle Mullins Powell. He served in the Air Force for twenty years where he served in World War II, the Korean War and the first part of Vietnam. He then moved to Pearland, Texas where he worked as an electronics technician for Lockheed Electronics in Houston. After retiring, he moved to Chester 19 years ago. He was a member of Caney Creek Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Diane P. Powell, three sisters and one brother.

He is survived by his sons, Dennis Powell of...
Point Blank and Scott Powell of Ohio; daughters, Wendy Rossi of Houston, Barbara Wilcox of Austin and Janet Powell of Spring; grandchildren, Graig Powell, Brian Powell, Michelle Wilcox, Scott Powell, Jr., and Amanda Powell; two great-granddaughters, brothers, James Powell of San Antonio and Kenneth "Buddy" Powell of Houston; sister, Helen Brock Eggick of Houston.

Serving as pallbearers were Jake David, Don Cryer, Josh David, Bob David, John Martin and Greg Powell.

Memorials may be made in Mr. Powell's name to the Caney Creek Baptist Church in Chester, Texas or the American Cancer Society.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Steaven Paul Alston

A graveside service for Steaven Paul Alston, 51, of Doucette, Texas, was held Saturday, July 27, 2002, at 10am at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville with Brother Troy Richardson officiating.

Mr. Alston passed away July 25, 2002 at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born May 5, 1951 in Houston, Texas to Johnnie M. and Marie O. Thomas Alston, he lived in Doucette for many years. He was a truck driver and an Army veteran.

He is survived by his daughter, Felisda Alston of Arizona; son, Steaven P. Alston, Jr. of Arizona; sisters, Janette Weaver of Doucette and Peggy Falster of Houston; brother, Fred Alston of Doucette; two grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Francis Blanche Reid

Funeral services for Francis Blanche Reid, 71, of Woodville, Texas, were held Monday July 29, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. from the chapel of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Bro. Tom Owen officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home. Music was provided by Marless Owen.

Mrs. Reid passed away July 27, 2002 at Dickerson Memorial Hospital in Jasper. She was born October 25, 1930 in Colmesneil, to Matt and Emma Nantz Owens and had resided in Tyler County all her life. She was a homemaker and was loved by all. She was a charter member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Joseph LeRoy Reid of Marshall, and one daughter, Charlie Jean Hutto and husband Herman of Fred, brothers, Lester Owens, Jim Owens, and L.L. Buddy Owens, sisters, Hettie Mae Anderson, Pauline Ewing, Bessie Freeman, and Bobby Warden; grandsons, Rusty Odom, Allen Reid, Randy Hutto, and Logan Reid, granddaughters Jennifer Odom, Terin Odom, Sherry Odom, Melissa Hutto and Catlyn Reid, great-grandchildren, Brittany Hutto, Warren Birdwell, Dagen Arant, Jonathon Hutto, Nathaniel Hutto, and Jacob Ross Allen Reid.

Serving as pallbearers were Chris Rains, John Henry McCoy Sr., Jackie Tucker, Jimmy Tucker, Robert Odom, and Allen Reid.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Maggie Irene Barnes Bryan

Funeral services for Maggie Irene Barnes Bryan, 78, of Chester, Texas. were held Friday, July 26, 2002, at 10 am at the Riley Funeral Home chapel with Brother Larry Trest officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Chester, TX. Visitation was held Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Bryan passed away July 23, 2002 at Woodland Heights Medical Center in Lufkin, TX.

Born September 24, 1923 in Chester, to Carr and Nettie Neal Barnes, she lived in Chester all of her life. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Al Bryan and wife, Valerie of Barnum; daughters Janet Clements and husband, Danny of LaPorte, Diane Pendley of New
York City, NY., and Martha Thompson of Chester; brother, Preston Barnes and wife, Katherine of Chester and recently deceased brother, Arthur Barnes and wife, Iva of Chester; sisters, Mary Bigby of Chester; grandchildren, Teresa Berry, Misty Thompson, Jennifer Fuller, Adrienne Bittick, and Matt Bryan; great-grandchildren, Janie Fuller, Sam Fuller, Rachel Fuller, Chandler Berry, and Madison Berry; aunt, Lillie Shepherd of Chester.

Serving as pallbearers were Al Bryan, Matt Bryan, Terry Bryan, Charles Ray Barnes, Art Barnes, Lynn Barnes, Josh Bigby, and Bubba Adams.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Sarah Jewel Sally Pace

Sarah Jewel Sally Pace, 103, of Livingston, Texas, passed away July 28, 2002 at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

She was born February 15, 1899 in Bering, Texas to Dudley L. and Naomi Gay Veal and was a lifelong resident of Polk County. She was the owner of Pace Grocery and Market General Merchandise Store in Livingston for many years. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Livingston.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 31, 2002 at 10:00 am in the chapel of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Minister Edwin Smith officiating. Interment followed at Gay Cemetery between Camden and Moscow.

Visitation was held Tuesday July 30 at the funeral home.

She was preceded in death by her husband James Martin Pace in 1981. She was a survivor of six generations which included a daughter Sarah Louise Sanders of Nederland, two sons, James Pace of Midway and Myers Pace of Chester, 5 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, 7 great-great grandchildren, and 1 great-great-great grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home 95 Hwy 190 West Woodville, Texas.

Jeffrey L. Dunkerly

Jeffrey Lynn Dunkerly, 42, formerly of Sutton, MA. died July 28, in Kendrick Medical Center, Abilene, Texas from complications of surgery.

He leaves his father Charles Dunkerly of Chester, Texas; a brother, Michael Dunkerly of Kingwood, Texas; a sister, Cortnie Dunkerly of Chester; several nephews, aunts and uncles.

He was born in Sutton, son of the late Carolyn Dunkerly, and a sister Tammy predeceased him.

He graduated from Blackstone Valley Tech. and later lived many years in Humble, TX. His remains were cremated and a memorial service celebrating his life will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Robert Elisha Bob Jenkins, Sr.

Funeral services for Robert Elisha Bob" Jenkins, Sr., 70, of Fred, Texas, were held under the direction of Farmer Funeral Home 10am Thursday, July 25, 2002 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Fred with burial at Franks Branch Cemetery in Fred.

Mr. Jenkins was a native of Beaumont and a long time resident of Fred. He had lived in Lufkin for one year.

He was a loving Christian man that loved his family dearly. Mr. Jenkins was an avid coin collector, loved traveling and fishing. He was ordained as a deacon at the age of nineteen at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church where he was a Sunday School teacher for forty years. He owned Fred Grocery for thirty-one years and had retired from the Silsbee post office as a route carrier.

Survivors include wife Nelda Fry Jenkins of Fred; sons, Robert Elisha Jenkins, Jr. and wife Brenda of Lufkin, Mark Edwin Jenkins and wife Melissa of Nacogdoches; brother, Jerry Lynn Jenkins and wife Angela of Palestine; sister, Ruth Bilson of Beaumont; four grandchildren, Janna Lea Jenkins, Jordan Elisha Jenkins, both of Lufkin, Matthew Jordan Jenkins of Lake Jackson, Megan Grace Jenkins of Nacogdoches.
Pallbearers were Travis Moore, Herman Heiselbetz, Bobby Battle, LeRoy Glenn, R.B. Yawn, Robert Keith Moore, Sam Jeffcoat, and Manuel Ard.

Honorary pallbearers were the David Sunday School Class of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

Rev. John Spanhanks and Rev. Bernard Stott officiated. Rev. David Lee Jenkins was pianist.

Alvia Durham Sims, Sr.

Alvia Durham Sims, Sr., 88, of Woodville, Texas, died Tuesday, July 30, 2002 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Thursday, August 1st at 2:00pm in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were his grandsons, Curtis Casey, Jay Casey, Melvin Sims, Billy Sims, Chris Dungan and Shane Waller.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 31st from 6 - 8 pm at the funeral home.

Mr. Sims was born June 29, 1914 to James Shepherd & Vinnie Viola Durham Sims in Woodville, Texas. He was a former longtime resident of Nederland and had lived in Woodville for the past three years. He was a retired head operator for Neches Butane and a member of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ada Mae Sims on August 28, 1999.

He is survived by his son, Al Sims of Woodville; daughters & sons-in-law, Beverley & Harold Casey of Pt. Neches and Mary & David Williams of Woodville; sister, Jimmie Leigh Hatton of White Oak; seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a church or charity of choice.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ben Kenneth Sims

Ben Kenneth Sims, 43, of Town Bluff, Texas passed away on July 21, 2002 at Triumph Health Care in Channelview.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, at Kelley-Watkins Funeral Home. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff.

Visitation was on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Lufkin, Texas, he had lived in Town Bluff for 4 years.

He is survived by his wife Teresa Sims of Town Bluff; daughter, Dana Sims of Town Bluff; his father Horace B. Sims of Town Bluff; sisters, Elaine and husband Mauricio Villasana of Town Bluff and Janice Fowler of Silsbee; 9 nieces and nephews.

Orval Rex Myers

Orval Rex Myers, 72, of Warren, Texas, died July 31, 2002 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of Kansas, he was a resident of Vidor since 1957 but lived in Warren for the past 5 years. He was a retired welder from Baker Oil Tool and served in the U.S. Army in the Korean Conflict as a medic. He was a member of North Main Church of Christ in Vidor and a member of Village Mills VFW post 1514. He was a past scout master of the Boy Scouts in Vidor.

A memorial service was held at 2pm Aug. 3 at Memorial Funeral Home in Vidor.

He is survived by his wife of 5 years, Ludie Myers of Warren, daughters; Vickie Kunst of Beaumont; Judy Robinette, Donna Myers and Cindi Ainsworth, all of Vidor; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Kenneth James Leger

Funeral services for Kenneth James Leger, 54, of Spurger, Texas, were held Wednesday, August 7, 2002, at 10am at the Riley Funeral Home chapel with Brother Paul Bougham officiating. Burial followed at Turner Branch Cemetery in Spurger, Texas.
Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Leger passed away August 4, 2002 at Baylor-Garland Medical Center in Garland, Texas.

Born December 4, 1947 in Nederland, Texas, he lived in Spurger most of his life. He was a pipefitter for Local #195 and Local #100. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served two terms in Vietnam.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Womack Leger of Spurger; son and loving daughter-in-law, Kevin and Karen Leger of Fannett; grandson Kole James Leger of Fannett; parents, Aline East Gobert of Vidor and Simon Leger of Nederland; sisters, Audrey Williams of Beaumont, Judy Broussard of Fannett, and Kathy Goss of Mauriceville; brother, Dexter Leger of Vidor.

Serving as pallbearers were Mark Traylor, Paul Traylor, Coy Broussard, B.J. Broussard, Adam Smith and Michael Leger.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Louise Lou Tyler

Louise Lou Tyler of Woodville, Texas, was born August 19, 1915 in Cleveland, Ohio and passed away Thursday, August 1, 2002, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held at 10am August 2, from the chapel of the Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Father Egidio Vecchio officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

She lived and worked most of her life in Houston prior to moving to Woodville many years ago. She was a member of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church. She loved the Lord and was a devoted neighbor and friend to all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters and her only survivors were three nephews and one niece.

Serving as pallbearers were Martin Riley, Braeden Riley, Maxie L. Riley, Tommy Crosby, Gary Zaborowski, and Jerry Zaborowski.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Leatrice Casey

A graveside service for Leatrice Casey, 95, of Woodville, Texas, was held Saturday, August 3, 2002, at 10 am at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves, Texas.

Mrs. Casey passed away July 30, 2002 at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

Born March 17, 1907 in Spindletop, Texas, to Daniel and Beulah Rhoades Sawyer, she lived in Woodville for several years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ben Kenneth Sims

Ben Kenneth Sims, 43, of Town Bluff, Texas, passed away on July 21, 2002 at Triumph Health Care in Channelview.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, at Kelley-Watkins Funeral Home. A graveside service was at 1 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff.

Visitation was on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Lufkin, Texas, he had lived in Town Bluff for 4 years.

He is survived by his wife Teresa Sims of Town Bluff; daughter, Dana Sims of Town Bluff; sons, Dustin and Dallas Sims, both of Town Bluff; his father Horace B. Sims of Town Bluff; sisters, Elaine and husband Mauricio Villasana of Town Bluff and Janice Fowler of Silsbee; 9 nieces and nephews.

Leona Sweatt

Leona Sweatt, 81, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Sunday, August 4, 2002, at the Woodville Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, August 7
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at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil. Officiating at the services will be Brother Bo Owens.

Serving as pallbearers will be Alex Davis, Matt Sweatt, Virgil Smart, Jewel Jones, John Hopkins, and David Graham.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 6 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Sweatt was born April 1, 1921 to Edward and Dora Price Colley in LaRue. She was a longtime resident of Colmesneil and was a member of First Baptist Church of Colmesneil.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Hubert F. Sweatt.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, James H. and Charlene Sweatt of LaMarque; daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and John Holzworth of Texas City, and Sandra and Jimmy Davis of Colmesneil; grandchildren, Matt Sweatt, Lori Sweatt, Shannon Sweatt, Haley Holzworth, Kim Holzworth, Alex and Alison Davis, and Nikki and John Hopkins; great-grandchildren, Sadie Hopkins and Mitchell Davis.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Jane Youngblood

Jane Youngblood, 76, of Woodville, Texas, died Saturday, August 10, at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Graveside services were Tuesday, August 13 at 10 a.m. in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held on Monday, August 12 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born July 27, 1926 to Estval Burgess and Myrtle Jane LaGrone Powell in Lake Charles, La. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a member of Woodville United Methodist Church. Sewing was prevalent throughout her life with a special emphasis placed in creating Santa Claus dolls that were displayed during holiday times for people to enjoy.

She is survived by her son, Dave Youngblood and wife, Kay of Woodville; daughters, Debby Strickland and husband, George of Woodville, Diane Guidry and husband, Essie of Porter, Libby Youngblood and husband Richard Wilkins of Groves; and ten grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Mamie McFadden Ward Cancer Center in Beaumont.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Daniel Lee Nelson, Jr.

Daniel Lee “Danny Boy” Nelson, Jr., 4, of Village Mills, Texas, died Friday, August 9, 2002, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, August 14, at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Village Mills Cemetery. Officiating at the services will be Brother R. P. Callaway.

Serving as pallbearers will be Robert Trahan, Prentice O. Crawford, Michael Hooks, and Carl Williams.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 13 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Daniel is survived by his father, Daniel Lee Nelson, Sr. of Village Mills; mother, Monica Lee Nelson of Baytown; grandparents, Margie Smith of Warren, Kathy Welch of Baytown, and John Nelson of Beaumont; great-grandparents, Ida Mae Nelson of Warren and Fred and Peggy Read of Baytown; sisters, Danna Lynn Nelson and Donnie Louise Lou Nelson both of Village Mills; brothers, Dyllon Edward Miller and James Dean Miller both of Baytown; aunts, Romona Carbelo of Dayton and Rhonda Watson of Cleveland; and uncle, Phillip Smith, Jr. of Warren.

Memorials may be made to Community Bank, 905 South Magnolia, Woodville, Tx. 75979, account no. 280147831.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Ronald Edward Ronnie Jones

Ronald Edward Jones, 59, of Chester, Texas, passed away Tuesday, August 6, 2002, in Chester.

Mr. Jones was born March 1, 1943 in Woodville to James E. Jones Jr. and Virginia L. Lewis Jones. He was a 1961 graduate of Center High School. He was the past owner of the Clark Downs Department Store in San Augustine and the past manager of The Dad & Lads Clothing Store in Center. He was a member of the Chester Lions Club and a member of the Chester Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, August 9, at the First Baptist Church in Center with Rev. Carl Smith and Rev. Gene Kirkley officiating. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. Friday, August 9, at the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Chester.

Survivors include his daughters Rebecca Mason of Houston and Allyson Jones of Seattle, Wa.; son, Ronald Jones of Georgetown; granddaughter, Taylor Mason; parents, Jimmy E. and Virginia L. Jones of Center; sisters, Suzanne Davis of Shreveport, La., and Carolyn Lovett and husband Bill of Springdale, Ar.; fiance, Janice Mora of Humble; nieces and nephews, Jennifer Lovette, Don Lovette and wife Keitha; great niece, Madison Lovette; great nephew, Jackson Lovette.

Pallbearers will be Bobby Watson, Lon C. Matthews, Kirby Mills, Buddy Hancock, Luke Motley, Scotty Fleming, Floyd A. Dock Watson, Ron Jones, and Stan Mason.

Arrangements by Watson & Sons Funeral Home of Center.

John Irvin Kunkel

John Irvin Kunkel, 81, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, August 9, 2002, at his home in Woodville, surrounded by loving family.

Mr. Kunkel, son of Philip and Oradell Thurston Kunkel was born in Caseyville, Illinois on December 16, 1920.

Mr. Kunkel who attained the rank of 1st Lt. was a proud member of the Greatest Generation serving as a Bombardier Instructor in the 426 Army Air Force Bombardier unit, Mountain Home, Idaho.

While stationed at Ellington Field in Houston, Texas in 1942, John met and married his life-long soul mate, Beverly Rosana Danford. They were married in Midland, Tx. on March 6, 1943.

After WWII, John and Beverly settled in Houston where he enjoyed a 40-year career in residential construction building hundreds of home in Southwest Houston as well as apartment projects in Texas, Louisiana and Tennessee. A natural teacher, he unselfishly shared his knowledge with others and was fondly known as Uncle Kunkel.

John lived his life to the fullest. He loved music and in earlier years, he loved to go dancing with Beverly. He was an avid participant in hunting, fishing, golfing and gardening. After his retirement to Woodville, in 1985, he continued to enjoy these pursuits until shortly before his death.

A devoted husband, loving father, Papa and big Papa, his best moments were spent with family, with his golfing “buddies” and in his garden.

Survivors include his wife of almost 60 years, Beverly, daughter and son-in-law, Jeanine and John Capeheart of Houston and Hunt, daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Gerry Wilson of Westlake Village, California; grandchildren, Trey Brittain and wife Susan of Houston, John Brittain and wife Leslie of Houston, Jennifer Lindberg and husband Eric of Austin, Chip Mosher of California and Tyler Wilson of Westlake Village, California; great grandchildren, Sam, Christopher, Paul and Allison Brittain. Also surviving are sisters, Catherine Dortch, Montgomery, Ruth Mathias, Lake Pannasoffkee, Florida; and brother, Robert Kunkel of Birmingham, Alabama as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express their special thanks to Dr. Paula Schultz and the staff at Lakes Area Hospice for their loving support.

A memorial service was held at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, on August 12, at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Johns memory may be made to Lakes Area Hospice or to a charity of choice.
Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Stella Mae Dean**

Stella Mae Dean, 72, of Woodville, Texas, died August 12, 2002.
She was born in Silsbee, Camp II, on October 19, 1929, but resided in Woodville most of her adult life.
She retired from Keller Ind. in 1994 after 33 years of service, she was a member of the Woodville Chapter O. E. S. #462 for 47 years and a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.
Services will be held Wednesday, August 14 at 10 a.m. with Brother Wayne Watts officiating. An Eastern Star service will be held at the funeral home by Woodville Chapter O. E. S. #462. Burial will follow at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Woodville.
Visitation will be held Tuesday from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.
She is preceded in death by her parents Cleo Alton and Aurelia “Reid” Wise, her beloved husband Tommy L. Dean.
Her loving survivors include son, Randy and wife Ann Hartwick of Beaumont; daughter Trena and husband Lynn Richards, Sr. of Columbus, Ohio; two loving and devoted sisters, Madeline Collins of Woodville and Bobbie Drake of Silsbee; four grandchildren, Brandy Upshaw of Evadale, Justin Hartwick of Fannett, Aliana Richards and Lynn Richards, Jr. of Columbus, Ohio; one great-grandchild Kade Evan Upshaw, Evadale.
Serving as pallbearers will be Brian Ingham, Tim Drake, Justin Hartwick, Gerald Grimes, Mike McCulley, and Kevin Upshaw.
Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Dr. Dan H. Byram**

Dr. Dan H. Byram, 90, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Sunday, August 11, 2002, at his residence.
Funeral services will be Friday, August 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Colmesneil with a 3 p.m. graveside service at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating will be Brother David Miller.
Serving as pallbearers will be James Marshall, David Bordelon, Doyle Cowart, Roy Hardin, Dub Hock, and Durwood Ling.
Honorary pallbearers are members of the Men’s Bible Class, Charlie Reed, Frank Reed, Larry Talbot, Puckett Willis, Allen Temple, Dr. J. D. Thompson and Hermon Netherland.
Visitation will be held Thursday, August 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.
He was born June 1, 1912 to Olin Edward and Lora Athlene Fulbright Byram in Yellowpine, La. He was a former longtime resident of Port Arthur and had lived in Colmesneil for the past twenty years. He was a retired physician and was a 32 mason having received his 50 year pin. He had been a member of Cosmopolitan Masonic Lodge AF & AM in Port Arthur and for the last three years, Yellow Pine #679 Masonic Lodge in Colmesneil. He was a founding member of The Port Arthur Country Club and a member of the American College of Surgeons. He was a WWII U.S. Army Air Corps flight surgeon veteran.
He was preceded in death by his wives, Mary Elizabeth Libby Byram on July 6, 1993 and Jane Johnson Byram in 1997. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, G. D. “Bud” and Janice Byram of Port Arthur; daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Steve Feldman of Philadelphia, Pa.; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Colmesneil, P. O. Box 247, Colmesneil, Tx. 75938 or charity of choice.

**Jan Ellen Fairchild Massey**

Jan Ellen Fairchild Massey, 48, of Houston, Texas, died August 11, 2002, at her residence.
Funeral services were held August 15, at Mangum Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. with burial in Oaklawn Memorial Park in Center. Officiating at the services was Brother Carl Smith.
She was born December 24, 1953 in Woodville to Bob and Patsy Fairchild. She had worked as a pharmacist.

Serving as pallbearers were Guy Griffin, Miller Thomas, Burton Brown, Randy Massey, Nicholas Hodges, Johnnie Hi Massey, Matt Davis, and David Wilhelm.

She is survived by her parents Bob and Patsy Fairchild of Center; a son Philip Scott Massey of Shreveport, La.; sister and brother-in-law Karla O'Fiel and Hugh of Vidor; brother David Fairchild of Center; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Services were under the direction of Mangum Funeral Home in Center.

**Herschel O. Porter**

Herschel O. Porter, 61, of Woodville, Texas, died Sunday, August 18, 2002, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were Monday, August 19 at 2 p.m. at Emanuel Baptist Church with burial in Emanuel Cemetery near Doucette under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services was Brother John Adams.

Serving as pallbearers were Johnny Swafford, Duane King, Butch Herring, Cody Swafford, B. A. Smith, and Jerry Rash.

Honorary pallbearers were his grandsons, Robert Hughes, Jr. Bryan Oneal Hughes, Harold Edginton, IV, and Ron Oneal Edginton.

Visitation was held on Monday, August 19 from 11 a.m. until service time.

He was born February 26, 1941 to Hugh Richard and Ruth Florece Bowen Porter in Tinsman, Arkansas. He was a longtime resident of Woodville and had worked as a crane operator for Griffin Chipping and was a member of Emanuel Baptist Church. He worked within the timber industry his entire life. He was a devoted family man to his wife and daughters as well as a wonderful grandfather to his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Dorothy Jean of Woodville; daughters and son-in-law, Karen and Robert Hughes of Colmesneil, Larisa and Sidney Malone of Mauriceville, and Sandy and Bubba Edginton of Orange; brother and sister-in-law, Noel Kenneth and Sandra Porter of Colmesneil; sisters and brother-in-law, Kathy and Jeff Johnson of Silsbee and Pearl Force of Livingston; and eight grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**L. Louise Wise -Birk**

Louise Wise-Birk, 75, died on August 9, 2002 in Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was born on September 10, 1926.

She is survived by her son, E. A. Birk and wife Shirley of Cortez, Colorado; daughters, Lela Hilbert and husband Clyde of Athol, Idaho and Judy Bunn and husband Andy of Garland; seven grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren; sisters, Ida Mae Williams of Beaumont and Elsie Harrod of Silsbee; brothers, Robert Wise and wife Betty of Warren and John Wise also of Warren; many nieces and nephews.

She is buried in Mountainview Cemetery in Athol, Idaho.

**Carolyn Frazer Vann**

Carolyn Frazer Vann, 70, joined the Lord on August 14, 2002, in Colmesneil.

Carolyn was a devoted daughter, sister, mother, grandmother and friend. She was born in Baytown, on October 13, 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Frazer, Jr. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown. Carolyn received her undergraduate degree in teaching at Sam Houston, and later obtained a Masters Degree from East Texas State. She dedicated 32 years to teaching Language Arts at Deer Park Junior High. She retired in 1991 and spent most of her time at the cabin in Colmesneil, where she loved to garden, plan community dances and commit her time to the Caring is Sharing program.

Carolyn is survived by her mother, Rose Frazer
of Deer Park; brother and sister-in-law, Stewart and Christy B. Frazer of Dallas; son and daughter-in-law, Mickey and Cathi Vann of Baytown; daughters, Amanda Vann Wade of Deer Park and Christy Vann Bunton of Houston; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Joe and Ginni Stein; grandchildren, Todd and Chelsea Vann and Morgan Wade. She had numerous nieces and nephews and the ones with whom she shared a special commitment and devotion for more than twenty years, David and Cynthia Wheat, Joe Mac Wheat and friend Robert Vasquez, and Suzanne and Edward Chiu; special friends, David Wade, A. D. Jumper and family, Ben and Karen Barnett, Tim Barnett, Felix and B. J. Bunton, and Cuba Lou Greer.

Memorial services were held at Woodville United Methodist Church on Friday, August 16 at 2 p.m. and Saturday, August 17 at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Deer Park.
Memorials may be made to Caring is Sharing Program, P. O. Box 698, Woodville, Texas 75979.
Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Irene Etta Taylor

Graveside services were held Friday, August 16 at 4 p.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the service was Brother Richard Coward.
She was born September 24, 1926 to William Henry and Era Irene Kennedy Taylor in Montgomery, Al. She was a longtime resident of Beaumont and had worked as an Educational Consultant with Southwestern Bell and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Beaumont.
She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Hails “Doc” and Peggy Taylor of Warren and Bill Taylor of San Antonio (former longtime Woodville resident); and numerous nieces and nephews.
Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church in Beaumont.
Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Crecencio D. Chico Serda, Jr.

Crecencio D. Chico Serda, Jr., 66, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, August 14, 2002, at Hermann Memorial Baptist Hospital in Beaumont.
Funeral services were held Saturday, August 17, at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Williams Cemetery near Hillister. Officiating at the services was Brother Ken DeRouen.
Serving as pallbearers were Felipe Rodriguez, Michale Alexander, Jim Hamilton, Nick Gomez, Jimmy Lynn Hamilton, and Charles Hamilton.
Visitation was held on Friday, August 16 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.
Mr. Serda was born May 22, 1936 in San Antonio. He was a former longtime resident of Texas City and had lived in Woodville for the past six years. He was a retired mechanic with the City of Texas City.
He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Vivian Dorothy Serda of Woodville; mother, Gaudalupe Serda of Texas City; daughters, Sophia Serda, Lisa Serda and Amy Serda all of Woodville, Rosa Serda of Richlands, NC., and Ester Martha of Knosha, WI.; brothers and sister-in-law, Roy and Barbara Serda of Baytown and Robert Serda of Texas City; sisters and brother-in-law, Roy and Barbara Serda of Baytown and Robert Serda of Texas City; eleven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and best friend, Jim Hamilton of Woodville.
Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Patsy Ruth Cherry

Funeral service for Patsy Ruth Cherry, 70, of Corrigan, Texas, was held Thursday, August 15, 2002 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Larry Trest and Brother Jacob Connors officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Chester.

Visitation was held Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Cherry passed away August 12, at East Texas Memorial Hospital in Lufkin.

Born August 3, 1932 in Chester to Eugene and Gertrude Crocker Payne, she lived in Chester for many years before moving to Corrigan. She was a homemaker and a member of Barnum Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Donna Flowers and husband, Mike of Chester, Delores Swearingen and husband, Jerry of Barnum, Delene Ross and husband, Lynn of Jasper; brother, Howard Lee Payne of Oklahoma City, Ok.; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Audrey and Jozell Cherry of Chester, Burbe and Betty Cherry of Kirbyville, and Glen and Dener Foster of Mt. Belview; mother-in-law, Audvie Cherry Dennis of Chester; nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Joe Don Cherry, Dwight Cherry, Eddie Foster, Patrick Cherry, David Cherry, Tim Swearingen, Jerry Swearingen, Aubrey Cherry and Michael Beaty.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Noel Younger Rawls

Colmesneil- Funeral service for Mr. Noel Younger Rawls, 99, of Colmesneil, Texas, was held Thursday, August 15, 2002, at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Jack Lewellen and Brother Swain Barker officiating. Burial followed at Grimes Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Rawls passed away August 13, 2002, at Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Born January 1, 1903 in the Mt. Carmel Community of Colmesneil to John Thomas and Julia E. Hopson Rawls, he lived in Colmesneil all of his life. He was a logger and a farmer. Mr. Rawls received a honorable discharge from the U. S. Army on April 14, 1943 after serving his country with pride.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Pearl Dickey Rawls of Oakwood; a son, Fletcher Pickens and a grandson, Kirk Pickens.

He is survived by his daughter, Noellene Rawls of Mt. Carmel and a son, Scott Daniels of Houston; granddaughters, Tina Long, Gina May, Dina Tippit, Rina Richey and Wanda Ryan; ten great grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers were Robert H. (Bob) Mann, Paul May, Aaron Pickens, Phill Ryan, Don Barker and Kenneth Conner.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Joe S. Barraque

Joe S. Barraque, 74, beloved husband, father and grandfather passed from this life August 8, 2002, in Houston.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 10 at 2 p.m. at the First Pentecostal Church in Silsbee with Pastor Wendell Hutchins officiating. Burial followed at Franks Branch Cemetery in Fred. Visitation was held Friday evening at the church.

Born February 4, 1929 in Silsbee, to James and Vera Stewart Barraque, he lived in Woodville before moving to Houston many years ago. He was a retired insurance salesman and a WWII Air Force veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Rannie Jeffcoat Barraque of Houston; two daughters, Beverly Barraque of Beaumont and Barbara Crain of Silsbee; two step sons, Charles Denny Perkins and Derek Lynn Perkins both of Houston; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Tommy Jeffcoat, Mike Jeffcoat, Jared Mozley, Casey Mozley, Chris Delaney and Benny Delaney.
Serving as honorary pallbearers were Chris Jeffcoat and Fletcher Payne.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

J.D. Wilson

Jouett Delessyn "J.D." Wilson, 75, of Smithville, Texas, passed away Friday, Aug. 16, 2002 after a long illness. He spent time in Houston, Galveston and other Texas towns before finally settling in Smithville approximately 15 years ago.

J.D. was born an only child in Colemsneil on Jan. 29, 1927. He learned fishing and the joy of nature from his father. He served as a Merchant Marine for many years. His first assignment was on the William F. Empy, which was stationed between Pearl Harbor and Guam. He also served on the M.V. Regent and SS Pit River as a messmate and lifeboatman.

From 1945 to 1950 he served in Company B, Ft. Sill Base, Okla., as a bricklayer. He learned bricklaying from his father. After discharge from the Army, he became a master bricklayer. One of the buildings he worked on was the Medical Office building on S. Casey near South Austin Hospital.

His greatest love for the last 22 years, especially after retiring, was assisting recovering drug addicts and alcoholics. He was always there to share his experience, strength and hope with anyone he could, right up through the day of his death.

His parents, Jouett Allen and Ocie Ola Wilson, preceded him in death. Though he had no known living relatives, he had three "adopted" families, Caroyl and Emmett Maliniemi and Kathleen and Richard Bennatt, all of Smithville, and Bob and Amy Kovach of Galveston.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. at Marrs-Jones Funeral Home, officiated by Milton Odom, master of divinity. Also, Kathy Gordon will be the soloist with "If You Ever Need Me." Internment with full military honors will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers will include Lee Armstrong, Richard Bennatt, Happy Crawford, Tony Edsall, Bob Kovach, Steve Reid and Mike Watson.

Honorary pallbearers include Bill Conrad, Emmett Maliniemi and Dick Wallace.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may send donations in memory of J.D. Wilson to Circle of Life Hospice in La Grange, Texas.

Vera Opal Sanders

Vera Opal Sanders, 80, of Bronson, died at the Sabine County Hospital in Hemphill, Saturday, August 24, 2002. Graveside services were held Monday, August 26, at the Largent Cemetery in the Clawson Community near Lufkin.

Visitation was held Sunday afternoon from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Forest Oaks Funeral Home.

A native of Lufkin, she resided in Highlands, where she owned and operated a catering service called Sander's Cake Shop, after retiring she moved to Woodville and lived there for 20 years until moving to Bronson about 2 years ago.

Survivors include a son Gordon Sanders of Bronson; a brother William Roy Brown, Jr. of Woodlands; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services under direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper.

Raymond Hardy

Funeral services for Raymond Hardy, age 67, of Palestine, Texas, was held at 10 a.m. Friday at Bailey & Foster Chapel with Rev. Robert Seago and Rev. Larry Trest officiating. Burial was at 3 p.m. in Seamans Cemetery near Chester.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey & Foster, Palestine.

Mr. Hardy died Tuesday at the Hospice Home Place in Tyler. He was born July 20, 1935 at Chester to L. V. Hardy and Helen Seamans Hardy.

Mr. Hardy was a member of the Long Lake Baptist Church. He was self-employed as a heavy equipment operator.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister Mary Gutzke.

He is survived by his wife Emma Hardy of...
Palestine; daughter, Darlene Thornton and husband A. Z. of Kilgore; son, Charles R. Chuck Hardy, Jr. and wife Mary of Tennessee Colony, Mike Hardy and wife Trish of Crockett; and 7 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Rev. David Taylor, Harold Scales, Don Grant, Johnny Kluth, Wilburn Neal and Sonny Guess.

Honorary pallbearers were Brent Hardy and Keith Thornton.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Oscar Jonathan Hicks**

Oscar Jonathan O. J. Hicks, 77, of Woodville, Texas, passed away August 24, 2002, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, August 28, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Woodville with Dr. Raymond Parker, Dr. Dwayne Freese and Brother Ronnie Whittle officiating.

Burial will follow at Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mr. Hicks was born August 12, 1925 in Woodville to Jonathan and Betty Dean Hicks. He is a lifelong resident of Woodville. He is a retired truck driver for Fifth Wheel Trucking, a member of First Baptist Church in Woodville and a Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Alfnell Rawls Hicks of Woodville; sons, Bobby Hicks and wife, Glenda of Austin, J. P. Hicks and wife, Barbara of Milano, Bill Peters and wife, Wanda of Lufkin, Lester Johnston and wife, Wanda of Woodville; daughters, Gay Nell Jenkins and husband, Charles of Palestine, Linda Cain and husband, Donnie of Lumberton; fifteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Serving their grandfather as pallbearers will be his grandsons.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be his granddaughters.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Linda Maria Bennett**

Linda Maria Bennett, 58, of Cleveland, Texas, went to party with the angels on Monday, August 19, 2002, at the V. A. Hospital in Houston. To assist her celebration, the family will have a private memorial service. Any family or friends wishing to send floral arrangements or potted plants should have them delivered to 1103 South Fenner in Cleveland, Texas 77327. In lieu of arrangements or plants, monetary donations should be sent to Unity Village, 1901 NW Blue Parkway, Unity Village, MO 64065-0001.

Linda was a 1961 graduate of Sweeny High School. She served our country in the US Air Force from 8-21-62 until 6-1-65, when she was honorably discharged to give birth to her twin daughters, Kimberly Dawn and Victoria Dawn in Honolulu, Hawaii. After travels to various cities and states, Linda became a longtime resident of Woodville, where she worked for Sinclair Children’s Center for many years. Although she endured long daily drives to continue to work in Woodville, Linda moved to live a heavenly dream of a lifetime in unison with Roger, “her angel”, in Cleveland. No sacrifice was too large to share her life with Roger.

Linda is survived by her loving husband, best friend, and soul mate, Roger L. Bennett of Cleveland; mother, Mary Eva Duncan of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly Bartholomew of Leander, Vickie and Donny Greenway of Leander, Roschelle and Eric Almaguer of Splendora and Mary and David Johnson of Rye; brother, Ronald Duncan of Houston; sister, Dianne Necessary of Houston; six grandchildren; nine nieces and nephews; nine great nieces and nephews; one loving puppy dog, Fievel; six grand dogs; and one grand cat.

Linda is an inspiration of light and love to all who embrace her presence. Our lives are forever changed by the lectures, words and laughter Linda brought into every moment. Who she is, has made us who we are; we can now change the World with her legacy for the generations to come.

Arrangements were made under the direction
Ruby Lou Cruse Smitley

Ruby Lou Cruse Smitley, 69, of Burnet, Texas, passed away Friday, August 30, 2002, at her residence.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 2 at 11 a.m. in the Woodville United Methodist Church with burial in Pilgrim Rest Cemetery in the Dies Community under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating were Reverend Bobby Waters and Dr. Raymond Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Roy Peterson, Jim Klinger, Rob Linger, Rex Cruse, Jr., Larry Halterman, and Doug Libby.

Visitation was held on Sunday, September 1 from 4:30-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born October 14, 1932 to Squire Lou and Ruby Violet Mann Cruse in the Dies Community, Tyler County. She was a former longtime resident of Woodville and had lived in Burnet for the past three years. She was retired from Woodville Independent School District as the administrative assistant to the superintendent.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, John B. Smitley of Burnet; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Robert Arbaugh of Lake Buchanan; sister, Patsy Jean Hubbard of Houston; and grandchildren, Ryan, Grant, and Aaron Arbaugh all of Lake Buchanan.

Memorials may be made to Woodville United Methodist Church, Scholarship Fund, 508 West Bluff, Woodville, Texas 75979, or in memory of Ruby Lou Cruse Smitley; MDA/ALS Center (Lou Gehrig's Disease) 6501 Fannin, Suite NB 302, Houston, Texas 77030.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Christine McKnight Cupp

Christine McKnight Cupp, 74, of Orange, Texas, died Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002, at Park Place Medical Center in Port Arthur.

Her funeral was held on Monday, Sept. 2, at 2 p.m. at Dorman Funeral Home. The Rev. Dr. R. C. Hammock, chaplain for Memorial Hermann Baptist Orange Hospital in Orange officiated the services. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Bridge City.

Visitation was held Sunday from 1-9 p.m.

A native of Caledonia, Arkansas, Mrs. Cupp was born on March 20, 1928 to Walter and Carmen McKnight. Along with her husband Odis and their family, she moved to the Orange area in 1957. She was a homemaker, mother and granny, and a member of McDonald Memorial Baptist Church.


She is preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Carmen McKnight; brother, Dewey McKnight; sisters, Ethel Peppers, Marcelle Sturdivant, Madine Gilmore, and Pat Hendricks, and grandchildren Lillie Williams and Jason Frederick.

Serving as pallbearers were Gus Cupp, David G. Cupp, Jay Frederick, Aaron Woods, Greg Bates, and Brandon Bryant.

Services were under the direction of Dorman Funeral Home of Orange.

R. E. Frazier Cunningham

R. E. Frazier Cunningham passed from this life on Monday, August 26, 2002. R. E. was born in Warren, Texas, on December 31, 1910.
She was predeceased by her husband, Everett Burton Cunningham.

She is survived by her daughters, Charlotte Waldrep of Vidor and Melva Ennis and her husband, Royce of Silsbee; one son, Raleigh Cunningham and his wife, Kay of Beaumont; eight grandchildren, Vonnie Flowers of Orange, Beverly Holmes of Orange, Sherri Perroni of Fort Worth, Terry Ennis of Lewisville, Lisa Daggett of Saugas, Ca., Brad Cunningham of League City, Kyle Ennis of Houston and Tate Cunningham of Houston and twenty-one great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren; step grandchildren, Julie Delvin of Ft. Worth, Diana Wimberly of Orange, and Kimberly Chaddick.

Upon retiring from Weingartens in Beaumont, R. E. moved to Warren. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church where she taught a bible class for many years.

She will be greatly missed. Family visitation was held Thursday from 3-9 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

A funeral service for R. E. was held 10 a.m. Friday, August 30, at the First Baptist Church of Warren on Hwy. 69. The burial service followed at Warren Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Doris L. Hayes Edgerly


Graveside service will be Wednesday, September 11 at 2 p.m. in the Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating will be Rev. Hails Taylor.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, September 10 from 4:30 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Doris was born September 3, 1918 to Frank and Bessie Smith Hayes in Chester. She lived in Port Arthur and Beaumont most of her life and was a retired telephone operator with Southwestern Bell for more than 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Melvin Edgerly.

She is survived by her nephew, Don Edgerly and his wife, Margaret of Nederland; cousin, Janearle Turner and Polly Bland both of Port Neches and Joyce Raiford of Nederland.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Jimmy Loyd Fortenberry

Jimmy Loyd Fortenberry, 62, of Houston, Texas, passed away Tuesday, September 3, 2002, at a local hospital in Houston.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 7 at 7 p.m. in the Brookside Funeral Home Cypress Creek. Funeral services were also held Sunday, September 8 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Pilgrim Rest Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating at the service was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were John Greer, Johnny Paul Fortenberry, Guy Stafford, Darrel Fogarty, Maxie Lee Fortenberry, Jimmy David Spurlock, Manny Fulton and Wayne Lobberecht. Honorary pallbearer was Jo Polansky.

Visitation was held Sunday, September 8 from noon until service time at the funeral home.

He was born April 14, 1940 to R. A. and Alma Fortenberry in Dies (Tyler County). He was a former resident of Woodville and had lived and retired in Houston as a machinist. He enjoyed ranching on his farm in East Texas.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Marilyn Fortenberry of Houston; daughters and son-in-law, Jennifer Parker of Houston, and Michelle and Edward Kopecky, Jr. of East Bernard; mother, Alma Fortenberry of Woodville; grandchildren, Alexander Fortenberry, Trey Kopecky, Kevin Kopecky, and Colleen Kopecky.

Memorials may be made to S. I. R. E., Rt. 2 Box 56, Hockley, Texas 77447.

Local services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Randy Shane Bledsoe

Services for Randy Shane Bledsoe, 30, of Huntington, Texas, were held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday in the Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Farr and Dr. Darryl R. Smith officiating. Interment will follow in the Huntington Cemetery.

Mr. Bledsoe was born January 25, 1972, in Holdenville, Oklahoma, and he died Thursday, September 5, 2002, in a Lufkin hospital.

Mr. Bledsoe was a Security Officer Superintendent with the Texas Department of Corrections' Gib Lewis Unit in Woodville. He was a 1990 graduate of Huntington High School, where he was an All Conference pitcher. Mr. Bledsoe was drafted and played five years with the St. Louis Cardinals. He was a Baptist by faith, and had resided in Huntington since 1976.


Pallbearers were Shane Tatum, Todd Ricks, Shawn Ricks, Chris Dilday, Adam Dilday, Justin Terry, Colin Castleberry, and Michael Jacobs.

Honorary pallbearers were Ray Ricks, Kathy Poland, Jimmy Clegg, Chad Murray, Matt Court and Ricky Chamblee.

The family received friends from 6 - 8 p.m. Saturday evening at the Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Home.

Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Directors of Lufkin.

Velma Gooch Morgan


Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Greater Mt. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church in Kountze, with burial at the Trinity Valley Dist. Cemetery in Kountze, under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

She was a life long resident of Kountze and she was employed by the Kountze I. S. D for a number of years.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories; daughters, Franchessca Gooch and Jerrica Boykin both of Kountze; mother, Johnnie Mae Gooch of Kountze; sisters, Lillie Bell Eaton of Dayton, Carolyn Gooch and Deanna Gooch both of Kountze; brothers, Hurshele Gooch of Kountze, Keith Gooch of Conroe, Samuel Gooch of Houston, Albert Hamilton of Houston; and 4 grandchildren.

T. Jennette Coleman-Craig

T. Jennette Coleman-Craig, 59, of Houston and Woodville, Texas, has departed to be face to face with the Lord on Tuesday, September 10,
2002.

She was born on October 4, 1942 in Houston. A graduate of Milby High School in 1960, she attended the University of Houston until her marriage to her high school sweetheart, John R. Craig in June of 1962. She was an active member of Berachah Church of Houston. For the past 15 years she was an Administrative Assistant in Medical Oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

She will be remembered by all who knew her for her contagious laugh, beautiful smiling face, loving kindness, zest for life, devotion to her family and for the strong example she set as a Christian. As in life, she lived out her Christian walk throughout her battle with cancer and exhibited dying grace. She has left a legacy of love and spiritual values to her family and friends. For to me, to live in Christ, and to die profit.” Philippians 1:21.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, John R. Craig; three children, Carrie and Chip Winkel, Shawn and Rhonda Craig and Beth Craig; Bailey Craig; two brothers and their spouses, Ken Coleman and Dee, Scott Coleman and Pam; sister-in-law, Dorothy Cox and brother-in-law, Troy Cox of Oakwood, brother-in-law, Donald R. Craig and sister-in-law, Pat Craig of Midland; as well as many aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and life-long friends.

A memorial service was held Monday, September 16, at Berachah Church, 2815 Sage Road, Houston, with Pastor R. B. Thieme, III officiating. In lieu of flowers, gifts may go to her church or the Chaplains Fund at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Forest Park the Woodlands Funeral Home and Cemetery.

Mae T. Jones

Mae T. Jones, 88, of Palestine, Texas, passed away, Tuesday, September 3, 2002, in Palestine Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services were Friday, September 6 at 2 p.m. in the Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating was Brother Jack Lewellen.

Visitation was held Thursday, September 5 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was a former resident of Colmesneil and was living in Palestine at the time of her death. She was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Jones and son, Martin Keith Jones. She is survived by her daughter, Betty Untermeyer of Houston; grandsons and wife, Dan and Gayla Bradley of Palestine and Andy Bradley of Houston; and six great grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Leon Castle

Leon Castle, 85, of Spurger, Texas, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, at Mary Dickerson Hospital in Jasper.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist church in Spurger, with burial at the Town Bluff Cemetery in Town Bluff.

He was a resident of Jasper before moving to Spurger and worked in the logging industry.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Castle of Spurger; daughters, Ora Limbrick of Jasper, Willie Faye Hudson of Hot Springs, Ark., Earlene Hadnot of Woodville, Evelyn Sykes of Silsbee, Wanda Merchant of Spurger; sons, Mozell Castle of Jasper, Hebert Castle of Silsbee, and Jackie Castle of Spurger; brother, Ezra Castle of Jasper and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Thessalonias Freddie Tom Williams

Thessalonias Freddie Tom Williams, 64, of Woodville, Texas died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002, at the Holiday Pine Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Monday, at 11 a.m. Sept. 16, at the New Shady Grove Baptist Church in Woodville, with burial at the Moss Hill Cemetery in Woodville. He was born in Plaindealing, La., before moving to Woodville.

Survivors include his wife, Maurice Williams of
Woodville; daughters, Angela Hamilton of Warren, Lorna Williams of Woodville; sons, Randy Williams and Reginald Williams both of Woodville; brother, Eddie Robinson of Houston; 13 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Colemans Tyler County Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Jerry Lamar Conner**

Funeral service for Jerry Lamar Conner, 61, of Woodville, Texas, was held Monday, September 16, 2002, at 3 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Troy Richardson and Brother Jacob Conner officiating. Burial followed at Seaman’s Cemetery near Chester.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Conner passed away September 14, at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Beaumont.

Born January 3, 1941 in Woodville, to Loy Lannis and Martha Novelle Platt Conner. He lived in Woodville all of his life. He was a retired teacher for the Woodville Independent School District. He was a member of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church and the Army Reserves.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Martha Novelle Conner and a sister, Joan Hammonds.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie Myrl Conner; father, Loy Conner; daughters, Kelly Womack and husband, Ricky, Monica Williams and Roxanne Washburn and husband, Darren; brother, Nolan Conner and wife, Brenda; sister, Diane Gilchrist; step children, David Tolbert, Michael Tolbert, Gary Tolbert, and Janay Rainey; five grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Jason Womack, Darren Washburn, Colt Bumstead, Robert Billing, Ricky Womack, and Lyle Rainey.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Clay Bumstead, Dalton Washburn, and Brandon Washburn.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Austin William Thompson**

Funeral service for Austin William Thompson, 6 weeks old, was held Monday, September 16, 2002, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Rick Stiefer officiating. Burial was held at 3 p.m. at Earthmans Resthaven Cemetery in Houston.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Austin William Thompson passed away September 13, 2002.

Austin is survived by his parents, Jeffery Alan Thompson and Katina LaFaughn Vyvial; guardian parents, Myron and Melda Siebe of Woodville; paternal grandmother, Loyce Peek, maternal grandmother, Kay Murphy; maternal grandfather, Eugene Vyvial; sisters, Gracy Elaine Thompson and Victoria Raven Reed; brother, Alan LaFate Thompson; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Fred A. Nasebandt**

A graveside service for Fred A. Nasebandt, 74, of Woodville, Texas, was held Tuesday, September 17, 2002, at 4 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery under the direction of Riley Funeral Home. Visitation was held Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Nasebandt passed away September 15, at Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital.

Born July 5, 1928 in Chicago, Ill. to Paul R. and Elizabeth Nasebandt, he lived in Woodville for many years. He was a self employed welder and a member of the Army Reserves.

He is survived by a sister, Erica Staecker of Portland, Or. and a host of friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Fay Owens Cruse

Fay Owens Cruse, 85, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Thursday, September 19, 2002, at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services were Saturday, September 21 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the service was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were David W. Mann, Dr. James M. Brown, Malcolm Collier, Harold E. Allison, III, Tom McGuire, and Lynn Clow.

Honorary pallbearers were Harold E. Allison, Jr., Harold T. Davis, John C. Hauser, George H. Jarrott, Dr. James S. Jinnette, Huntley Kenesson, Dr. Gordon McCluskey, David P. Mann, Jr., Robert A. Mann, Dr. Raymond A. Parker, Walter J. Rusek, and L. Wayne Smith.

Visitation was held on Friday, September 20 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born November 16, 1916 to William Dan and Nannie Adelia Wheat Owens in Purdon. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and was retired librarian from Woodville I. S. D. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Carey L. Cruse of Woodville; brother and sister-in-law, W. D. and Billie Joy Owens of Burk Burnett; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Roger Gibson of Jonesboro, TN.; brother-in-law and wife, Clyde J. and Wanda Cruse of Tyler; six nieces and one nephew.

Memorials may be made to the Allen Shivers Library, 302 N. Charlton, Woodville, Texas 75979.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Virgie Lee Meadows

Virgie Lee Meadows, 75, died Thursday, September 19, 2002, at Jasper Convalescent Center in Jasper.

Graveside services were held Sunday, September 22 at 2 p.m. in the Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil, Texas.

She was born June 22, 1927 to William and Emma Poindexter Meadows. She lived in Beaumont until 1952 and moved to Colmesneil where she lived until entering Jasper Convalescent Center in December of 1983.

She is survived by her first cousin, Imogene and husband Prentice Ward of Lumberton and other cousins.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

O. B. Harvill

O. B. Harvill passed away September 17, 2002. The funeral arrangements are made with Farmer Funeral Home of Silsbee, Texas.

There will be a graveside service at Franks Branch Cemetery in Fred, Thursday, September 19, at 10 a.m.

Courtesy of R.S. Farmer Funeral Home, Inc. P. O. Box 666, Silsbee, Texas 77656.

Roger Glenn Sturrock

Funeral services for Roger Glenn Sturrock, 84, of Colmesneil, Texas, will be held 3 p.m., Wednesday, September 18, 2002, in the First Baptist Church of Colmesneil with Rev. Tony Pangle officiating. Interment will follow in Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Mr. Sturrock was born on January 28, 1918 in Colmesneil to Samantha (Sargent) and Thomas Elton Sturrock and died on Monday, September 16, 2002 in a local hospital. He resided in Colmesneil for the past 22 years and formerly resided in Pasadena. He was a retired Boiler Operator having been employed with Shell Oil Company for 34 years. Mr. Sturrock served in the U. S. Air Force during WWII and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Colmesneil.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Sturrock of Colmesneil; grandchildren, Ben Boedeker of Pasadena, Leslie Upchurch of League City, Britta Jean Franklin of Caldwell and Susan Lottridge; ten great grandchildren; brothers, Craig Sturrock of
Nederland and Jimmie Sturrock and Abilene; sisters, Alma Jones and Estel McCarty, both of Lufkin; a number of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Sturrock was preceded in death by his son, Ben Caraway Boedeker.

Pallbearers will be James Sturrock, Lester Sturrock, Lynn Sturrock, Tommy Sturrock, Ben Boedeker and Bob Upchurch.

Memorials may be made the charity of your choice.

Carroway-Claybar Funeral Home, Lufkin, directors.

Jerry Lamar Conner

Funeral service for Jerry Lamar Conner, 61, of Woodville, Texas, was held Monday, September 16, 2002, at 3 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Troy Richardson and Brother Jacob Conner officiating. Burial followed at Seamans Cemetery near Chester.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Conner passed away September 14, at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Beaumont.

Born January 3, 1941 in Woodville to Loy Lannis and Martha Novelle Platt Conner, he lived in Woodville all of his life. He was a retired teacher for the Woodville Independent School District. He was a member of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church and the Army Reserves.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Martha Novelle Conner and a sister, Joan Hammonds.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie Myrl Conner; father, Loy and wife Irene Conner; daughters, Kelly Womack and husband, Ricky, Monica Williams, and Roxanne Washburn and husband, Darren; brother, Nolan Conner and wife, Brenda; sister, Diane Gilchrist; step children, David Tolbert, Michael Tolbert, Gary Tolbert, and Janay Rainey; five grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Jason Womack, Darren Washburn, Colt Bumstead, Robert Billing, Ricky Womack, and Lyle Rainey.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Clay Bumstead, Dalton Washburn and Brandon Washburn.

He touched so many students lives during his teaching career. He will be truly missed around Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Stanley Romell Lee

Mr. Stanley Romell Lee, 47, of West Texas City and formerly of Doucette, passed away Wednesday, August 21, 2002, at UTMB.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 27, at Progressive Baptist Church, W. Texas City.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Carolyn Taylor Lee; daughters, Kendra Temple (Daryl), Elecia Jackson, Dayna Lee and Staneisha Lee; son, Larry Taylor; sisters, Eloise Kwapong, Diane Watt, Barbara Thomas, and Carolyn Collins; brothers, James D. Clark (Barbara), and James Edward Clark.

Mary Elizabeth Savage

Mary Elizabeth Savage, 72, of Woodville, Texas, passed away September 21, 2002, at Woodland Heights Medical Center in Lufkin.

Cremations services were held Tuesday, September 24, at Wilbert Crematory in Beaumont.

Born July 11, 1930 in New Underwood, S. D., she lived in Woodville for several years. She was retired from H & R Block with 25 years of service.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Mildred Skov.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Parker of Woodville; brother, William "Bill" Waterson of Concord, N. C.; sister, Marlene Buss of Peetz, Co; a close friend Ruby Stroup of Woodville; several nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Esther Richardson McMillan

Esther Richardson McMillan, 94, of Warren, Texas, died Monday, Sept. 23, 2002, in Woodville. She was born June 22, 1908 in Polk County, a daughter of Charles Hansford Richardson and Della Gay Richardson. She was a homemaker and was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Warren. She married Troy E. McMillan on October 24, 1925 in Livingston and he preceded her in death on December 4, 1991.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Survivors are three sons, Clayton McMillan and wife Ruth of Warren, Melvin McMillan and wife Jennie of Indianapolis, Ind., Frank McMillan and wife Zelma of Houston; one daughter, Leah Pace and husband Myers of Chester; one brother, Bryant Richardson and wife Ruby of Caldwell; one sister, Edna McMillan of Livingston; two brothers-in-laws, Bill Wilkinson and wife Juanita of Houston, E. J. McMillan of Livingston, and sister-in-law, Agnes McMillan of Silsbee; seven grandchildren, twenty two great grandchildren; and fourteen great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday from Pace Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston with Bro. Bill Fabriguze and Bro. Kenneth Cauthen officiating. Interment followed in the Holly Grove Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were James T. "Rusty" Hughes, Jim Boyd, William Wilkinson, Ron Grimes, Dave McKay and T. H. Bailey.

Mary Ann Johnson

Mary Ann Johnson, 67, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Saturday, September 28, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 1st at 11 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were L. D. "Jack" Griffin, Malcolm Collier, J. D. James, L. C. O'Conner, Charles Stecher, and Allen Temple.

Visitation was held on Monday, September 30 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born April 6, 1935 to Jesse B. and Mary Etta Miller Jerrel in Miles City, Montana. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Lonnie D. Johnson of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Pam Johnson of Anderson; daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Barry Craigen, Sr. of San Antonio; brothers, Raymond Jerrel of Miles City, Mt., Harold Jerrel of Martindale, Mt., and Dallas Jerrel of Bonner, Mt.; sister, Minnie Schmidt of Flandreau, SD.; grandchildren, Barry Craigen, Jr. and Jessica Johnson.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Dan Aran, Sr.

Dan Aran, Sr., 65, of Doucette, Texas, passed away Wednesday, September 25, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Friday, September 27 at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services was Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were Bill Pittman, Jerome Owens, Monte Lawlis, Bertis Best, Bill Cable, and Brian Babin.

Honorary pallbearers were Mack Parker and Tipton Golias.

Visitation was held on Thursday, September 26 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born October 26, 1936 to Emilio and Virginia Muller Aran in Lawton, Ok. He was a former longtime resident of Beaumont and had lived in Doucette for the past six years. He was a self-employed professional engineer, a member of Beaumont Rotary and First Baptist Church of Woodville.
He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Judy Aran of Doucette, sons and daughter-in-law, Dan Jr. and Karla Aran, of Lumberton, Jon and Andrea Aran of Beaumont, and Jace and Paige Aran of Mobile, Al; mother-in-law, Emma Franklin of Woodville; grandchildren, Kamille Aran, Wade Aran, and Drue Aran.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Homer A. McDaniel
Woodville- Homer A. McDaniel, 78, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Saturday, September 21, 2002, in a Beaumont hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 25, at 2 p.m. at Myers Colonial Funeral Home in DeQuincy, La. with Rev. Garfield Lamon officiating. Burial followed at Masonic Cemetery in DeQuincy, Louisiana.

Visitation was held Tuesday, September 24, from 12 noon until 10 p.m., at Myers Colonial Funeral Home and resuming Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. until time of service.

Mr. McDaniel was a native of Orange, and lived in the Woodville area for the past 20 years. He was a member of Woodville Grace Full Gospel Pentecostal Church. He retired from Bayer Chemical Company in 1983. Mr. McDaniel was also a Navy veteran of WWII.

Survivors include his wife, Margie McDaniel of Woodville; one son, Terry McDaniel of Woodville; one daughter, Darlene Begley of Tacoma, Washington; one brother, Buddy McDaniel of Woodville; four sisters, Hildred Russell of Houston, Pauline Lesser of Woodville, Joan McDaniel of Woodville; and Patsy Ruth Martin of Mauriceville; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mary Riley Hudson
Funeral services for Mary Riley Hudson, 93, of Woodville, Texas, were held at 3 p.m. September 30, 2002, at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Keith Bellamy officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Mrs. Hudson died September 27, 2002, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. She was born July 4, 1909 in Woodville to Buny and Carrie Gillespie Riley, she was a life long resident of Woodville. In 1951 she founded Woodville florist which is still family owned today.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Lee Hudson and grandson, Keith Read. She is survived by her son, Lewis Hudson and wife, Sandra of Lufkin; daughter, Mary Lee Read and husband, Allen of Woodville; grandchildren, Rocky Hudson, Kevin Hudson, Tammy Lewis, Jerry Read and Bill Read; and eleven great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James Riley, Pat A. Riley, Sr., Terry W. Riley, Howard Riley, Emery Lee Riley, and Duane Turner.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

William Edward Toney
Funeral services for Edward Toney, 73, of Chester, Texas, were held September 27, 2002, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Larry Trest officiating.

Burial followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Chester.

Mr. Toney died September 24, 2002, at his residence in Chester.

He was born December 28, 1928 in Doucette, to Albert and Gracie Gifford Toney, he lived in Orange for twenty years before moving to Chester. He was a retired foreman for Champion Plywood Plant.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Wylie Toney of Chester; daughters, Susan Landry of Orangefield and Elizabeth Toney of Lufkin; grandsons, Joshua Toney of Chester; brother AC Toney of Orange.

Pallbearers were Floyd Landry, Scott Frankens, Philip Frankens, Tim Frankens, Ray Frankens and Willie Thompson.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Lela Ashworth Hamm

Lela Ashworth Hamm, of Town Bluff, Texas, went to be with the Lord, October 5, 2002, at Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Texas with her family at her bedside. She was 90 years old.

Lela was the second child born to Andrew Jackson, Sr. and Lizzie Myrtle Ashworth of Loeb, Texas on July 16, 1912. She spent her early childhood in Silsbee, Texas and grew up in Beaumont. She began working for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1929 as an operator. During this time, she resumed her high school education and graduated from French High School in 1936. She married Urban Lee (Red) Hamm in March 1938 and they were parents of two sons. After several years, she returned to work and retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Liberty, Texas in 1969. She retired with her husband to their home in Town Bluff, where she resided for 33 years. She was a member of Victory Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Urban Lee Hamm; her parents Andrew Jackson, Sr. and Lizzie Myrtle Ashworth; three sisters, Ollie Mae Ashworth Gore, Marie Ashworth Coward and Donna Ashworth Burns; two brothers, A.J. Ashworth, Jr., and Weldon Ashworth.

She is survived by two sons, Urban Ray Hamm of Town Bluff, Lyn Hamm and wife Suzanne of Dickinson, Texas and special friend Jeffery Martinez of Town Bluff, Texas.

Visitation was held on Monday, October 7th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, October 8th at Victory Baptist Church in Town Bluff with Reverend Cecil Burns and Reverend Thomas Martin officiating. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Beaumont at 2:30 p.m.

Serving as pallbearers were friends and family members.

A special thanks is also extended to the many nurses and caregivers of the Jasper, Texas area that have worked so hard to aid the family during her illness.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Keith Anthony Flowers

Keith Anthony Flowers, 40, of Orange-field, Texas, died Monday, September 30, 2002 in Bridge City as a result of injuries received from an auto accident.

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 3rd at 2:00 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating was Reverend James Hardwick.

Serving as pallbearers were Chris Hearn, James Dorrell, George Dorrell, Jerry Gould, Ronnie Powell, Robert Bru, Mike Peobles, and Billy Lawrence.

Honorary pallbearers were Donald Bell and Talbot Cooley.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, October 2nd from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Keith was born December 23, 1961 to Nelson A. "Pete" & Mildred Belt Flowers in Orange, Texas. He was a former longtime resident of Bridge City and had lived in Orangefield for 16 years. He had worked as a carpenter with Quality Carpentry.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bronson & Mae Flowers and Irene & Thomas Belt all of Colmesneil. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Sue Flowers

Cheyanne Riley Pope

A graveside service for Cheyanne Riley Pope, 22 months old, was held Wednesday, October 2, 2002, at 1 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery with Brother Butcher officiating.

Cheyanne was born November 29, 2000 in Houston, Texas and passed away September 28, 2002 in Oklahoma City, OK.

She is survived by her mother, Amber Pope of Oklahoma; father, Gavin McMahon of Oklahoma;
grandparents, Debbie and Darryl Frewin of Sugarland; great grandparents, Dorris and Grady Brown of Kirbyville; sister, Breanna Pope of Oklahoma.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Caden Ann Ryan

Graveside services were held for Caden Ann Ryan, infant daughter of Donald and Erin Ryan of Sweeny Texas, on Friday, Sept. 27, 2002 at Beechcreek Cemetery, Spurger, Texas. She was laid to rest next to her great-great-grandparents, Jonas and Frankie English.

Caden is survived by her 4 yr. old sister, Mason Elaine Anderson, and her 2 yr. old brother, Dakota Lane Ryan. She is also survived by grandparents: Joe Sellers, Darrell Hightower, Regina & Johnny Hopkins, Brenda & Orphus Kenney, Rick & Melody Bullington, and Mark Ryan, as well as, numerous great-grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

The Ryan family would like to thank all their family, friends and co-workers for their condolences and support.

Ione Graves Bonham Blohm

After a long life of good health, sustaining faith, gentle humor, and cherishing love, Ione Graves Bonham Blohm, 92, went to be with her Lord on October 7, 2002.

Services will be at Riley Funeral Home, Woodville at 10 a.m. on October 10th with burial following in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery, near Woodville.

Visitation will be at Riley Funeral Home 5p.m. till 9p.m. Wednesday.

Ione Graves was born April 13, 1910 in DeSoto Parish, La., the last of 13 children of Robert and Josephine Scott Graves. She grew up in Gonzales County, TX, and was a telephone operator in Flatonia and Port Arthur before her marriage to Stanley Bonham in Port Arthur in 1937. The couple lived in Groves until 1975, when they moved to Woodville. After Stanley died in 1989, Ione married A.M. (Art) Blohm in 1992. Art died in 1999. Ione had lived at The Orchard, an assisted-living community in Woodville, from the time it opened in early 1999 until a few months before her death.

Ione and Stanley raised their two children in Groves and were active in First Baptist Church there. Ione taught 5-year-olds in Sunday School and in other church activities for over 30 years, eventually working with the children of her first pupils. In Woodville, she taught her adult Sunday School class for some years.

Besides her two husbands, Ione was pre-deceased by her six sisters and six brothers and their spouses.

She is survived by daughter Adrianne Bonham of Bryan; son and daughter-in-law Milledge and Omie Bonham of Georgetown (formerly of Port Neches); grandson Steven Bonham of Austin; granddaughter Nikki Bonham Frels and her husband Jason of Leander; and great-granddaughter Rachel Victoria Frels. Other survivors are stepdaughter Betty Ackerman and her husband Charles of Dallas and step-grandson Bryan Ackerman. Ione is also survived by five generations of nieces and nephews.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Bernice M. Ogden

Bernice M. Ogden, 79, of The Woodlands, Texas, went to be with the Lord on, Wednesday, October 9, 2002, at Regent Care Nursing Home in The Woodlands.

Graveside services were Friday, October 11 at 11 a.m. in the Colmesneil Cemetery in Colmesneil under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating was Reverend Earl Holman.

Visitation was held Thursday, October 10 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Bernice was born May 4, 1923 to John I. and Maude E. Poindexter Belt in Colmesneil. She was a former longtime resident of Colmesneil and lived in The Woodlands for the past four years. She had
worked as a bookkeeper/teller for 1st State Bank of Colmesneil. She was a member of the Colmesneil Order of Eastern Star and had been the church clerk at First Baptist Church of Colmesneil for many years.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, C. J. Ogden; son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Gloria Ogden; daughter, Becky Rushing all of The Woodlands; sisters, Velma Boyett of Cleveland and Loraine Fortenberry of Beaumont; grandchildren, Marnie and Paul Brown, Edith and Jimmy Stone, Carrie and Christopher Po, and Jeffrey and Didi Rushing; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson Foundation, 1501 Northwest 9th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Hazel Florence Hayes

Hazel Florence Hayes daughter of Alvin Jones and Betty Sue (Bradshaw) Bowman was born July 7, 1934 in Johnson City, Tn. and departed this life on October 10, 2002, in Summers, AR. at the age of 68 years, 3 months and 2 days.

She was a retired licensed nurse. She was also a homemaker who enjoyed the duties that followed her role as a wife, mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William "Bill" Hayes; 1 brother, Paul Eugene Jackson; and 1 grandson.

She is survived by 4 daughters, Rhonda McClure and husband Terry of Summers, AR. Bonita Grant and husband Bo of Porter, Billie Jo Robertson and husband Kirk of Nacogdoches, Angela Remey and husband Scott of Sulpher Springs; 1 son, Richard Beeman, Jr. of Houston; 2 stepdaughters, Linda Kay Weekly and husband T, and Joyce Bryson both of Winney; 17 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild; 3 brothers, Johnny Jackson, Arthur "Art" Jackson and Jay Fred Jackson. Many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends also survive her.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 12, at 11 a.m. in the Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Chapel with Rev. Jerry Mizell officiating. Interment was in the Rock Springs Cemetery under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home.

Macel Freeman

Funeral service for Macel Freeman of Colmesneil, Texas, was held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Ron Walling officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Freeman passed away October 10, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital.

A native and lifelong resident of Tyler County, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Order of Eastern Star in Colmesneil.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Freeman and a son, Jimmy Freeman.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth Freeman of Lumberton; daughter, Marilyn Simpson and husband, Ron of Carl Junction and eleven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were John A. Jenkins, Sr., Tom Ferguson, Tommy Rawls, Ron Simpson, Bud Bennett, and Don Freeman.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Robert Earl Dewvall

Funeral service for Robert Earl Dewvall, 68, of Ivanhoe, was held Saturday, October 12, at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home chapel with Brother Ken Derouen officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Dewvall passed away October 9, 2002, at his residence.

Born in Marquez, he lived in Channelview before moving to Woodville eight years ago. He
was a carpenter and a Korean Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Barnes Dewvall; children, Robert Wayne Dewvall, Aaron Robert Dewvall and Susan Coy and husband, Kenneth; brothers, Sidney Dewvall, James D. Dewvall and Norman Glen Dewvall; sister, Mary Alice Dill; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Rank Bridges, Earnest Bridges, James D. Dewvall, Clarence Bean, James Bridges, Jr., and Kenneth Coy. Serving as honorary pallbearer was Lynn Barrett. Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Gwendolyn Marie Bandsma

Graveside service for Gwendolyn Marie Bandsma, 80, of Woodville, Texas, was held Sunday, October 13, at 2 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery with Brother Jacob Conner officiating.

Mrs. Bandsma passed away October 10, 2002, at Lufkin Memorial Hospital.

Born in Center, she lived in Woodville for many years. She was an executive secretary for Gulf States Utilities Company.

She is survived by her sons, Joe Bandsma of Canyon Lake and Spencer Bandsma of Sour Lake; sister, Juanita Spoonemore and Audrey Busceme both of Beaumont; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jim Mann Keifer

A graveside service for Jim Mann Keifer, 55, of Dayton, Texas, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m. at Hickory Grove Cemetery near Colmesneil, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.


Born in Colmesneil, he lived in Dayton where he was a heavy equipment mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Keifer of Dayton; children, Jim Keifer, Jr., of Livingston, Tina Lynn Martin of Conroe, Richard Damien Keifer of Etoile, Lydia Angel Keifer of Anahuac, and Christopher Adam Keifer of Anahuac; step sons, Herman Paul Riehl of Dayton, Rocky Sheffield of Jasper, and James David Sheffield Etoile; sister, Inez Howell of Corrigan.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lou Eddie Legg

Lou Eddie Legg, 86, of Woodville, Texas, died Wednesday, October 16, 2002, at The Orchard in Woodville.

Graveside services were Saturday, October 19 at 11 a.m. in the Trout Creek Cemetery near Kirbyville. Officiating at the service was Johnny Page.

Visitation was held on Friday, October 18 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lou was born September 16, 1916 to W. T. and Martha Caroline Martin Moffett in Stonewall, Mississippi. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sheryl Ann Rhame; grandson, Kevin McCreary and great-granddaughter, Bridgett McCreary.

She is survived by her sister, Hortense Thompson of Groves; grandson, Timothy McCreary of Pt. Arthur; great-granddaughter, Ashley McCreary of Pt. Neches; nieces, Linda Norris of Winnie, Dianne Mayer of Groves, nephews, James Thompson and Ricky Thompson all of Groves; and several great nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Robert Bendy

Robert "Bob" Bendy, 60, of Flint, Texas, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2002, in Nacogdoches.

Graveside services were held Friday, Oct. 18
at 10 a.m. in the Colmesneil Cemetery in
Colmesneil, with Rev. Elzie Johnson officiating. A
memorial service followed at 3 p.m. in the Grace
Community Church in Tyler, with Rev. Scott Wilson
and Rev. Sam Fisher officiating.

Bob was born Nov. 17, 1941 to Robert and
Orlean Fortenberry Bendy in Colmesneil. He
received his B. S. Degree from Stephen F. Austin
in Nacogdoches. He was a former longtime
resident of Dallas and had lived in Flint for the past
seven years. He was a self-employed building
contractor.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Bendy of
Flint; daughter and son-in-law, Melanie and James
Lewis of Paris; one granddaughter, one grandson
and one great-granddaughter.

Services were under the direction of Stringer &
Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Gralin Dumesnil, Sr.**

Gralin "Grady" Dumesnil, Sr., 46, of
Woodville,Texas, died Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002, at
his residence.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 22 at
10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home
Chapel in Woodville with burial in Campground
Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the
services was Brother James Stephens.

Serving as pallbearers were Jackie Tucker,
Keith Foxworth, Dustin Foxworth, Lee Binnon,
Robert Griffin and Ricky Dumesnil, Jr.

Honorary pall bearers were Herbert Morrell,
Jimmy MacGinnis, John Mettlen, Ronnie Milam,
William Duvall, Matthew Davidson and Keith
Hayes.

Visitation was held on Monday, Oct. 21 from
5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Grady was born July 20, 1956 to Felix J. Jr.
and Mildred Marie Hebert Dumesnil in Port Arthur,
Texas. He was a longtime resident of Woodville
and was an owner/operator for Fleetwood Trucking
Company. He was a former employee of Milam Dirt
Work in Woodville.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Dumesnil of
Woodville; parents, Felix and Mildred Dumesnil of
Doucette; son and daughter-in-law, Gralin John
and Amanda Dumesnil of Alvin; step daughters,
Kristina Crowson of Virginia Beach, Va. and Tonya
Holmes of Vidor; brothers, Dewayne Dumesnil of
Orange and Ricky Dumesnil, Sr. of Doucette; and
sister and brother-in-law, Rita and Keith Foxworth
of Mauriceville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer &
Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Jack Allen Gregory**

Jack Allen Gregory, 70, of Fred, Texas, died Oct.
18, 2002, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in
Beaumont.

Services were held Monday, Oct. 21 at 2 p.m.
at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Fred.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at 5 p.m.
at Farmers Funeral Home in Silsbee. Burial was at
Franks Branch Cemetery in Fred.

A native of Nederland, he lived in Fred since
1949.

After an honorable discharge from the U. S. Air
Force, Mr. Gregory was retire from Temple Inland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, R.
Bruce and Elizabeth Hall Gregory; three brothers,
Samuel Eugene at infancy, R. B. Gregory, Jr. and
J. E. Hall Gregory; one infant granddaughter,
Bethany Jean Gregory; two infant great-grandsons,
Christian and Alexander Gregory.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Bobbie
Jean Gregory of Fred; two sons, Robert Bruce
Gregory and wife, Tammy of Crossett, Arkansas,
Michael E. Gregory and wife, Donece of Fred; two
daughters, Phyllis E. McMinn and husband, Phillip
of Snellville, Georgia, Tammy R. Heriard and
husband, Randy of Warren; 11 grandchildren,
David Keith Gregory and wife, Chrystal of Marble
Falls, Kimberly Charlotte Gregory of Newton, Phillip
Mark McMinn, Micah Stephens McMinn, Matthew
David McMinn and Mary Anne Grace McMinn of
Snellville, Ga., Helena Elizabeth Jordan and Brent
Allen Heriard of Warren, Elizabeth Tyler Gregory of
Fred, Brittany Kendall Gregory and Rachel Bergan
Gregory of Crossett, Ar.; one great- grandchild,
Christian Alexander Gregory of Marble Falls; two
Ray Hubert

Funeral service for Ray Hubert, 88, of the Midway Community, Polk County, Texas, was held Tuesday, October 22, at 2 p.m. at Midway Community Church with Rev. Don Goodwin officiating. Burial will follow at Hubert Cemetery with full military honors.

Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Hubert passed away October 19, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born in Livingston, to Jim and Annie Crawford Hubert, he lived in Polk County all of his life. He was a pipefitter for Local #211, a World War II Army Veteran and a member of Midway Community Church.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl Ardoin Hubert; sons, Charles Ray Hubert of Pasadena, Lenard Wayne Hubert of Midway and Edward Glenn Hubert of Livingston; grandchildren, Steven Hubert and Debrah Hubert Ligon; great-grandchildren, Shara, Cody, Bretney and Brock.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Irene Gladys Chambless

Irene Gladys Chambless, of Woodville, Texas, passed peacefully from this world on Friday, October 18, 2002, in the Woodville Convalescent Center.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, October 23, at 2 p.m. at New Shiloh Baptist Church with burial to follow at Camp Ground Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Born July 17, 1910 in Amosa, she lived in Woodville since she was a young child.

Irene was preceded from this life by her husband, Charlie Chambless; daughters, Dorothy Ware Richcreek and Ann Ware Carugh.

She is survived by her son, Carlton Ware; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Irene believed that “Flowers are for the living”. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be
Wesley Paul Poindexter

Wesley Paul Poindexter, 70, of Houston, Texas, passed away Tuesday, October 15, 2002, in Houston.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 19 at 2 p.m. from the chapel of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with interment following in Colmesneil City Cemetery. Officiating at the services was Dr. Elvin Gibson and Brother Jerry Gibson.

Visitation was held Friday, October 18 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born January 17, 1932 to L. C. and Jewel Shepherd Poindexter in Doucette. He was a longtime resident of Houston and a member of the Temple Oaks Baptist Church in Houston. He was a 1949 graduate of Kirby High School in Woodville and a graduate of the University of Houston. He was retired from Southern Pacific Railroad and also an Army Veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Johelen Ratcliff Poindexter of Houston; son, Alan Poindexter of Houston; Andrea Poindexter of Houston; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Tim Hubbard of Rasharen; grandchildren, Remington and Parker Hubbard and a grandaughter, Lauren Poindexter; sisters and brothers-in-law, Bonnie and Robert Nettles of Gloster, MS., Eva Jo and Jim Davis of Missouri City, and Linda and Jimmie Jenkins of Sugarland; brothers, Charles Poindexter and wife Shirley of Diboll; Wilbern Poindexter of Dallas, William Poindexter and wife Janie of Greenville, SC., Ron Poindexter and wife Karen of Hillister, Jerry and Donnie Poindexter both of Woodville; numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Gregory, Joe Frank Hignett, John Sturrock, James Neal, Maxie Glenn Young and Roger Shepherd.

Honorary pallbearers were Layne Tand, Curtis Blankenship, Dick Wilson, Ken Kolb, Lon Willis Sturrock and Bobby Mann.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Virgil E. Peevy

Funeral service for Virgil E. Peevy, 81, of Woodville, Texas, will be held Wednesday, October 23, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Dwayne Freese and Dr. Raymond Parker officiating. A military graveside service will follow at Zavalla City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Peevy passed away October 20, 2002, at his residence.

Born in Jonesboro, LA., he lived in Woodville for many years. He was retired from the Laboratory of Chevron Oil Corporation. He was a World War II Army veteran where he received the Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, The Purple Heart and The Victory Ribbon. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Odelle Peevy; daughter, Diane Zimmerman of Houston; son, Lamar K. Peevy of Huntsville; brothers, Fred Peevy of Pineville, LA. and Verlyn Lamar Peevy of Woodville; step son, Robert George of Seattle, WA; step daughter, Lee Cone of Woodville; fifteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jason Velasquez, David Mahaffey, John Mahaffey, Woody Cone, Mike Peevy, Dennis Peevy. Honorary pallbearer will be Kenneth Peevy.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Grady Fredregill

Grady Fredregill, 61, of Woodville, Texas, died Wednesday, October 23, 2002, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were held Friday, October 25 at 3 p.m. in the Camp Ruby Cemetery in Dallardsville under the direction of Stringer & Griffin
Funeral Home of Woodville.

Visitation was held on Friday, October 25 from 11 until 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born November 3, 1940 to Bernice and Mildred Fredregill in Pollock. He was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a truck driver for Tyler County Precinct 1.

He was preceded in death by his step-son, Ray Shown and step-granddaughter, Tina Shown.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Maugre Fredregill of Woodville; step-son, Waymon Treadway and wife, Debbie; step-daughters, Elaine Owens and husband, Clint of Woodville, Darlene Baxter of Corrigan and Shelia Mahan of Woodville; nine step-grandchildren, Steven Shown, David Shown, Richard Shown, Missy Tolbert, Monica Treadway, Benny Owens, Edwin Fann, Crystal Abshire and Chad Abshire; and four step-great grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Willie Mae Mahan**

Willie Mae Mahan, 100, of Woodville, Texas, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, October 27, 2002 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 30th at 11:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating at the services are Dr. Raymond A. Parker, Dr. Dwayne Freese, and Dr. Ben Welmaker.

Serving as pallbearers are Malcolm Collier, Jim Gainey, Evan Lane, Barret Lane, Jay Bailey, Danny Mahan, Toney Mahan and Doyle Mahan.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 29th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Mahan was born January 26, 1902 to Edin Rivers & Nannie Etta Payne Fulton in Calvert, Texas. She was a former longtime Livingston resident and had lived in Woodville for the past 35 years. Although she was a retired teacher from the Livingston ISD with 27 years she had over 20 years as a continuous substitute teacher in the Woodville ISD. She was also a devoted Sunday school teacher since the age of 14 and was a faithful member of both Central Baptist Church of Livingston and First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Drayton Mahan on August 30, 1989; son, Burt Mahan and her grandson, Mike Mahan. She is survived by her son & daughter-in-law, Emory & Ferne Mahan of Livingston and Eton Mahan of Corrigan; daughter & son-in-law, Anne & Dr. Curtis Garner of Woodville; ten grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Woodville Sanctuary Renovation Fund, 205 W. Wheat, Woodville, Texas 75979 or Central Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 540, Livingston, Texas 77351.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Lee Phillips**

Lee "Fudge" Phillips, 84, of Jasper, Texas, passed away October 28, 2002 at his residence.

A native of Polk County, he was a lifelong resident of Jasper and a member of the First Assembly of God in Jasper.

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper with burial to follow at Smith Cemetery in Beech Grove.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 29, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Forest Oaks.

Survivors include his brothers, Loyd Phillips of Jasper and Lee Travis Phillips of Edna, Tx.; sister, Thelma Joyce Harrell of Newton, along with 10 nieces & nephews, 20 great-nieces & nephews, and 6 great-great nieces & nephews.

Services are under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home of Jasper.

**Lillian Pauline Fitzgerald**

Funeral service for Lillian Pauline Fitzgerald, 83, of Woodville, Texas, will be held Wednesday,
October 30, at 11 a.m. at Fairview Baptist Church in Town Bluff with Brother Doyle Butcher and Brother John Spanhanks officiating. Burial will follow at Pedigo Cemetery in Town Bluff.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fitzgerald passed away October 27, 2002 at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born in Pedigo, Texas to Thomas and Carrie Williford Lumpkin, she lived in Port Arthur 22 years before moving to Woodville 45 years ago. She was a homemaker, a member of Fairview Baptist Church and a member of the Historical Heritage Society.

She is survived by her son, Jerry W. Fitzgerald and wife, Carol of Nederland; daughter, Janell Reeves and husband, Gayle of Town Bluff; Brother, T.R. Lumpkin, Jr. of Silsbee; sisters, Joy Allen of Groves and Faye Addcox of Port Arthur; six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Brian Fitzgerald, Brian Swindel, Kent Brown, Kim Brown, Rob Starr, and Charles Gray.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Alice Foxworth Graham Kirchhoff


Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services was Reverend R. C. Tillery, Jr.

Serving as pallbearers were Trey Boe, Teddy Couch, Jr., Chris Galloway, Terry Graham, James Graham, and Michael Graham. Honorary pallbearer was Earl L. Kirchhoff.

Visitation was held on Friday, Nov. 1, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Alice was born April 22, 1915 to Oscar and Addie Cochran Foxworth in Woodville. She was a former longtime resident of Hillister and had lived in Silsbee for the past four and a half years. She had served as an officer in the Order of Eastern Star and was a longtime member of First Assembly of God Church in Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband of over 60 years, James Freddie Graham on April 7, 1992.


Services were under the direction of Stringer and Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ben C. Jackson

Ben C. Jackson, 73, of Woodville, Texas, passed away, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002, at his residence.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Nov. 1 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services were Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Tindel, L. C. O'Connor, Jim Hamilton, C. S. O'Neal, Clarence Jones, Jamie Pike, and Joe Dimare.

Visitation was held on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ben was born August 27, 1929 to Benjamin Cutlar Sr. and Jewel Ardrena Powell Jackson in Denton. He was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a retired sales engineer with Glitch, Inc. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville, Sons of confederacy and a WWII U. S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Evalou Jackson of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law,
Benny and Andrea Jackson of Woodville; sister, Sarah J. Loving of Woodville; grandchildren, John K. and Helen Rogers, Michael Gryder, Benny Jackson, IV, and Justice Kayleigh Jackson.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Library, 205 W. Wheat, Woodville, Texas 75979.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Betty F. Pelt

Funeral service for Betty F. Pelt, 70, of Kalispell, Mt., was held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Kenneth Cauthen officiating. Burial followed at Village Mills Cemetery. Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.


Born in Vidor, to the late Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Castilaw, she lived in Beaumont and Warren most of her life before moving to Montana seven years ago. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Warren.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Alton Pelt of Kalispell, MT.; son, Gary Steve Pelt and wife, Phyllis of Beaumont; daughter, Deborah Epperson and husband, Nathan of Kalispell, MT.; brothers, Harry Castilaw and John Castilaw both of Warren; granddaughter, Tara Epperson of Kalispell, MT.; grandson, Garrett Epperson of Kalispell, MT.

Serving as pallbearers were Kenny Pelt, Jerry Castilaw, Clifford Castilaw, John Marion Castilaw, Joseph Foxworth and Joshua Knighten. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Garrett Epperson and Cody Knighten.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jane B. May

Jane B. May, 83, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002, at Woodville Convalescent Center.

Funeral services were Monday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with a 2:30 p.m. graveside service in Center Hill Cemetery in Lovelady. Officiating at the services were Rev. Randy Chatlin and Rev. Rick Stiefer.

Serving as pallbearers were Bob Boyd, Elmer
May, Gary Jackson, Darren Boyd, Matt Boyd, Preston Tucker, and Jack Beatty.

Visitation was held on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 3 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Jane was born Oct. 14, 1919 to Robert Beatty and Nina Hughes in DeCatur, Illinois. She was a former resident of Lancaster, California and had lived in Woodville for the past twenty-two years. She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God Church in Woodville. She loved to toll paint, weave rugs, collect antiques, travel, and work in her garden.

She was a loving, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and is survived by her husband of 32 years, Joseph D. May of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Janice Boyd of Grass Valley, CA; daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and Gary Jackson of Gruita, CO; step-son, Elmer May of Woodville; step-daughter and spouse, Georgia Adineh of Palmdale, CA, and Shirley and Steve Racicot of Woodville; brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Ruth Beatty of Entiat, WA; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

**Reba Mae Allison**

Funeral services for Reba Mae Allison, 82, of Jasper, Texas, were held Monday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. at the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Chapel on Hwy. 96 North in Jasper. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Visitation was 3 - 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Allison died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at Lufkin Memorial Health Systems in Lufkin.

A native of White City, and former resident of Houston, she had lived in Jasper for the past 23 years. She was a retired Dietician with Broadway Baptist Pre-School in Houston.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda Sue Allison of Jasper; sisters, Verna Owens and Mildred Davis both of Colmesneil.

She was predeceased by her husband of 58 years William Guy Allison in 1997.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

**Jane Heyman Knapp**


She is survived by her son, Thomas Knapp of Woodville and Taos, New Mexico; two daughters, Carol Hageman of Cedar Hill, and Bonny McCray of Holly Lake Ranch; four grandsons, James Knapp of Woodville, Chris Knapp of Austin, Bob Knapp of Hurst, and Loren McCray of Hazen, North Dakota; and one great granddaughter. She is also survived by two sisters and two brothers.

Services were held on November 2 in Sylvania, Ohio, with interment at Memorial Park, Toledo, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, P. O. Box 546, Woodville, 75979.

**John H. Watson**

Funeral service for John H. Watson, 81, was held Saturday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Clark A. Mahoney officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Watson passed away Nov. 5, 2002, at his residence in Ivanhoe.

Born in Mansfield, he lived in Henderson for close to fifty years before moving to Woodville four years ago. He was an auto mechanic and a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his son, Johnny R. Watson of Woodville and Sammy W. Watson of Yuma, AZ; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers were Dale Wilrycx, Clay Rogers, Glen McDaniel, Robert Jamerson, Ray Watson and Robert Nielssen.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Clayton Lindley Elliott

Clayton Lindley Elliott, 36, passed away in Andrews, Texas, on Nov. 5, 2002. He was born on Dec. 22, 1965 in Nederland. He was a 1984 graduate of Lakeview High School in San Angelo. He was employed with Coastal Transport in Artesia, New Mexico as lead mechanic for the past three years.

Services for Mr. Elliott was held Saturday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m. at New Shiloh Baptist Church near Woodville with burial following at Camp Ground Cemetery. Officiating at the services were Rev. Luis Tubbs, Rev. Ken Lewelling and Rev. Teddy Mack Minyard.

Pallbearers were Chris Hill, Cody Evans, Dennis Bullard, Michael Armstrong, Kenneth Davis, Jason Hensarling, Jason Mahaffey and Lee Anthony. Honorary pallbearers were Boots Wysong and Aaron Byrant.

Mr. Elliott is survived by his three children, Cory Elliott and Courtney Elliott of Coleman, and Jordan Hernandez Elliott of Brady; mother, Janice Tucker Elliott of Colmesneil; two sisters, Donja Hill of Colmesneil and Kati Evans and husband, Paul of Woodville; two half sisters, Anita Armstrong and husband Robert of Stephenville and Laurie Hamby of Stephenville; eight nephews, four nieces, two great nieces, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Mr. Elliott is preceded in death by his father Don Elliott, Sr; brother, Don Elliott, Jr.; grandparents, Short and Louise Tucker of Woodville; grandparents, Abner and Vada Elliott of Menard, two uncles and one aunt.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

John Norman Ard

Funeral services for John Norman Ard, 66 of Woodville, Texas, was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee with interment at Hester Cemetery in Pineville.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mr. Ard died November 3, 2002, at his home in Woodville.

A native of Fred he had lived in Woodville for the last 7 years and was a lineman out of IBEW Local 390.

Survivors include wife Sarah Dean Ard of Woodville; sons, Rocky Ard of Spurger, Marty Ard of Silsbee and James Ard of Tarkington Prairie; daughters, Tammy Laurent of Fred, Kay Walters of Tarkington Prairie and Tracy Litton of Woodville; brothers, Manuel Ard of Fred and Grant Ard of Silsbee; thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Courtesy of R. S. Farmer Funeral Home, Inc. of Silsbee.

John Darmon Cowart

A graveside military service for John Darmon "J. D." Cowart, 67, was held Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m. at Ferrell Cemetery with Rev. Gina Harrison officiating.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. Cowart passed away Nov. 17, 2002, at the V. A. Hospital in Houston.

Born in Fred, to Willie and Eva Ratcliff Cowart, he lived in Tyler County most of his life. He was a boilermaker for Texaco Chemical with 26 years of service. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Sonja Cowart of Colmesneil, Texas; brothers, Lester Cowart of Silsbee, Raymond Cowart of Livingston and Robert Cowart of Colmesneil; sisters, Willie Mae Dryden of Hardin and Maxine McKim of Paris; and numerous loved ones and friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Frances Jane Webster Oliver

Funeral service for Frances Jane Webster Oliver, 60, of Woodville, Texas, will be held Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Bill Swearingen officiating. Burial will follow at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Oliver passed away Nov. 18, 2002.

Born in Rome, New York to Francis Charles and Olive May Joslyn Armstrong, she lived in Woodville for twenty-two years. She was a retired cook for the Tyler County Justice Center after eleven years of service.

She is survived by her daughters, Virginia Ponder and husband, David of Spurger and Jennifer Tullos and husband, Patrick of Woodville; sons, Winton D. Webster, Jr. and wife, Kelly of Beaumont and Jim Webster and wife, Diane of Spurger; grandchildren, Matthew Webster of Kingsville, John Ponder, Jr., Samantha Ponder, James Ponder, David Ponder and Melissa Ponder all of Spurger, April Tullos of Lufkin, Summer Tullos and Autumn Tullos both of Woodville, Chelsea Webster and Katelyn Webster both of Spurger; two great grandsons and one great granddaughter; Brothers, John Congdon of Vienna, NY., Jim Armstrong of Lee, NY., Ben Armstrong of Vienna of Vienna, NY. and Tom Armstrong of Woodville; sisters, Bonnie Fox, Avenna Evans and Bessie Oneal all of Vienna, NY.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Elizabeth Mary Weatherby Powers

Elizabeth Powers, 86, was called home by our heavenly Father to rest within His loving arms on Nov. 15.

Elizabeth was born on March 2, 1916 in Buchanan, Georgia to Leondes Shils Weatherby and Candy Lizzie Brannon Weatherby.

She was one of 10 children. On Dec. 24, 1940, she married Garrett Lane Powers (Ace) who preceded her in death on Oct. 1987. Elizabeth and Garrett were blessed with 2 sons, Melvin Lane Powers and Garrett Carl Powers. She was further blessed later in life by the arrival of her 2 granddaughters, Debra Powers Meyers, and husband, Rob of Houston and Kristine Powers Maasberg and husband, Wolf of Dallas.

She was a devoted member of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints and she carried that devotion thru out her life. She will be missed by those who loved her and knew her, but she left behind in all of us the belief that when we are called home, she and Ace will be there to welcome us.

A graveside service was held at the Powers Ranch off of Hwy. 69 on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at noon. A funeral was held in Austin on Monday, Nov. 18.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Earl C. Wheeland, Sr.

Earl C. Wheeland, Sr., 84, of Warren, Texas, passed away Wednesday, November 20, 2002, at his residence.

Graveside services were held Saturday, November 23 at 10 a.m. in the New Hope Cemetery near Warren under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating was President Charles Miller, pastor of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Woodville.

Mr. Wheeland was born March 5, 1918 to William Walter and Margaret Malone Rice Wheeland in Liberty. He was a longtime resident of Tyler County and was a retired master carpenter. He enjoyed designing and building machines and tools. He loved his church, family and country and was a WWII U.S. Air Force veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Evon Wheeland of Warren; son, Earl C. Wheeland, II and wife Linda of Warren; step-sons, Tal Robinson, Jr. of Town Bluff, John Robinson and wife Debbie of Lumberton, and Steven Robinson and wife Karen of Silsbee; step daughters, Mickey Hight of Silsbee, Pam Odom of Silsbee, and Denise Durr
and husband Tim of Woodville; half sister, Jean Haralson of Warren; four grandchildren, fifteen step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and seventeen step-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Fabian David Savoie**

Fabian David Savoie, 91, of Ivanhoe, Texas, died Wednesday, November 20, 2002, at Calder Woods Retirement Center in Beaumont.

A Rosary service was held Thursday, November 21 at 6 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. A mass of Christian burial was conducted by Father Egidio Vecchio on Friday, November 22 at 10 a.m. in the Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville with a 2 p.m. graveside service at Forest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Beaumont.

Serving as pallbearers were Eric Johnson, Lynn Hooks, Mark Gaiennie, Carl Muller, Jean Greaux, and Leroy Evans.

Mr. Savoie was born August 23, 1911 to Joseph and Ida Guidry Savoie in Eunice, La. He was a longtime resident of Ivanhoe and had lived in Calder Woods Retirement Center for the past year. He was a retired electrician with Bethlehem Steel in Beaumont and a member of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church of Woodville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice Savoie on September 10, 1996. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Lolette and Larry Gaiennie of Beaumont; brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Vera Dell Savoie of Livingston; sisters and brother-in-law, Irene Fuller of LaPorte and Lucille and Ted Schrotke of Livingston; grandchildren, Mark Gaiennie and Lisa Boutte; great grandchildren, Tara Gaiennie, Mark Gaiennie, Shelby Boutte, and Chad Boutte; and two special friends, Eric Johnson and Lynn Hooks both of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Louise O. Miller**

Louise O. Miller, 83, a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away Sunday, November 17, 2002, in Houston, Texas. She was born on June 23, 1919, in Woodville.

Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by her husbands, Lester Miller, and Ray Sinnwell.

She is survived by her son, John Miller and his wife, Maria; sister, Danielyne Rhodes; grandchildren, Lisa Ashby and her husband, Michael, Matthew Miller, Catie Miller, and Jennifer Zapata; and many sisters-in-law; nephews; and nieces.

The family received friends from 5 - 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, in the Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, in the Forest Lawndale Family Chapel. Interment followed at 3 p.m. in the Campground Cemetery near Woodville.

**Grant O. Webley**

Funeral service for Grant O. Webley, 69, of Woodville, Texas, was held Thursday, November 21, at Riplinger Funeral Home in Spokane, Wa. Burial was held at Noxon Cemetery in Noxon, Montana.

Mr. Webley passed away November 15, 2002, at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home.

Born in Almira, Washington to Carl and Agnes Perkins Webley, he worked for Boeing in Aircraft Manufacturing.

He is survived by his wife, Myrdee Webley of Woodville; daughters, Laura Rhodes of Warren and Vicki Maxon of Oregon; sons, Grant D. Webley and David Webley both of Wasilla, Alaska; brothers, Cleve Webley of Montana, Steve Webley and Danny Webley both of Oklahoma; sister, Ramona Conden of Washington; twelve grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Yvette Rochell Harris Mayfield

Yvette Rochell (Harris) Mayfield, 26, of Woodville, Texas died Monday November 25, 2002 at East Texas Medical Center in Jacksonville, Tx. Funeral services will be Saturday, at 11 a.m at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville, Texas. Dr. R.L. Session, officiating. Rev. C.O. Hadnot, Pastor. Under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Visitation will be on Friday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Survivors include her husband, Kevin Mayfield; parents, Rev. Calvin Harris and Ceaola Harris, of Jacksonville; sisters, Ceatta L. Wills of Woodville, Shondra Harris, of Crockett; brother, Adrian Harris, of Woodville.

Douglas Lamar Williams

Funeral services for Douglas Lamar "Slim" Williams, 75, of Colmesneil, Texas, was held Saturday, November 23, at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Don Falk and Brother John Spanhanks officiating. Burial followed at Hester Cemetery near Warren.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Williams passed away November 21, 2002, at Dubuis St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born in Louisiana to Monroe Anderson and Peral Langham Williams, he lived in Beaumont before moving to Spurger. He was a self-employed carpenter and a WWII Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Haralson Williams of Spurger; son, James Keith Williams of Beaumont; daughters, Cindy Stevens of Port Arthur, Carol McKee of McDada and Linda Gail Allen of Honey Island; step-sons, Joe W. Haralson of Texas City, Jerry Haralson of Spurger and James Haralson of Hempstead; brother, Richard Williams of Livingston; sisters, Etoyle Jones of Karnack and Billie Sue Slagl of Arizona; fifteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Jesse Haralson, Jason Haralson, Gerald McKee, Jack Haralson, Fred Guinn and Lee Whitmore.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Julia Francis

Julia Francis, 54, of Jasper, Texas, passed away November 29, 2002 at Dickerson Memorial Hospital.

A native of Pt. Arthur, TX, she had lived in Jasper for 27 years, and was an avid reader and seamstress. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 30, 2002 at 4:00 P.M. Graveside, at Ebenezer Cemetery near Jasper.

Survivors include her husband of 34 years, Mike Francis of Jasper; Her Parents, Henry and Dot Southerland of Jasper; 1 Daughter, Kelly Ward of Houston; 1 Son, Jeremy Francis of Jasper; 1 Sister, Deborah Kautz of New Ulm, TX; along with 4 Granddaughters.

In Lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be directed toward the Julia Francis Memorial Fund, 601 W. Gibson St. Jasper, TX 75951.

James Arthur Smith, Jr.

Funeral Service for James Arthur "Jim" Smith, Jr., 77, was held Saturday, November 30, 2002, at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Keith Street officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Smith passed away November 26, 2002 in Austin, Texas.

Born in Port Arthur, Texas, he lived in Grove’s for over forty years. He served as Jefferson County Commissioner of Precinct #2 for over 20 years. In 1991 he retired and moved to Woodville. He was a World War II Army Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Cynthia Davis.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Smith of Woodville; daughter, Jimmie Sue Mitchell and husband, Tom of Round Rock; son, James A. Smith, III and wife Cynthia of West Palm Beach
Arnold Groover, Jr.

Arnold "Oakie" Groover, Jr., 59, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Thursday, November 28, 2002.

Graveside services were held Monday, December 2, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in the Davis Cemetery on Hwy 255, north of Colmesneil under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating was Reverend Anthony Williams and Brother Jimmy Williams.

A native of Mississippi, he lived most of his life in Kirbyville, Texas before settling in Colmesneil for the last six years. He was a retired oil field consultant and auto-mechanic. He also served in the Air Force. He enjoyed doing woodcraft before his illness and had many people who asked for and respected his opinion. Lastly, he appreciated race cars, his children and grandchildren and enjoyed his life.

Survivors include his wife of 22 years, Brenda Groover of Colmesneil; sons, Larry McNaughten and Kennith Howard both of Colmesneil; daughters, Cynthia McNaughten of Colmesneil, Lori Williams of Singer, La. and Christina McAlister of Terrell, Tx.; a sister, Ruth Ann Catalini of Pennsylvania, and seven grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Edith Lavelle Gray

Edith Lavelle Gray, 71, of Doucette, Texas, passed away December 6, 2002, in Lufkin.

Funeral services were Sunday, December 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in the Tom Havard Cemetery in Zavalla. Officiating was Brother Jerry Young.

Serving as pallbearers were, Jimmy Davis, Troy Weaver, Richard Shaw, Hulon Miller, Waylon Boyles and Royce Boykin.

Edith was born June 14, 1931 to Samuel and Lessie Taylor Boykin in Angelina County and had lived in Doucette for the past 24 years.

She is survived by her mother, Lessie Boykin of Lufkin; son and daughter-in-law, Fletcher W. "Bo" and Heather Gray of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda Kay Smith and Lloyd Cox of Zavalla; Charlotte and Ken Boyles of Zavalla; and Deirdre Lynn and Jack Stanley of Wylie; brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth Royce and Lizzie Boykin of Zavalla; grandchildren, Angela Hlavaty, Amye Greer, Nicole Boyles, Nigel Boyles, Waylon Boyles, Jaclyn Stanley, Sara Stanley, John Stanley, Shane Gray, Dalton Gray, and Cade Gray; great grandchildren, Katelyn Hlavaty, Makenzie Hlavaty, Christopher Greer, Anna Greer, Brodie Greer, and Kevin Boyles; and two nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

Rochelle Dinsmore Butts

When the Lord asked one of His Own to come be with Him, Rochelle Dinsmore Butts reached out and touched Him... it was Tuesday morning, December 3, 2002.

Her husband of 25 years, Larry and son, Nicholas, praised God for changing her year-long illness into a Promised Life in Heaven, being with her eldest son, David, again.

A 'Celebration of Life' Memorial Service will be held at their home church, The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 4411 Dallas Street, at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Family from Ohio, Florida, and Texas will gather with other loved ones to recall ministry, friendship, and giving of this Sister-in-Christ. We will truly celebrate in praise, music, memories, and Holy Scripture the joy of knowing Rochelle as a "friend" who touched and changed individual lives in so many ways.
In lieu of floral arrangements, the family has asked that support be given to the American Cancer Society.

Mercedes Borel

Funeral service for Mercedes Borel, 91, was held Saturday, December 7, 2002 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Don Mitchell officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery. Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Borel passed away December 4, in San Marcos, Texas.

Born September 15, 1911 in Bloomerberg, to William Boyd and Ada Williamson Eason, she lived in Woodville for many years before moving to San Marcos. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Twylla Norris and husband, Jim of San Marcos; sister, Wanda Geldard of Longview; grandchildren, Vickie Wood and husband, Ray of Austin, Cindy Norris of Austin, and Jimmy Norris and wife, Laurie of Sugarland; four great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Myrdee Amell Webley

Funeral service for Myrdee Amell Webley, 76, was held December 6, in Montana. Burial was held at Noxon Cemetery in Noxon, MT.

Mrs. Webley passed away December 2, 2002, at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

Born November 2, 1926 in Lake Arthur, N. M. to William A. and Lillian Morris Tucker, she lived in Montana before moving to Woodville a short time ago. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Vicki Maxson of Oregon and Laura Rhodes of Warren; sons, Grant Webley and David Webley both of Alaska; sister, Vera Ham of Alabama; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Sandra D. Mancil

Sandra D. Mancil, 52, of Jasper, Texas, died in an auto-pedestrian accident in Mauriceville, on Thursday, December 5, 2002. Cremation was handled by Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Sandra was born October 10, 1950 in Opelika, Alabama to James and Mary Gossett Mancil. She was a store clerk.

She is survived by her sister, Kathy Ann Mancil of Colmesneil.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Gertrude Okun Woodrome

Gertrude Okun Woodrome, 84, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Friday, December 13, 2002 at the Woodville Convalescent Center.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Hopewell Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating at the services were Brother Jerry Esmond and Brother Ray McKee.

Serving as pallbearers were Calvin Ray Wheat, Mathew Charles Wheat, Jack Allen Best, Mark Edward Hanks, Ronnie Kyle Woodrome, and Dwight Anthony Esmond.

Visitation was held on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 4- 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Gertrude was born October 30, 1918 to August and Clara Buck Okun in Washington, County. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and a member of Hopewell Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dave Woodrome and a son E. W. "Woody" Woodrome.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, C. D. "David" and Cindy Woodrome of Woodville and Preston and Myrlene Woodrome of Cleveland; two daughters and sons-in-law, Evelyn and John Ed Hanks of Woodville and Lela and Jerry Esmond of Texas.
City; three brothers, Henry Okun and Sidney Okun both of Lumberton and Jimmy Okun of Evadale; two sisters, Helen Southall of Petersburg, VA. and Jean Wheat of Lufkin.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Home of Woodville.

Eugenia Shepherd

Funeral service for Eugenia Shepherd, 78, of Beaumont, Texas, was held Tuesday, December 17, at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Danny Gilliam pastor of McDonald Memorial Baptist Church in Orange, officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.


Born November 1, 1924 in Orange, to D. T. and Goldie Mae Hanks Shepherd, she was raised in Doucette. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Doucette and a former associate member of Central Baptist Church in Kirbyville with Rev. Ogea and Voth Baptist Church with Rev. Plott.

She is survived by her brother, Dewitt Shepherd and wife, Beth of Orange; sisters, Elbie Welch of Orange and Jewel Poindexter of Doucette; numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were, Roger Shepherd, Charles Poindexter, Ronnie Poindexter, Donnie Poindexter, Jerry Poindexter and Charles Rawls.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James W. Fawvor

Beloved husband, father and grandfather, James W. "Bill" Fawvor, 72, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away Thursday, December 12, 2002, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Bill was born on June 7, 1930 in Port Arthur. He served in the Korean War. He was a former resident of Baytown and had worked for Gulf Chemical, he moved to Colmesneil in 1984.

Bill is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jeanne Fawvor; 2 daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Robert Lavalley and Ruth and Mike Lavalley all of Baytown; 1 son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Carla Fawvor of Spring; grandchildren, Craig and Chuck Medema, Steven Medema and wife, Amanda all of Baytown, Jennifer Fawvor of Spring, James Fawvor IV and wife, Abrah of Fairbanks, Alaska, Andrew and Ashley Fawvor of Spring, Elizabeth, Dorothy and Sarah Lavalley, all of Baytown; and great-grandson, Michael Alan Medema of Baytown.

The family received friends from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 at Earthman Funeral Home 3919 Garth Rd., Baytown.

A graveside service and interment was held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 at Earthman Memory Gardens 8624 Garth Rd., Baytown, with Reverend James Sample officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Earthman Funeral Directors, 3919 Garth Road, Baytown.

Local arrangements were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Marilyn Bullock

Marilyn Bullock, 57, of Garland, Texas, died Monday, December 16, 2002 at the Medical Center of Plano.

Graveside services were held Friday, December 20 at 11 a.m. in the Shady Grove Cemetery near Woodville under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Marilyn was born October 24, 1945 to Brady and Lorene Sols Fregia in Liberty. She worked in accounting for Microfab Technologies.

She is survived by her sons, Gary Trail of Batson and Jerry Trail of Highlands; daughter, Dennisa McManus of Richardson; and seven grandchildren

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Frank J. Sparkman

Frank J. Sparkman, 76, of Bryan, Texas passed away on Tuesday, December 17, 2002 at St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan.

Funeral services were Thursday, December 19 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Village Mills Cemetery. Officiating was Reverend Bob Fosburgh.

Serving as pallbearers were Mike Busselle, Doug McCulloch, Jarrell Sparkman, Ted Miller, Johnny Milburger, and Womack Olliver.

Mr. Sparkman was born March 4, 1926 to Walter Garrett and Ola Elmer Guthrie Sparkman in Desdemona.

He was a former resident of Warren and formerly of Houston and was a current resident of Bryan. He was a U. S. Navy WWII veteran, USLST Association #580 from WWII, Life Member of Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Member of Harris County Fair Association, Board Member of Brazos County Sr. Citizen Association, Member of First Baptist Church of Freer, Member of Government Wells Lodge #1275 of Freer, and Life Member of Brazos County V. F. W. Post #4692.

He is survived by his wife, Louise V. Sparkman of Bryan; brother, Glenn Sparkman of May; and an extended family consisting of children, grandchildren, aunt, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 105 N. Pecan, Woodville, Texas 75979 or Alzheimer's Association, 919 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1100, Chicago, IL. 60611-1676.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

John H. Harrison

John H. Harrison, 59, passed away on Dec. 20, 2002 at his residence in Mascoutah, IL.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. in the Moll Funeral home in Mascoutah, IL. USAF Military graveside service was held at 2 p.m. in the Mascoutah City Cemetery with Pastor Duane Smith officiating.

Mr. Harrison was born July 20, 1943 in Ponca City, Ok. to Edward and Evelyn Elam Harrison.

He was a retired Major from USAF. Past Commander and bar manager at the Mascoutah American Legion Home. He was a very active member of the Mascoutah American Legion Post 292 and the AMVETS. He was always helping in numerous ways other Veteran organizations in the area. He was a Viet Nam Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Geneda "Jan" Morris Harrison of Mascoutah, IL.; one son, John H. Harrison, Jr. of Colorado Springs, CO.; one daughter Kristie (Michael) Landley of Mahomet, IL.; one stepson, Billy Joe (Andrea) Blackmer of Mascoutah, IL.; two stepdaughters, Debra Ann Spear of Mascoutah, IL.; and Donna (Kent) Winter of Mascoutah, IL.; three brothers, Eddy (Jo) Harrison, Jim Harrison, and Robert Harrison; four sisters, Sandra (Melvin) Wheeler, Nova Rae Michaux, Lois (Danny) Gilbert, and Mary (Marion) Poncho; eleven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Elizabeth Traylor.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church in Mascoutah, or the American Legion Post 292 of Mascoutah.

Jerry Dee Reider

Memorial services for Jerry Dee Reider, 47, of Woodville, Texas, will be held December 27, 2002, at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. Reider died Dec. 21 in Dam B from a drowning accident.

He was born March 6, 1955 in Woodville were he was a lifelong resident, he was a driller.

Survivors include his wife, Leslie Reider; brothers, Terry Reider of Sulfur, LA., Joe Reider of West Columbia and Gary Reider of New Mexico.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lottie Lucille McKee

Funeral services for Lucille McKee, 80, of Beaumont, Texas, were held Dec. 22, at 2 p.m. at
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Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Robert Cordrain officiating.
Burial followed at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil. Mrs. McKee died December 20, at Pine Arbor Nursing Home in Silsbee.
A native of Tyler County, she lived in Beaumont most of her life. She was a retired waitress.
She is survived by her two sons, T. J. McKee of Lumberton and James McKee of Burkburnett; sisters, Wanda Busey of Jasper, Bernice Callier of Buna, Johnnie Cowart of Woodville and Luvine Cowart of Orange; six grandchildren, Sixteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.
Pallbearers were her grandchildren.
Service under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

John Douglas Goings
Graveside services for John D. Goings, 39, of Cleveland, Texas, were held Dec. 23, 2002, at 11 a.m. at Justice Cemetery near Warren, with Brother R. C. Tillery officiating, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.
He was born Nov. 15, 1963 in Woodville, he lived most of his life in Warren before moving to Cleveland, he was outside machinist foreman for Triplex Marine.
He is survived by his wife Samantha Goings of Cleveland; two daughters, Rachel Goings and Bobbie Ann Goings both of Cleveland; father, Frank Douglas Goings of Warren; grandparents, Debs and Vera Ham of Alaska; sister, Laura Rhodes of Warren; two brothers, Grant Webley and David Webley both of Alaska.
Pallbearers were Bernard Brock, Jerry Collier, Bill Handley, John Wayne Davis, Luis Tubbs, Jerrel Whitworth and Robert Carl.
Honorary pallbearers were Franklin Handley, Butch Kraus, Jerry Grimes, and D. N. Whitehead.
Services entrusted to Corrigan Funeral Home, Inc.

Horace L. David
Funeral services for Horace L. David, 79 of Chester, Texas, were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002, in the First United Methodist Church of Corrigan with Pastor George Helton and Pastor Judy Anderson officiating. Interment followed in the Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester.
Mr. David was born August 31, 1923 in the Barnes Community of Polk County and passed away Tuesday, Dec. 24 in his home in Chester.
He was a member of the Bible Memorial Methodist Church in Moscow. He served in the U. S. Navy during WWII.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Josh and Laura David, brothers, Harold and A. M. David and sister, Selma David.
He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Kathryn David of Chester; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, K. C. and Betty Platt of Lufkin; sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Billie and Milton Turner of Nederland and Dolores Platt of Moscow; special friends, Franklin and Marilyn Handley, Butch and Doris Kraus, Jerry and Geneva Grimes.
Pallbearers were Bernard Brock, Jerry Collier, Bill Handley, John Wayne Davis, Luis Tubbs, Jerrel Whitworth and Robert Carl.
Honorary pallbearers were Franklin Handley, Butch Kraus, Jerry Grimes, and D. N. Whitehead.
Services entrusted to Corrigan Funeral Home, Inc.

Marshall Ray Windham, Jr.
Mr. Marshall Ray (Butch) Windham, Jr., of League City, Texas, died at his residence Friday, Dec. 27, 2002.
Butch was born October 7, 1956 in Woodville. At the age of two, the family moved to Hitchcock where he attended the First Baptist Church, played Little League Baseball and participated in Boy Scouting. He attended Hitchcock schools where he played football and baseball. He graduated in 1975 and attended Lamar University for one year, then returned to Hitchcock to join the Crane Operators Local 450. He had been employed by Union Carbide, now Dow, as a crane operator for several years.
Butch is survived by his wife, Brenda Jo Chisum Windham; a daughter, Grace Avery Windham; three sons, Christopher John Windham, Howell Anderson Windham and Devon Williams; his parents, Marshall and Willie Windham; two
sisters and their husbands, Brenda Kaye and Donald Kemmerling and Beth Ann and Jay Evans; his friend and father-in-law, Willard Chisum and numerous other family members and friends.

Funeral services was held Monday, Dec. 30 at 4 p.m. in the chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Dr. Shawn Brewer officiating. Interment was at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, at Rockland Cemetery with Brother Carl Walker officiating. Butch was laid to rest next to his Big Mama and PaPa and many other family members who are waiting for him.

Honorary casket bearers was Nicholas Davis, John Hillman, Cody Kemmerling, Donald Kemmerling, III, Joshua Kemmerling, Jack Reeves and Kyle Davis.

Visitation was at 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, 10412 Highway 6, 925-3501. Those who wish may make memorials in the form of donations to Hospice Care Team, 1708 N. Amburn Road, Texas City 77591.

Local arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Rosa Christine Smith


Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m. from the Chapel of the Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Brother John Spanhanks and Brother Bob Eaton officiating. Interment following at Antioch Cemetery near Woodville. Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Smith was born September 29, 1919 to William F. May and Ninnon E. Wilson May in Woodward County, Oklahoma. She had resided in Woodville since 1982 and was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and was loved by all. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jasper. She was a retired school teacher and a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, James Smith of Woodville; three sons, James R. Smith, Jr. of Altus, Ok., Jon D. Smith of Pasadena and Justin L. Smith of Woodville; two sisters, Charlotte Malarchick of Rosewell, N. M. and Ernestine May of Ok.; one brother, William F. May, Jr. of Edmond, Ok.; two granddaughters, Jenna and Melanie.

Serving as pallbearers were Les Lanier, Sam Baker, Dick Holtby, Karl Davis, Raymond Smith and Dan Elliott.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Rev. Wm. C. Haynes


Funeral service will be Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Doucette with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. The honors of the flag will be presented to the family by the Woodville V.F.W. Post #2033 officiating will be Brother John Spanhanks, Brother Luis Tubbs, and Brother Larry Trest.

Serving as pallbearers are Les Lanier, Sam Baker, Bill Tolar, Jesse Tolar, Robert Gillespie, and Buster Sturlese.

Visitation was held Monday, Dec. 30 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Rev. Haynes was born February 4, 1925 to Mae and W. J. "Shorty" Haynes in Foreman, AR. He was a longtime resident of Tyler County and had barbered for 50 years at the Barber Shop and pastored for 50 years having served at Bethany Baptist Church, Campground Baptist Church, Beech Creek Baptist Church, Cobb Mill Road Baptist Church, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Victory Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Doucette. He was a WWII U. S. Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by his first wife and mother of his children, Elizabeth Callans Haynes; son, William Benny Haynes; parents, Mae and W. J. "Shorty" Haynes; brother, Sidney Haynes; sisters, Sybal Haynes and Joyce Haynes. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Spears Haynes of Woodville; son, Charles Rodney and wife, Penny
Haynes of Woodville; stepsons, Matthew and wife, Teresa Johnson of Fred, and Mark and wife, Leah Johnson of Quitman; sisters, Ethel Mae and husband, Glyn Singleton of Chireno, and Marilyn and husband, Leroy Anderson of Kountze; grandchildren, Cindy Haynes Tuttle, Dana Haynes and husband, Guy Walker, Kelli Haynes, Teron Haynes, and Hunter Haynes; great-grandchildren, Ashley Tuttle, Zachary Tuttle, and Logan Tuttle; step-grandchildren, Rebecca Johnson, Cody Johnson and Garrett Johnson.

Memorials may be made to The Gideons International, P. O. Box 118, Woodville, Texas 75979 or The Lottie Moon Christmas offering at your local church.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Howard Lynn Riley, Sr.

Funeral services for Howard Lynn Riley, of Woodville, Texas, were held January 6, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Woodville under the direction of Riley Funeral Home with Dr. Raymond Parker and Dwayne Freese officiating. Masonic graveside rites followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Mr. Riley died January 3, 2003, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. He was born June 2, 1926 to Allen Riley and Ozeda Anderson Riley in Woodville. He married Audrey Nichols on June 2, 1951. He was a lifelong resident of Tyler County.

He was heavy equipment operator with the Operating Engineers Local #450. He was a 55 year member of Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495 in Woodville, a 32nd Degree Mason, past master of Magnolia Lodge and past District Deputy #121 of the Grand Lodge of Texas. He was a former Tyler County Commissioner of Precinct #1. He was also a member and past president of the Deep East Texas Scottish Rite Club. He was active in the First Baptist Church of Woodville and a member of the First Christian Church of Woodville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Aileen Harris and a grandson, Christopher Allan Walker.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey; son, Lynn Riley and his wife Cheryl of Little Rock, Arkansas; daughter, Barbara Walker and her husband, Frank of Woodville; grandchildren, Jonathon Walker and his wife Kasie of Lufkin, Melissa Riley of Little Rock, Arkansas, Pvt. Brian Walker of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Lynsey Riley of Little Rock, Arkansas; Brothers, Pat A. Riley, Sr. and wife Gladys, James A. Riley and wife Anna Gay, Maxie L. Riley and wife Fannie all of Woodville and Mike T. Riley and wife Pam of Gary; sister, Viola Nell Ard and husband Marvin of Silsbee; numerous nieces and nephews; other family and friends also survive him.

Pallbearers were his brothers and two grandsons.

Memorials may be made to Masonic Home and School of Texas, P. O. Box 15040; Fort Worth, Texas 76119 or to Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn Street; Dallas, Texas 75291.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lela Virginia Brown

Funeral services for Lela Brown, of the Midway Community, were held January 1, 2003 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Brother Jerry Marvel, Brother Harry Coons and Brother Johnny Durham officiating.


Mrs. Brown was born September 12, 1917 in New Waverly to James and Frances Parrish Gurley. She lived most of her life in Polk County. She was retired from housekeeping from Tyler County Hospital and was a retired Assembly of God Minister.

She is survived by her children, Mary Wigley of Jasper, Patsy Dickens of Livingston and Larry Brown of Woodville; brothers, James Alton Gurley of Wala Wala, Wa., George Gurley of Anchorage, Alaska and Henry Gurley of Montgomery; sister,
Edna Dickens of Livingston; eight grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Freda Carmel Vaughn**

Graveside service for Freda Vaughn, of Woodville, Texas, were held January, 5, at 2 p.m. at Camp Ground Cemetery with Brother Gary Weaver officiating, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mrs. Vaughn was born September 17, 1921 in Reed Arkansas to James and Elen Napier, she died January 1, 2003, in Holiday Pines Manor in Woodville.

Most of her life was spent as a working woman. She worked as a spot welder in aircraft factory during WWII. After working as a delicatessen manager for Winn Warren Mini Mart in Kansas. She was transferred to Houston in 1965. There she managed five deli’s, she and her husband moved to Groveton where they owned and operated the Groveton Cafe. She lived in Groveton until moving to Woodville in 1997.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Vaughn of Woodville; son, Jerald Vaughn and wife Cherrye of LaPorte; daughter-in-law, Carol Vaughn of Woodville; eleven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

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**Leland J. Reeves**

Cremation for Leland J. Reeves, of Warren, Texas, were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mr. Reeves died December 31, 2002, at his residence in Warren.

He was born July 26, 1942 in Ohio, he lived in Tyler County a few years. He was a retired mechanic operator and was survived by a host of friends.

There will be Memorial service Saturday, Jan. 11 at 4 p.m. at the Woodville Inn.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Rosie Ellis Dennings**


Funeral was held Saturday, Jan. 4 at 1 p.m. at Little Flock Baptist Church in Hillister. Burial followed at Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister.

She was a native of Hillister.

Survivors include her husband, Howard Lee Dennings, Sr. of Beaumont; mother, Ora Lee Glover of Houston; father, Marlon Seale of Beaumont; three daughters, Mellissa Ellis Tubbs and Debra Ellis both of Houston and Ruth Dennings of Beaumont; four sons, Jay Jerome Ellis, Jay Jermaine Ellis and Reginald Ellis all of Houston, Howard Lee Dennings, Jr. of Beaumont; sisters, Cynthia Pegues, Patsy Aldridge and Peggy Hughes all of Houston, Cammie Aldridge of New Orleans, La., Chandra Jones of Beaumont; brothers, James Barclay, Sr. and LaSalle Barclay both of Houston, Ralph Barclay of Dallas, Kim Brown of Oregon, and Marlon Seale, Jr. of Beaumont; eight grandchildren.

Direction of Robinson Community Funeral Home in Jasper.

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Direction of Robinson Community Funeral Home in Jasper.

Quincy Richard Kirkland

Quincy Kirkland, 67, of Colmesneil, Texas, graveside service were Jan. 2, 2003, at 11 a.m. at Frank Branch Cemetery in Fred, with Brother Tom Owen officiating.

He was born October 1, 1935 in Emilee, to Willie David Kirkland and Maudie Agnes Crosby. He died December 31, at his residence.

He was retired heavy equipment operator for Local #450.

He is survived by his brother Ennis Kirkland of Jasper; two sisters, Joyce Hanks of Port Neches, and Arvie Lee Hicks of Beaumont and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Marvin Scurlock, Jr.

Funeral for Marvin Scurlock, 82, of Woodville, Texas, were held Jan. 9, at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Dwayne Freese officiating. Air Force graveside rites followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

He was born March 8, 1920 in Beaumont, to Thomas Marvin and Lena Brunson Scurlock. He died Jan. 7, 2003, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Port Arthur.

He lived in Victoria, before moving to Woodville. He was a service manager for NCR and was retired Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Air Force Reserve and a World War II veteran. He was a member of Woodville Lions Club, V.F.W. Post #2033 and a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Lindsey Scurlock of Woodville; son, Lindsey Scurlock of Cookeville, TN.; daughter, Cheryl Scurlock Davis of Corpus Christi; brother, Monroe Scurlock of Beaumont; sister, Dorothy Walters of Votaw; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Robert Davis, Bob Hanson, Steve Davis, Charles Fondren, Artis Beaty and James Riley. Honorary pallbearers were Hubert Liford and Bo Collins.
Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Erskine Blackmon, Jr.

Erskine Blackmon, Jr., 58, of Doucette, Texas, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Services will be on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville, with burial at the Doucette Community Cemetery in Doucette. Visitation was held on Tuesday from 6 - 9 p.m.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Joan Blackmon of Doucette; daughters, Charlotte Blackmon of Houston, Darlene (Myron) Mosley of Lufkin, Rebecca (John) Rhodes of Jasper, Elano (Robert) Cunigan of Beaumont; A very special niece Patricia (Billy) Kimble of Lufkin; sisters, Ruby (Jimmy) Brooks of Doucette, Sharon (Tommy) Baker of Doucette, Gaynell (David ) Edmon of Doucette, Esther (Matthew) Gill of Woodville; brothers, Robert (Clara) Blackmon of Doucette, and Jerry (Gloria) Kirkwood of Hillister ; and six grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home of Woodville, Texas.

James Rufus Blaylock, Jr.

James Rufus Blaylock, Jr., 66, of Vidor died Monday, Jan. 6, 2003, at Spring Seasons Nursing Home in Vidor, Texas.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Vidor. James served his country in the U. S. Army and was a welder for Masa Drilling Company.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Memorial Funeral Home of Vidor, burial followed at Williamson Cemetery in Vidor.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the funeral home.

He is survived by his sons, James Clinton Blaylock in the U. S. Army, Greg Blaylock of Doucette; daughter, Melinda Daye Blaylock Grimes of Houston; mother, Emma Thompson of Vidor; sister, Marilyn Laverne Guarnere of Vidor; the mother of his children, Mary Lillian Blaylock of Diboll; grandchildren, Charlene Kesha Blaylock of Killeen, James Robert Blaylock and Devan Wayne Blaylock of Doucette.

Cassie Smith

Cassie Smith, 86, of Carson, MS. died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003, at Veterans Hospital in Jackson, MS.

He was a native of Jeff Davis Co. and was a retired farmer and welder and a member of Green S. Creek Baptist Church where he served as deacon for a number of years. He also served in the U. S. Army.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. at Chapel of Colonial Funeral Home with Donald Ford officiating. Visitation was held Tuesday, Jan. 14 from 3:30 - 9 p.m.

Interment will be in the Green, S Creek Cemetery in Jeff Davis Co.

He was preceded in death by 2 children, Clark Wayne Smith and Eva Nell Stringer; 5 brothers and 4 sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Ethelrene Mcphail Smith of Carson, MS; daughter, Gwendolyn Sue Smith of Carson, MS.; 2 sons, Thomas Earl Smith of Woodville and Joe Stanley Smith of Carson, MS.; 1 sister, Mylie Gay Crawley of Columbia, MS.; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Harold Wayne Stringer, Ray Stringer, Thomas L. Smith, Johnnie Smith, Jeffery Lee, and Jimmy Holley.

Colonial Funeral in Columbia, MS. is in charge of arrangements.

Hazel Jean Stewart Sanders

Graveside services for Hazel Jean Stewart Sanders, 96, of Jasper, Texas will be 2 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2003, at Zavalla Cemetery in Zavalla.

Visitation was held from 5 until 8 p.m. Friday,
Jan. 17, at the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Jasper.

Mrs. Sanders died Thursday, Jan. 16, at Jasper Convalescent Center in Jasper.

Mrs. Sanders was born December 30, 1906 in Zavalla, to Edward and Sudie Stewart. She graduated college with a Bachelor's degree in education and retired from the Colmesneil I. S. D. in 1972 after twenty-three years of service there.

Survivors include her daughters, Patty Davis and husband Dr. Thomas Davis of Huntsville and Glenda Cammack and husband Dr. Gerald Cammack of Jasper; sister, Annie Laurie Faulkner of Huntsville; grandsons, Dr. Van Cammack and wife Cameron of San Antonio, and Decker Cammack of Dallas; granddaughters, Karen Schleusener and husband Dr. Rand Schleusener of Rapid City South Dakota and Dr. Ginny Davis of Durango Colorado and two great-grandchildren, Kate and Tommy.

Predeceased in death by husband Reverend Decker J. Sanders in 1969.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The Gideons.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Jasper.

Lana Kay Davis


Services were held on Monday, Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Rick Stiefer officiating. Graveside services will be Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. in Woodson Cemetery in Throckmorton County, under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lana was born December 2, 1968 to M. J. and ElRey Roberts Davis in Throckmorton. She had lived in Colmesneil for the past ten years and worked as a waitress.

She is survived by her father, M. J. Davis of Throckmorton; mother, ElRey Davis of Colmesneil; daughter, Katlyn Renee Musgrove of Colmesneil; brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Michele Davis of Van Alstyne; sister, Jenifer Davis of Colmesneil; nieces and nephews, Michelle Davis, Justin Staples, Summer Anderson, Jessica Davis and Derek Davis.

Victor A. Evans

Victor A. Evans, 68, of Colmesneil, Texas passed away on Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, at Memorial Medical Center in Lufkin.

Cremation services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Vic was born in Boulder, CO. on May 26, 1934 to Clyde and Olivea Evans. He was a lifelong fluorspar miner, having worked in the mining district in Boulder County, CO and fluorspar mining districts of Kentucky and Illinois. He was a retired vice-president and manager of the former Ozark-Mahoning Mining Company.

Mr. Evans was preceded in death by a son, Benjamin Paul Evans and a son-in-law, Chester Sanchez.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Etta Evans of Colmesneil; sons and daughters-in-law, Scott Evans and Alice of Norton, KS.; Casey Evans and Jacquie of Fletcher, NC; Dr. Todd Evans and Narijs of Naples, Italy and Dr. Kerry Evans and Shelley of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-laws; Pam Kagele and Dawn Sanchez both of Albuquerque, NM; Tina Francis and Mike of Spokane, WA; Cindy Ross and Bob of Romoland, CA; Gayle Pangle and Kevin of Yellville, AR and Jeri Anne Evans of Tyler; brother and sister-in-law, Walter Nelson Evans and Sharon of St. Peters, MO; brother-in-law, Larry Peters of Belvidere, SD; sisters, Pat Belveal and Jeri Roberts both of Templeton, CA and Betty Smith of Baldwin City, KS; 23 grandchildren and one great grandson.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Michelle Lanae St. Clair

Funeral for Michelle St. Clair, 24, of Town Bluff, Texas, was held January 18, 2003, at 10 a.m. at Fairview Baptist Church in Town Bluff, with Brother
Doyle Butcher officiating. Burial followed at Town Bluff Cemetery.

She was born June 22, 1978 in Naples. She died January 15, 2003, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

She is survived by her parents, Tommy and Brenda Walker of Town Bluff; father, Steve Cooper; grandparents, Leroy and Nancy Matthews of Mt. Pleasant and Bob and Helen Tyson; daughters, Morgan Dawn Bale and Lauren Kayley Danielle St. Clair both of Town Bluff; son, Joshua Thomas Walker of Town Bluff; brother, Timothy Wayne Cooper of Woodville; sisters, Hollie Danielle Wyatt of Texarkana and Rhonda Annette Walker of Town Bluff; niece, Riley Kae Cooper of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ruby Blanton Kelsey

Services for Ruby Blanton Kelsey, 79, of Woodville, Texas, was held at 10 a.m., Tuesday in the Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ray Reed officiating. Interment followed in the Antioch Cemetery in Houston County.

Mrs. Kelsey was born June 29, 1923, in Port Arthur, the daughter of Blanch (Stovall) and James Martin Blanton; and she died Saturday, January 18, 2003 in Woodville, Texas.

Mrs. Kelsey was a homemaker, and a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. She had resided in Woodville since 1991, and was a former resident of Colmesneil. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Woodville.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Kelsey of Woodville; daughter, Linda Clifton of Linden; grandson, Phillip E. Taylor of Linden; granddaughter and husband, Kristi Jo and David Grogan of Fouke, Arkansas; great granddaughter and husband, Haley Nicole Grogan and Jace Colton of Fouke, Arkansas; and sister, Betty Jean Rowzee of Nederland.

Pallbearers were Phillip Taylor, Tim Rowzee, Jerry Pinner, Reagan Kelsey, Lloyd Kelsey and David Kelsey.

Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Directors of Lufkin.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Garland Hayes

Garland Hayes, 90, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Thursday, January 23, 2003, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 26 at 3 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Officiating was Dr. Dwayne Freese and serving as pallbearers were, Robert Carl, Ray Johnson, Marvin Katzen, C. S. O'Neal, Robert Parks, and Mark Tolar.

Visitation was Saturday, January 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Hayes was born August 21, 1912 in Jasper. He was a longtime resident of Houston and had lived in Woodville since 1981. He was retired from Gulf Oil with over forty years service, where he was chief dispatcher for pipeline transportation in the Houston office. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda Hayes of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Shirley Agnes Oates Woodcock

Funeral services for Shirley Agnes Woodcock, 74, of Rusk, Texas, were held January 27, 2003, at 11 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Luis Tubbs officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville. She died Jan. 24, at East Texas Medical Center in Jacksonville.

She was born Jan. 29, 1928 to Robert E. Oates and Phebe Young in Woodville. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Joel Woodcock of Herminie, Pa.; daughter, Sheryl Bales and husband Roland of Lake City, Fl.; sister, Lanell Choate and husband Leon of Carthage; two brothers, E. L. Oates and wife Pauline of Carthage and Elmer Ray
Oates and wife Dorothy of Woodville; three grandsons, William Eston Hope V, Benjamin Hope and Jacob Lewis Hope and three great grandsons.

Pallbearers were Maxie Glen Young, Jerry Clark, Bobby Oates, Steve Evans, Richard Oates and Bill Arthur.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**J. B. Durham**


Funeral services will be Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Bethany Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating is Rev. Johnny C. Durham and Rev. Tyra W. Rich.

Visitation began on Monday, Jan. 27 at 5:30 p.m. and continue until service time on Wednesday at the funeral home.

J. B. was born June 10, 1948 to Aaron and Hattie Mae Gibson Durham in Dies Community (Tyler County). He was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was retired as a equipment operator with the Texas Department of Transportation with over 31 years of service.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Vonden Durham of Chester; daughter Mary Joe Durham of Woodville; step daughters, Stacey Lynn Anderson of Lufkin, Valerie Ray Riley of Corrigan, and Vonda Lorraine Toler of Chester; grandchildren, Alonna Jenee Hogan and Dalton Jakota Gilder and step grandchildren, Christopher Roger Oliver and Garrett Dean Toler.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Lucy Vivian Moye**

Lucy Brandin Moye, 82, of Warren, Texas, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 21, 2003.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Jan. 24 from the chapel of the Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Bro. Mark Smith and Bro. Kenneth Cauthen officiating. Interment followed at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren with Bro. Woodrow Wilson officiating the graveside rites.

Visitation was held Thursday, Jan. 23 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lucy was born Jan. 16, 1921 in Woodville to Abe and Lettie Freeman Brandin. She had resided in Groves before moving to Warren many years ago and was a devoted homemaker. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Warren. She was also an active volunteer for nursing homes in this area.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Luther Moye, who was at her side tirelessly throughout her illness. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and friends and was loved by all with her outgoing, friendly personality.

Serving as pallbearers were Aubrey W. Barlow, Maxie Glenn Young, Reagan Jackson, Rusty Restivo, Robert Brandin, Lynn Jackson and Jackie Hilderbrandt.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Billy Fred "Rusty" Davis, Earl Overstreet, Clifford L. Castilaw, Ivison Read, Elray Conn and Tom Stoker.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Bernadine Hopson Miles**

Bernadine Hopson Miles, 74, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away Jan. 28, 2003, at her residence after an illness.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Colmesneil with Bro. Bo Owens and Bro. Tony Pangle officiating. Interment followed at Egypt Cemetery.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Bernadine was a life long resident of Colmesneil. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. Her unselfish love and care for her family and devoted friendship to so many will be missed. She was loved by all with her outgoing, friendly personality.

She was preceded in death by her husband,
Glenn E. Miles.

She is survived by her two daughters, Tina Mullins of Lubbock and Sheila Stewart and husband, Ben of Colmesneil; sister, Barbara Rickel of Lufkin; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Vance Joel Mullins, Tyler Max Mullins, Luke Jacob Mullins, Benjamin Joshua Stewart, Michael Ray Amason and Jeremy David Watson.

Honorary pallbearers were Michael Joe Allen, Mitchell Wayne Allen, Mark Dean Allen, Matthew Steven Allen and Darryl Daniel.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Bill Taylor**

Services for Bill Taylor, 90, of Woodville, Texas, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, from the chapel of the Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Brother Hails Taylor, Mr. Taylor’s nephew officiating. Interment followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Taylor passed away Jan. 28, 2003, in San Antonio, Texas.

A native of Montgomery, Alabama, he lived in Port Arthur prior to moving to Woodville 22 years ago. He was a retired machinist foreman for Gulf Oil Corp. in Port Arthur with 48 years of service. He was a long-time member of the Trinity Methodist Church in Port Arthur. He served as assistant Scout Master of the Boy Scouts of America Troop #64 in Port Arthur. He also served as machine shop instructor at Lamar State College Vocational School.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Nell Gray Taylor; son, William H. "Billy" Taylor; sisters Cara Kennedy and Irene Taylor; brothers, Leon Taylor and Dean Taylor.

He is survived by his sons, Dr. Joel Z. Taylor and wife, Neva of San Antonio and John D. Taylor and wife Kathy of Woodville; brother, Hails "Doc" Taylor and wife, Peggy of Warren; grandchildren, Jason, Matthew, and Adam Taylor of San Antonio, Michelle Eason of League city, Debra Daniels of Katy, Will Taylor of Spring, Casey Shaw of Hailton and Clay Shaw of Woodville; great-grandchildren, Drew, and Kane Daniels of Katy and Kaitlyn Eason of League City; daughter-in-law, Jewel Taylor of Colmesneil; sister-in-law, Juanita Taylor of San Antonio; numerous nieces, nephews, friends and many other loving family members.

Serving as pallbearers were Jason Taylor, Matthew Taylor, Adam Taylor, William Taylor, Casey Shaw, Clay Shaw and Tom Taylor.

Bill will be missed by many loved ones and friends and has left an impression on many hearts.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Hyram Wessly Williams**

Hyram Wessly Williams died Saturday, January 25, 2003, at Cherokee Rose Manor in Glen Rose, Texas. A native of Tyler County, he lived in Glen Rose about a year and a half.

He is survived by two daughters, Lila Parsons of Woodville, and Elizabeth Mitchell of Missoula, MT. and two grandchildren.

**Stanley Baker Tiner**

Services for Stanley Baker Tiner, 44, of Jasper, Texas, will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper. Burial will follow in Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Jasper.

Stanley died Sunday, Feb. 2, at his residence in Jasper. A native of Hardin County and former longtime resident of Warren, he had lived in Jasper for the past eleven years. A 1976 graduate of Warren High School, he worked for several years as a welder and for the past seven years as a carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, Linda J. Tiner of Jasper; father, Ellis B. Tiner of Jasper; mother,
Peggy Collier Tiner of Warren; two sons, Airman 1st Class Shilow S. Tiner of Germany and Shawn C. Tiner of Houston; step daughter, Jenna W. Wood of Brookeland; brother, Stuart W. Tiner of Abilene; and also survived by a number of Aunts, Uncles, nieces and nephews.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

Creola Endsley

Creola Endsley, 93, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Feb. 2, 2003, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Cremation services will be on Wednesday, Feb. 5, under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

She was a native of Colmesneil.

Survivors include one son, James Howard Endsley.

Grace Evelyn Simmons

Grace Evelyn Simmons was born on Jan. 8, 1946 to the late Azzie Lee Riley and Jettie Riley in Jasper, Texas

On Feb. 3, 2003, God saw that she was getting tired, so He put His arm around her and whispered, "Grace, come and go with me."

She leaves to cherish her memory a very special friend, Elton Martin of Beaumont; a stepfather, Buster Moye, Sr. of Woodville; and the father of her children, Robert Simmons of Woodville; three children, Patrick Simmons (Cassie) of Woodville, Sandra Hadnot (Mark) of Woodville, and Tammy Simmons (Quentin) of Beaumont.

She also leaves many great memories with her siblings Emma Washington of Woodville, Sherrine Cezar of Woodville, Ann Rigsby of Woodville, Marcel Riley of Woodville, Buster Moye, Jr. of Woodville, Milton Riley of Orange, and Jackie Riley of Jasper.

She was preceded in death by one sister Sandra Faye Moye and one brother, Jettie Riley.

In addition, she leaves to cherish seven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Arvil Davis

Funeral services for Arvil Monroe Davis, 86, of Colmesneil, Texas, were held at 2 p.m. February 8, 2003, in Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel, Woodville. Dr. James Best and Reverend Tony Pangle officiated and burial was at Pilgrim Rest Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were George Wayne Bryant, III, Douglass Libby, Richard Pattison, Tim Bauer, James Philip Spencer, II, Wesley Bailey, Cameron Lyons and Darren Bailey. Honorary pallbearers were the Men's Bible Class, First Baptist Church Colmesneil.

Mr. Davis died February 5, at St. Mary's Hospital in Port Arthur following a stroke. He was born June 9, 1916, in the Cherokee - Dies Community near Doucette.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nannie Selma Bryant Davis and John Wesley Davis, his brother George Elvin Davis, and daughter Carol Anne Davis Bailey.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Bill Cruse Davis, daughter and sons-in-law, Bette and Jim Spencer of Groves and Tim Bailey of Nederland; grandsons and wives James II and Tracy Spencer of Groves, Wesley and Tiffany Bailey of Nederland and Darren Bailey stationed aboard the aircraft carrier "USS Constellation"; three great grandchildren Cameron Lyons, James Philip (Trey) Spencer III and Emily Carolann Bailey.

He attended Cherokee and Colmesneil schools before moving to Port Neches in 1935. He went to work for Texaco in 1936 and retired with 41 years service. He was a member of Central Baptist Church and the Lions Club in Port Neches.

After retirement, he and Bill returned to Colmesneil where he was a member of the First Baptist Church, Men's Bible Class, Over 50's Gang, Colmesneil Saddle Club, and the Cherokee Church at Heritage Village. He enjoyed riding his Arabian horse "Tex" every day for 25 years and raising cattle and farming. He had horses for his
daughters and grandsons and enjoyed teaching them to ride and care for their horses and was looking forward to teaching another generation to love life in Tyler County.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Wilma Adla Crackenberger

Wilma Adla Crackenberger, 89, of Warren, Texas, passed away Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Services were Sunday, Feb. 9 at 3 p.m. in Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating was Brother Paul Jacks, with burial in Houston National Cemetery.

Mrs. Crackenberger was born June 29, 1913 to Wilmer and Alphie Hollis in Forest City, Iowa and had lived in Warren for the past several years. She and her husband enjoyed traveling in the United States.

She is survived by her husband, Francis Crackenberger of Warren; sons and daughters-in-law, Merle and Ruby Remmert of Warren, Russell and Brenda Remmert of Denham Springs, Louisiana; step-daughters, Fran Hansen and Alyce Hansen both of San Antonio; 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Agnes G. Turner

Agnes G. Turner, 96, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Luis Tubbs and Delbert Turner officiating. Burial followed in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Monday, Feb. 10 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home with a 7:30 p.m. rosary being conducted by Father Egidio Vecchio.

Mrs. Turner was born May 19, 1906 to John and Mollie Levendofiske Konovalske in Belleville, Freedom Township, Republic County Kansas. She attended Freedom School and graduated from Belleville High School in 1926. She attended Lincoln School of Commerce in Lincoln, Nebraska.

She was married to Charles E. Turner of Lincoln in 1932. They lived on a farm northwest of Belleville after moving to Lincoln. On June 26, 1937 Agnes G. Turner gave birth to their daughter, Ramona. Agnes was a member of the St. Edwards Catholic Church and also St. Edwards Alter Society. She was a retired inspector from Goodyear Tire Company in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Agnes enjoyed hobbies of canning, gardening, cooking and dancing with her husband twice a week.

She and her husband, Charles moved to Woodville in October 1997, where they lived with their daughter until March of 1998 when they became residents of Dogwood Trials Nursing Home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister at infancy and another sister, Josephine Wurtz.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Charles E. Turner of Woodville; daughter, Ramona Kirkpatrick of Warren; three grandchildren, Brad Kirkpatrick, Greg Kirkpatrick and Brenda Broussard all of Warren; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ethel Barclay

Ethel Barclay, age 84 of Houston, Texas, died on Wednesday, February 5, 2003. She was born on Feb. 18, 1918 in Kirbyville.

She lived most of her adult life in the Houston Heights area. Mrs. Barclay was a member of Copperfield Baptist Church in Houston. She resided in the Copperfield area for the last thirteen years of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Lonie Barclay, who died in 1989.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Verba and Ray Hooper; brother, Grady
Graham; granddaughters, Stephanie Stainback and husband James Stainback and Janet Hooper. She also left behind great-granddaughter, Emily Stainback. Also surviving is sister-in-law, Bertha Young of Woodville.

The family received friends on Thursday, Feb. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Heights Funeral Home, 1317 Heights Boulevard.

A funeral service was held on Friday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Heights Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Womack officiating. A graveside service will be held Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Mount Pisgah Cemetery, near Woodville.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Donald Edward Railey

A memorial service for Donald Edward Railey, 72, of Woodville, Texas, was held Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003, at 2 p.m. at the New Shiloh Baptist Church in Woodville with Brother Luis Tubb and Brother Robert Hargrave officiating.

Mr. Railey passed away Feb. 8, in Galveston.

Born Oct. 7, 1930 in Texas City, he lived in Port Arthur before moving to Woodville 23 years ago. He was a retired outboard mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Cleo Lavella Railey of Woodville; daughters, Linda Carol Bucklew of Pompano Beach, Fl., Donna Lee Carlock of Robstown and June Denise Wyche of Colmesneil; brother, Robert Lee Railey, Sr. of Woodville; sister, Beulah Mae Hamm of Humble; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Walter Howard Winkle

Walter Howard Winkle, 85, of Fred, Texas, passed away Feb. 8, 2003, at his residence.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Feb. 11 from the chapel of the Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Bro. Derrell Young officiating. Interment followed at Turner Branch Cemetery near Spurger.

Coraleen Estelle Arrant Shird

A graveside service for Coraleen Estelle Arrant Shird, 77, of Woodville, Texas, will be held Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 11 a.m. at Hopewell Cemetery with Brother Milton Powers officiating.

Visitation will be held Wednesday morning from 8 a.m. until 10 am. at Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Shird passed away Feb. 9, at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born Feb. 8, 1926 in San Augustine, she was a life long resident of Woodville. She was a janitor for Woodville ISD with 30 years of service.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dee Shird; father, Jeff Arrant; mother and step-father, Flora and Wiley Hopson; brother, James Arrant; and son, Jerry Shird.

She is survived by her sons, Lester Shird of Louisiana, Monte Shird and James Shird both of Woodville; daughter, Shirley Powell of Woodville.

Mr. Winkle was born September 20, 1917 to John Arthur and Mary Alice Willy Winkle who preceded him in death.

He was a retired supervisor from Ironworkers Local #125. He was also a navy veteran.

Survivors include daughter, Gayle Moore of Fred; two sons, Melvin Winkle of Spurger and Larry Winkle and wife Cari of Spurger; children's mother, Mary Clowers of Spurger; 17 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Susie Sample of Splendora Verlee Smith of Silsbee, Dimp Levins of Spurger, Geraldine Morvee of Conroe and Madeline Minter of Angleton; sisters-in-law, Annie Winkle of Orange and Ernestine Winkle of Tennessee Colony; numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Buster Norris, Rusty Norris, Keith Winkle, Bubba Winkle, Jason Winkle and Gary Minter.

Honorary pallbearers were John Minter and Davis Minter.

Special care givers during his illness were Wanda Dowden, Stuart Moore and Anita Sturrock.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
and nineteen grandchildren. Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Patricia R. Stafford**

Patricia R. Stafford, 76, of Wildwood, Texas, passed away Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland were burial followed at Oak Bluff Memorial Park in Port Neches.

A gathering of friends took place from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

A native of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Stafford had lived in the Port Neches and Nederland area five years before moving to Wildwood 11 years ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas L. Stafford of Wildwood; daughters, Diana Simmons of Port Neches and Jeannie Richard of Groves; sons, Tim Stafford of Vidor, Joe Stafford of Woodville and Danny Stafford of Nederland of; a brother, Jack Chaney of Corpus Christi; eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Ingvald Andreassen**

Cremation services for Ingvad Andreassen, 81, of Woodville, Texas, were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.

He died Feb. 12, 2003, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

He was born August 9, 1921 in Norway, he lived in Port Arthur, before moving to Woodville 23 years ago. He was retired seaman with the Merchant Marine.

He is survived by his wife Pauline White of Woodville and a host of friends.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**George W. Blackburn, Jr.**

Woodville- Funeral for George W. Blackburn, 78, of Woodville, Texas, was held Feb. 16, 2003, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in, with Brother Mark Smith, Brother Kenneth Cauthen, and Dr. Charles Bryan officiating.

He died Feb. 14, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

He was born June 3, 1924 in Goldthwaite to George W. Blackburn, Sr. and Cecil Wade, he lived in Houston before moving to Woodville years ago. He was retired plant superintendent for Big Three Industry in Houston, and he was a WWII Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Briggs Blackburn of Woodville; daughter, Karolyn Kennedy of Magnolia; brother, Charles Blackburn of Goldthwaite; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ricky Baker, R. L. Mitchell, Grady Hatton, J. H. Hall, Oscar Goines and Billy Fondren.

Honorary pallbearers were John Terrel and Henney Hendry.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Paul Lamar, Jr.**

Paul Lamar, Jr., 71, of Warren, Texas, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, at his residence.

A memorial service will be 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at Broussard’s, 1605 N. Major Drive, Beaumont.

A lifelong resident of Beaumont, he lived in Warren for the past twelve years and was a retired electrician for Gulf States Energy.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Lamar of Warren; daughter, Pamela Taylor and husband, Woody, of Warren; brother, John Lamar and his wife, Cheryl, of Vidor; sister, Sue Simmons and husband, Jimmy, of Boyd; grandchildren, Jessie Paul Taylor and Christopher Cy Frazier; one great-granddaughter, Sydney Allyssa Frazier; and step-son, Larry Self of Lewisville.
A. C. Collier

A. C. "Sam" Collier, 80, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003, at Summit Hospital in Sulphur, La.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. in the Shady Grove Baptist Church with burial in Town Bluff Cemetery. Officiating was Reverend Willie Gill, Sr. and Reverend Willie Gill, Jr.

Serving as pallbearers were Ben Dennis, D. C. Powell, Bronte Smith, Earl Carter, Elisha Dill and Robert Simmons. Honorary pallbearers were Lester Collier, Robert Collier, Richard Collier, Edgar Collier, Tommy Collier, Anthony Collier, and Dwayne Dennis.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Collier was born May 7, 1922 to Mae and A. C. Collier, Sr. in Town Bluff. He was a lifelong resident of Town Bluff and was a retired mechanic and concrete finisher. He was a member of New Zion Baptist Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Sammie Brown of Town Bluff; wife of 35 years, Jurlean Collier of Town Bluff; brothers, Lester Collier of Anchorage, Ak, Robert Collier of St. Louis, Mo, Richard Collier and Edgar Collier both of Oakland, Ca. and Tommy Collier of Hayward, Ca.; sisters, Jeanette Johnson and Barbara Taylor both of Anchorage, Ak., Faddie Mae Breed of Galveston and Freddie Lee Gregory of Kirbyville; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lucille V. Waldrep

Lucille V. Waldrep, 88, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

She is survived by her husband Lloyd Thurman Waldrep of Woodville; Steven and Earline Waldrep (step-son and daughter-in-law) of Woodville, David Waldrep (step-son) of Mt. Pleasant, Betty and Bill Ott (daughter and son-in-law) of Harrisburg, PA., William L. Ott (grandchildren), Katrina P. Beard, Rhonda Donner, James Mahaffey, Keith Mahaffey, Michael Mahaffey, Jason Mahaffey, Joel Waldrep, Steven Waldrep, Jr., Natisha Waldrep, June Mayes, April Waldrep, Enoch Waldrep, Brittany Beard; (great-grandchild), Christopher Beard, Stephanie Tipton, Briana Tipton, Carmen Mahaffey, Madison Mahaffey, Ethan Mahaffey, Anthony Reyna and Aylena Reyna.

She was preceded in death by her father, Decator Lyon and her mother, Sadie Lyon; one brother and a sister.

She was born March 12, 1914 in Jackson, Michigan the daughter of Decator and Sadie Lyon. She was a member of Kingsland Church of Christ and active in church and the Senior Citizens.

Visitation was held at Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston on Friday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. at Cochran Funeral Home Chapel/Livingston. Reverend Harold Isaacs officiated. Burial followed in the Midway Cemetery near Livingston.

Cochran Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Virgie A. Smith

Funeral services were held for Virgie A. Smith, 73, of Richland Springs on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, at 2 p.m. at the Howell Doran Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Cowboy Cemetery, McCulloch County.

She was born May 23, 1929 in Bebe, Arkansas, the daughter of Marion Daniels and Lucille Harris Daniels.

On May 5, 1946, Virgie Daniels and Vernon E. Smith were married in Bakersfield, California. They have lived most of their lives in Richland Spring where she was a member of the Holt Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband Vernon E. Smith of Richland Springs; three sons, Roger T. Smith and his wife Debbie of California, Ronald E.
Smith and his wife Aldonna of Southern California, and Donald E. Smith of Richland Springs; daughter, Verna Davis and her husband Albert (Sonny) Davis of Arkansas; grandchildren, Lloyd Smith, Jonathon Smith, Mitchell Davis, Angela Davis, Brian Smith, Joshua Smith, Dawn Marie Smith, Tara Lee Smith, Kari Ann Smith and Larry Smith; numerous great-grandchildren; two brothers, Butch Daniels and Junior Daniels both of California; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; sister-in-law, Sarah Smith of Colmesneil.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lucille and Marion Daniels; one granddaughter, Ronee Smith and one sister, Betty Weathers.

Funeral services for Thomas Knight (T. K.) Goolsbee, 73, of Warren, Texas, were held Feb. 25, 2003, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Brother Dee Black officiating.

Burial followed at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren.

He went to be with the Lord Feb. 22, at his residence.

He was born June 28, 1929 to Thomas Knight Goolsbee, Sr. and Effie Mae Risinger in Warren were he was a lifelong resident, he was a retired self employed truck driver.

Survivors include his wife Jimmy Cole Goolsbee of Warren; daughters, Susan Burford of Warren and Becky Simcoe and husband Steve of Huntington; grandson, Michael Burford of Warren; and granddaughters, Electra Simcoe of Denton.

Pallbearers were Charlie Roberts, Pierre Eversole, Buddy Nichols, Tony Keeler, David Colton and Clobus Romero.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lester Newman Haynes

Graveside services for Lester Newman Haynes, 79, of Woodville, Texas, were held Feb. 21, 2003, at 2 p.m. at Peebles Cemetery in Livingston, with Brother Aaron Crain officiating.

Mr. Haynes died Feb. 19, at his residence. He was born March 5, 1923 in Livingston. He was a self-employed aircraft flight instructor and a Navy Veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a host of family and friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Russell C. Lewis

Funeral for Russell Lewis, 82, of Woodville, Texas, were held Feb. 20, 2003, at 2 p.m. at Dogwood Hills Baptist Church in Woodville, with Rev. Troy Richardson and Brother Gary Weaver officiating the services. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville.

He went to be with the Lord on Feb. 18, 2003, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

He was born to Ada Mae Lewis September 13, 1920 in Mt. Pleasant, Arkansas. He lived in Woodville 12 years. He was a self employed rancher and a World War II Navy Veteran. He was a deacon of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Marceile McDuffie Lewis of Woodville; sons, Bobby Lewis and wife Lynn of Warren and Dale Lewis and wife Gale of Burk Burnett; daughter, Wanda Keith and husband Sam of Warren; step daughters, Barbara Phifman of Houston, Lucille Balch of Pearland and Joan Gay of Humble; six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Keith, Cary Lewis, Mark Moore, Stephen Moore, Joshua Keith, Cates Keith, Brady Behrens and P. D. Behrens.

Honorary pallbearers were deacons of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Dale Allen Zeller

Funeral services for Dale Allen "Bullwinkle" Zeller, 47, of Town Bluff, Texas were held Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003, at 2 p.m. at Farmer
Funeral Home Chapel with interment to follow at Knipple Cemetery in Silsbee. Visitation was held at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24.

Mr. Zeller died Feb. 22 at his home.

He was a native of Hammond, La. and had lived in Town Bluff for three years. Mr. Zeller was a truck driver.

Preceded in death by his mother Jean Gibson Zeller. He is survived by his wife Rebecca Britnell Zeller of Town Bluff; sons, David Zeller of Warren, and Jacob Zeller of Town Bluff; daughter, Linda Zeller of Town Bluff; father Max Zeller of Kountze; brothers Chuck Zeller of Silsbee and Mike Zeller of Lufkin; sister Pam Overstreet of Silsbee.

Courtesy of R. S. Farmer Funeral Home, Inc. in Silsbee.

T. J. Seamans

T. J. "Mutt" Seamans, 84, of Chester, Texas, passed away Friday, Feb. 21, 2003, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were Monday, Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. in Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Seamans Cemetery near Chester. Officiating was Brother Larry Trest and Brother Jacob Conner.

Visitation was held on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 5-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

"Mutt" was born August 18, 1918 to Theron Vivian and Annie Mary Priest Seamans in Chester.

He served in World War II as a Corporal in the U.S. Army and was a graduate of East Texas Baptist College in 1951 with a Bachelor's Degree. He had pastored Baptist churches in Jasper and Bon Wier for many years before moving to Chester in 1978 where he was a member of Enon Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were Steve Watts, Jesse Sanders, Brian Holland, Mike Hardy, James Seamans and Randy Seamans.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Sybil Seamans of Chester; daughter and son-in-law, Laura Ann and Randy Blankenbaker of Crandall; son and daughter-in-law, Charles T. Seamans and Diane of Chester; sister, Helen Hardy of Palestine; seven grandchildren, Charity Sartin, Crystal Hatfield, Randi Blankenbaker, Amanda Blanton, Sonni Blankenbaker, Josiah Blankenbaker, Regan Blankenbaker; and 5 great grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Emma Brooke Morrell

Emma Brooke Morrell, infant daughter of Jeromy and Miranda Cheney Morrell of Woodville passed away Friday, Feb. 21, 2003, at UTMB Hospital in Galveston.

Graveside services were held Thursday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. in the Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating was Brother Mark Martin.

She was preceded in death by her great grandfather, Gene Russell and is survived by her parents, Jeromy L. and Miranda D. Cheney Morrell of Woodville; grandparents, Gene and Melva Morrell of Woodville and Glenn and Kem Cheney of Colmesneil; great grandparents, Jackie and Roy Williams of Colmesneil, and Judith Hurst of Warren; great-grandmothers, Ruby Tribes of Livingston and Edna Conner of Colmesneil; brothers, Garrett Morrell and Grant Morrell both of Woodville; uncle and aunt Greg and Kari Cheney of Lufkin; and aunts, Melissa and Megan Cheney of Colmesneil.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Herman McFarland

Herman McFarland, 78, of Warren, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003, at his residence.

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with a 2 p.m. graveside service in the Carlisle Cemetery in Trinity County. Officiating was Brother Earl Crawford. Serving as pallbearers were Carl Douglas McFarland, Jr., Louie Johnson, Lloyd Johnson and Roger Johnson.

Visitation was held on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.
Mr. McFarland was born Jan. 20, 1925 to Sam Patterson and Ellen Cornelis McFarland in Carlisle (Trinity County), Texas.

He was a longtime resident of Warren and was a retired wood's technician with Kirby Lumber Company. He was a member of Honey Island Assembly of God Church.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Helen McFarland of Warren; son and daughter-in-law, Carl and Linda McFarland of Livingston; sister, Cassie Johnson of Mt. Enterprise; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

David Aaron Foxworth

Funeral service for David Aaron Foxworth, 68, of Warren, Texas, was held Monday, March 3, 2003, at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother James Stephens officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Foxworth passed away March 1, 2003, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born Jan. 16, 1935 in Woodville, he lived in Warren most of his life. He was an operator for Arco. He was an Air Force veteran.

He is survived by his sons, Jerry Foxworth and wife, Sonja of Warren and Glenn Foxworth and wife, Jareen of Vero Beach, Fl.; daughter, Lisa Krivan of Vero Beach, Fl.; sisters, Francis Jones, Betty Willingham and Barbara Jarrott all of Warren, Lillian Renfro of Lufkin, Rose Laird of Thicket, Bessie Holmes of Vidor and Diann Dillinger; brothers, Frank Foxworth and ronnie Foxworth both of Woodville, Richard Foxworth and Billy Foxworth both of Warren; grandchildren, Charles Krivan, Jr. of Orlando, Fl., Kayla Foxworth of Warren and Regan Foxworth of Warren.

Serving as pallbearers were Timmy Foxworth, Donny Foxworth, Keith Foxworth, James Foxworth, Todd Foxworth, Trae Perfect.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Eula Lee Hanks Shepherd

Funeral service for Eula Lee Hanks Shepherd, 96, of Woodville, Texas, was held Sunday, March 2, 2003 , at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother John Spanhanks and Brother Gary Weaver officiating. Burial followed at Antioch Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Shepherd passed away Feb. 28, at the Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

Born Jan. 22, 1907 in Emilee, Texas, she was a lifelong resident of Tyler County. She was a homemaker and a member of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, E. W. and Rannie Lazenby Hanks; husband, Clifton Shepherd; a son, J. C. Shepherd, Jr.; sister, Rannie Mae Dean; brothers, Wyatt Hanks, Harry Hanks, and Charlie Hanks.

She is survived by her son, Bobby Joe Shepherd and wife, Lou Waine of Hutto; daughter, Audrey Mae Shepherd of Woodville; sisters, Jessie Sheffield, Mary Alice Lancaster, and Lillian Estes all of Woodville; brothers, John Ed Hanks of Woodville and Blant Hanks of Wildwood; thirteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were James Dean, Dwight Dean, Jerry Hanks, Robert Sheffield, Mark Hanks, and Harold Hanks.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Larry Dean, Garnet Earl Griffith, Kenneth Hanks, and Jimmy Hanks.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

John Robert Cowan, Sr.

John Robert Cowan, Sr., 74 of Pasadena, Texas, passed away Friday, February 28, 2003.

He was a native of Portsmouth, Virginia, born to the late Beccher and Dianna Cowan. Mr. Cowan retired from NASA after 41 years of dedicated government service. He joined the U.S. Space
Program during its inception at Langley Field, Virginia, later moving to Texas with the opening of the Johnson Space Center. He proudly served with the Army’s 11th Airborne Division, 127th Engineer Bt., where he was a qualified Parachutist and Gliderist. He was an enthusiastic Life Member of the 11th Airborne Reunion Association. He was a long time member of Asbury United Methodist Church and was active with Boy Scout Troup 176 where he served various leadership roles. He was part of what has been called "The Greatest Generation"- they came of age during the Great Depression and Second World War and went on to build modern America. Men of whose everyday life of duty, honor, and achievement gave us this great nation of today.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jean Lee Cowan, three sons, William G. Cowan & wife Kelly, Stephen L. Cowan & wife Sheree, John Robert Cowan, Jr. & wife Tish; daughter, Debbie Cowan Minielly & husband David, sister, Marjorie Eaton, other relatives include Linda Headrick; his seven grandchildren, Kristofer Cowan & wife Marcy, Andrew Lee Cowan, Kayci L. Minielly, Zachary L. Cowan, Kristen A. Cowan, Jacob Lee, Courtney Powers, great-grandchild, Parker B. Cowan; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Beecher and Dianna Cockey Cowan and brother, Dan Cowan.

The family will receive friends from 5-8pm Tuesday, March 4, at Pasadena Funeral Chapel. Funeral service will be held Wednesday at 10am at Asbury United Methodist Church, 1010 Strawberry, Pasadena, Texas. Burial to follow at 2:30pm at the Campground Cemetery, near Woodville, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Asbury United Methodist Church Building Fund, 1010 Strawberry, Pasadena, Texas 77506.

Local arrangements handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Adelaide Flake

Graveside services for Adelaide Flake, 90, of Ivanhoe were held March 8, 2003 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville with Brother Clark Mahoney officiating.

She died March 3, 2003 at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont. She was born September 2, 1912 in Chicago, Ill. to Lee K. Wilson and Helen Johnson. She lived in Maricabo, Venezuela before moving to Ivanhoe in 1976. She was a homemaker and a member of Hillister Baptist Church.

Survivors include her foster daughter, Barbara Jeter of Fort Worth; brother, Jack Collapy of Cincinnati, Ohio; nieces, Marcia English of Lakeside, Ca. and Donna Collapy of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Dewitt Thomas

Dewitt Thomas, 75, of Bon Wier, Texas died Friday, March 7, 2003 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Central Baptist Church in Kirbyville with burial at Weeks Chapel Cemetery near Jasper.

A native of Calhoun, Arkansas, he had lived most of his life in Kirbyville, in Bon Wier six years, and previously in Rayburn Country four years. He was a retired machinist with Texaco Refinery in Port Arthur and a U. S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Burneice Thomas of Bon Wier; three sons, Kenneth Ray Thomas of Woodville, Marcus "Mark" Dwain Thomas of Port Arthur, and Robert Earl Thomas of Bon Wier; two brothers, Jeff Thomas of Talluah, La., and Charles Ray Thomas of Lewisville; three sisters, Geneva Iles of Port Arthur, Norma Lee Martin of Hemphill, and Patsy Pendergast of Groves; two grandchildren, Kevin Michael Thomas and Keith Daniel Thomas; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Services under the direction of E. E. Stringer Funeral Home of Kirbyville.
Menny Lee Gore Eddings

Funeral services for Menny Eddings, 46, were held March 5, 2003 at 2 p.m. at First Pentecostal Church in Fred, Texas, with Rev. Jim Chance officiating.

Interment followed at Fred Community Cemetery.

Mrs. Eddings died March 3, 2003 at Nacogdoches Medical Center.

She was born February 10, 1957 in Kountze to Marvin Gore and Ruth Cravey. She lived in Tyler County most of her life, she was a homemaker and a member of First Pentecostal Church in Fred.

Survivors include her husband, James Eddings of Spurger; father, Marvin Gore of Kountze; daughter, Jamie L. Eddings of Silsbee; son, E. J. Eddings of Spurger; four sisters, Carolyn Eddings of Spurger, Madelene Durant of Livingston, Mary Eddings and Wanda Dowden both of Fred.

Pallbearers were William McGallion, Robert E. Eddings, Jr., Bubby Harville, Anthony Gore, Charles Crosby, Homer Durant, James West, and Lester Harrison, Jr.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

John Robert Cowan

John Robert Cowan, Sr., 74 of Pasadena, Texas passed away Friday, February 28, 2003.

He was a native of Portsmouth, Virginia, born to the late Beecher and Dianna Cowan.

Mr. Cowan retired from NASA after 41 years of dedicated government service. He joined the U. S. Space Program during it's inception at Langley Field, Virginia, later moving to Texas with the opening of the Johnson Space Center. He proudly served with the Army's 11th Airborne Division, 127th Engineer Bt., where he was a qualified Parachutist and Gliderist. He was an enthusiastic Life Member of the 11th Airborne Reunion Association. He was a long time member of Asbury United Methodist church and was active with Boy Scout Troop 176 where he served various leadership roles. He was part of what has been called "The Greatest Generation" - they came of age during the Great Depression and Second World War and went on to build modern America. Men of whose everyday life of duty, honor, and achievement gave us this great nation of today.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jean Lee Cowan; three sons, William G. Cowan and wife Kelly, Stephen L. Cowan and wife, Sheree, John Robert Cowan, Jr. and wife Tish; daughter, Debbie cowan Mimielli and husband David; sister, Marjorie Eaton, other relatives include Linda Headrick; his seven grandchildren, Kristofer Cowan and wife Marcy, Andrew Lee Cowan, Kayci L. Mimielli, Zachary L. Cowan, Kristen A. Cowan, Jacob lee, Courtney Powers; great grandchild, Parker B. Cowan and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Beecher and Dianna Cockey Cowan and brother, Dan Cowan.

The family received family and friends Tuesday, March 4 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Pasadena Funeral Chapel.

Funeral service was held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 1010 Strawberry, Pasadena. Burial followed at 2:30 p.m. at the Camp Ground Cemetery, near Woodville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Asbury United Methodist Church Building Fund, 1010 Strawberry, Pasadena, Texas 77506.

Local arrangements handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jimmy E. Sutton

Jimmy E. Sutton, 69, of Houston, Texas died Tuesday, March 4, 2003. Born in Colmesneil, on January 29, 1934, to the union of Mary and Herbert Sutton. Jimmy was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred, of 46 years, daughter, Marianne and her husband, Joby Sawyer; daughter Carolyn, and her husband, Wiley Sides; brother, Hebert G. Sutton, Jr., and wife, Louise; brother, Billy Sutton and wife, Patsy; granddaughters, Kate and Lauren Sides, and grandsons, Jordan and Justin Sawyer along with
many nieces, nephews and good friends.

Jimmy was a graduate of Allen Military Academy and Rice University. He served in the U. S. Army and was a member of Tallowood Baptist Church. Jimmy and his brothers owned and operated Sutton & Company Partnership, which was involved in land, timber and other investments.

Visitation was held Thursday, March 6, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 13001 Katy Freeway.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 7, at 1 p.m. at Tallowood Baptist Church, 555 Tallowood Drive, with Reverends Lester Collins, Duane Brooks and Larry Bertrand officiating. Interment followed in East Texas on Saturday, March 8, at 1 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to Tallowood Baptist Church or the Alzheimer's Association, 11251 Northwest Freeway, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77092.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, Texas.

Doris Palumbo Emmel

Mrs. Doris Palumbo Emmel, 74, of Town Bluff, Texas died March 7, 2003 at Christus St. Mary Hospital in Port Arthur.

She was a native and former resident of Port Arthur before moving to Town Bluff in 1989. She was the owner of Dam B Sewer Company and a member of Fairview Baptist Church in Town Bluff.

Services were held Tuesday, March 11, at 2 p.m. at Levinston Funeral Home in Groves with Rev. Doyle Butcher of Fairview Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Port Arthur.

Visitation was held Monday, March 10, from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Survivors include her daughter, Odessa Palumbo Spikes of Groves; son, Leonard Joseph Palumbo of Port Arthur; sister, Estelle Hilbun of Nederland; brother, W. R. Ewing, Jr. of Bridge City; and 4 grandchildren.

Arrangements handled by Levinston Funeral Home of Groves, Texas.

Ruth Moody

Ruth Moody, 81, of Woodville, Texas passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at Jasper County Medical Center in Kirbyville.

Visitation was held Friday, March 7 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 8 at 11 a.m. in the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church near Woodville. Officiating was Reverend Michael Hadnot. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, March 11 at 10 a.m. in the Oak Hill Burial Park in Lakeland, Florida.

Ruth was born March 8, 1921 to Earl Barton and Sally Ruth Bryan Rice in Atlanta, Georgia. She had lived in Woodville for the past five years.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, William Adrian and Jo Moody of Highland Village; daughters and son-in-law, Ethel Dianne and Richard Helms of Two Harbors, MN; Nadine Moody of Woodville; adopted daughter, Sharon McCollum of Woodville; ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

L. C. Powell

L. C. Powell, 91, of Chester, Texas passed away Monday, March 10, 2003 at his residence.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 12 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Seamans Cemetery near Chester. Officiating is Brother Larry Trest and Brother Jacob Conner.

Mr. Powell was born July 18, 1911 to Hiram Claude and Armita Leon Seamans Powell in Chester. He was a lifelong resident of Chester and had retired in public works. He was member of Enon Baptist Church.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 11 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ethel Powell of Chester; son and daughter-in-law,
Everett E. and Sheran Powell of Chester; daughter, Ernestine Dollins of Irving; grandchildren, Kelly K. and Kenneth Jobe and Kara L. and Brian Migl; and great grandchildren, Kasey L. Jobe, Kyrstin L. Jobe, Rebecca Ann Migl, and Haley Nicole Migl.

Memorials may be made to Enon Baptist Church.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Fred Louis Holmes

Fred Louis Holmes, 88, of Warren, Texas passed from this life, Sunday, March 9, 2003 at Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 13 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Fellowship Cemetery near Warren. Officiating is Brother Clark Mahoney, Brother Tommy Qualls and Brother Randal Pike.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 12 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Holmes was born June 21, 1914 to James Matthew and Laura Frances Wallace Holmes in Warren. He was a lifelong resident of Warren, U. S. Army WWII veteran, and retired custodian/bus driver with 30 years of service to Warren I. S. D.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ada Holmes and grandson, Kyle Ray Martin and is survived by daughters and son-in-law, Gwen and Bobby Martin of Warren and Wanda and Larry Brasher of Woodville; grandchildren, Robert and Donna Martin of Amarillo, Shane and Janie Brasher of Carrollton, Kristi and Ivan Reid of Atascocita, and Amber and John Anders of Kountze; great-grandchildren, Jacob and Paul Anders of Kountze and Shelby Martin of Amarillo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Stephen E. Williamson

Stephen E. Williamson, 41, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday, March 6, 2003 at his residence.

Cremation services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Stephen was born December 23, 1961 in Beaumont. He was a former resident of Beaumont and had lived in Woodville for the past nine years. He had worked as a clerk for Bobby G’s and Cash & Dash.

He is survived by his wife, Joann Williamson of Woodville; mother, Ovelia Ann Williamson of Kirbyville; sons and daughters-in-law, Joe and Jill Coffey of Lumberton and John and Nita Coffey of Dam-B; daughters and son-in-law, Brandie Dunbar of Bridge City and Candi and Bryan Marshall of Beaumont; mother-in-law, Deana Smith of Orange; brother, Gregory Lynn Williamson of Beaumont; sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen Jean and Mark Berman of Beaumont and Helen Irene and Scott Sandifer of Phoenix, AZ; eight grandchildren, one great-grandson; nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Hazel Walters

Funeral service for Hazel Walters, 87, of Warren, Texas was held Sunday, March 16, 2003 at 4 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Ken Cauthen, and Brother George M. Standley officiating. Burial followed at Warren City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Walters passed away March 13, 2003 at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Born September 2, 1915 in Warren, to Ambro and Mary Moore Humble, she lived in Warren all of her life. She was a homemaker. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her son, Lloyd (Ed) Walters and wife, Lily of Warren; daughter, Sammy Kincaid and husband, Conrad of Warren; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren

Serving as pallbearers were Tommy Neal, Larry Neal, Wilburn Gardner, Don Rice, Ocie Ashworth and Dean Walters.
Zona Jean Davis

Memorial services for Zona Jean Davis of Woodville, Texas were held March 16, at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Charles Miller officiating.

Mrs. Davis died March 12, 2003 at Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville.

She was born September 29, 1925 in Drummond, OK., to George Horry and Cora Haddock Downs. She lived in Jasper before moving to Woodville four years ago. She was a secretary clerk in sales.

She is survived by her daughter Cindy Willman of Woodville; four sons, Steve Hager of Las Vegas, NV., Dana Hager of Gardner, KS., Mark Edson of Waukomis, OK. and Jeff Edson of Tucson, AZ; sister, Evelyn Hamilton of Buna; 15 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Service under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Beverly Lois Banks

Beverly Lois Banks, 68, of Woodville, Texas passed away March 13, 2003 at her residence.

An anatomical donation was made per Ms. Banks wishes.

Born February 27, 1935 in Massachusetts, she lived in Woodville for many years.

She is survived by her son, David Banks and wife, Cheryl of Nebraska; daughters, Marie Tasker of Arizona and Marnie Hamilton of Woodville.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Wilma Louise Thornton

Funeral service for Wilma Louise Thornton, 73, of Campers Cove was held Friday, March 14, 2003 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Mike Green officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Thornton passed away March 11, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Born June 3, 1929 in Wood County, to William "Fate" and Pauline Bailey Young, she lived in Tyler County most of her life. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Wiley "Jr." Thornton; daughters, Barbara Williams and husband, Roy of Cushing, Linda Askew and husband, Wayne of Conroe, Susan Harlan of Campers Cove and Norma White and husband, Lonny of Campers Cove; sister, Dhee Westbrook of Silsbee; grandchildren, Clifton Flowers of Chester, Weston Dobbins of Houston and Dhelynn McClellan of Conroe; three great-grandchildren; step-daughter, Diane Toucha of Warren; step-sons, Norman Thornton of Silsbee, Leon Sims of Angleton and Tony Sims of Cleveland; ten step-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lillie Pearl Hopson

Funeral service for Lillie Pearl Hopson, 82, of Colmesneil, Texas was held Monday, March 17, 2003 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Colmesneil with Brother Tony Pangle officiating. Burial followed at Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Hopson passed away March 14, 2003 at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Born August 21, 1920 in Chester, to Bob and Alma Charlton Belt, Sr., she lived in Huntsville before moving to Colmesneil fifteen years ago. She was a member of the First Baptist in Colmesneil and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. U. Hopson and daughters, Gayle Johnston and Jolynne Stewart.

She is survived by her daughters, Jill Fulghum
Robert G. Lemons


Funeral services are Wednesday, March 19 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Davis Cemetery at Mt. Carmel near Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 18 from 3:30 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Bob was born February 7, 1915 to Robert Emmett and Anna Laura Gibson Lemons in Teneha. He was a former resident of Jemez Springs, New Mexico and had lived in Woodville for the past thirteen years. He was a retired field inspecting supervisor for Rio Grande Steel and a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Gladys D. Lemons of Woodville; brother and sister-in-law, Rene and Norma Lemons of Silsbee; sister-in-law, Hilda Lemons of Burbank, CA.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Lakes Area Hospice, P.O. Box 2086, Jasper, Texas 75951.

Service are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Norma Ann Caperton

Norma Ann Caperton, 57, of Woodville, Texas died on Monday, March 17, 2003 in a Lufkin hospital.

Ms. Caperton was born November 13, 1945, in Ukiah, California, the daughter of Abigail Norma (Martin) and Frank Thiel.

Ms. Caperton was a beloved mother and grandmother, as well as a homemaker.

Survivors include her friend, Jim Mitchell of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Randi Caperton of California; daughter, Renata Ortiz and husband, Michael of California; sister, Martha Downs of California; brothers, Chuck Shultz of California and Richard Thiel of Florida.

Family Funeral Care of Lufkin, directors.
Nell Fuller

Nell Fuller, 76, of Woodville, Texas passed away Thursday, March 20, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Sunday, March 23 at 3 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery. Officiating was Brother Curtis Herrington and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were John Riggs, Maxie Young, E. G. Sheffield, Billy Tindel, Paul Miller and Gary Craven. Honorary pallbearers were Carroll Tucker and Earl Watts.

Visitation was held on Saturday from 4 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Nell was born October 14, 1926 to Smith and Zemma Poindexter Fowler of Colmesneil. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and had worked for W. I. S. D. as a teacher/librarian aide. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Austin Fuller and her brothers, Max Fowler and Leon Fowler. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Sharon Fuller of Woodville; sisters, Evelyn Mahan of Colmesneil, Arnice Spence of Houston and Helen Craven of Emilee; and her two grandchildren, Heath Fuller and Heather Fuller.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

George Emmitt Stanley

Graveside services for George Emmitt Stanley of Woodville, Texas was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22, 2003 at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville, with Dr. Raymond Parker officiating.

Mr. Stanley was born on Wednesday, February 22, 1922 in Port Arthur, and passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 in Woodville.

Mr. Stanley was a former owner of Edward's Funeral Home in Woodville, and part owner of Nunnely-Stanley Funeral Home in Port Arthur.

He was preceded in death by his parents Y. G. and Magrata Stanley, and wife Mary Jackson Stanley.

He is survived by his step-son and step-daughter in law, John and Helen Rogers of Georgetown; sisters, Kiddie Sinclair of Spicewood, DelClancey of Freeport.

Services entrusted to Corrigan Funeral Home, Inc.

Della Florence Floyd Marsh

A graveside service for Della Florence Floyd Marsh, 81, of Woodville, Texas was held Monday, March 24, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. at Bold Springs Cemetery near Livingston with Dr. Raymond Parker officiating.

Visitation was held Monday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Marsh passed away March 22, at Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Born December 14, 1921 in Plantersville, to Stephen Jordan and Florence Virginia Rice Floyd, she lived in Woodville for many years. She was a retired schoolteacher with the Woodville ISD with 25 years of service. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville, Delta Kappa Gamma, and TSTA Retired Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, O.L. Marsh.

She is survived by her daughters, Sue A. Marsh of Conroe and Joy Marsh Moon of Longview; son, Floyd Ross Marsh of Huntsville; and a grandson, Matthew "Toby" Moon of Longview.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Walter L. Landry

Funeral service for Walter L. Landry, 87, of Woodville, Texas was held Sunday, March 23, 2003 at 4 p.m. at the Woodville United Methodist Church with Rev. Ray Reed officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Saturday evening at Riley Funeral Home.
Mr. Landry passed away March 21, 2003 at Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital in Beaumont. Born November 22, 1915 in Jeanerette, La. to Louis and Beulah Delanne Landry. He lived in Orange before moving to Woodville 35 years ago. He was a retired welder for American Bridge Company. He was a member of Woodville United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by a special daughter, Karolyn Heil.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Landry of Woodville; daughters, Leona Wolfe of Diamondhead, Ms. And Jo Evelyn Jackson of Trinidad; brothers, Roger Dale Landry and Charles Landry both of Orange, Johnny Landry of Pt. Neches and Bobby Landry of Oklahoma City, Ok.

Serving as pallbearers were Troy Blakeney, Jack Blakeney, Troy Blakeney, Jr., Jimmy Johnson, Eddie Johnson, Jack Murphy Gibbs and Wayne Pentecost.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Mildred H. Powell**

Mildred H. Powell, 86, of Brookland, Texas passed away March 23, 2003 at Dickerson Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

Cremation services were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.

Born November 24, 1916 in Fannett, to Clarence and Bessie Rutledge Hargraves, she lived in Brookland for the last 22 years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis Powell of Brookland; and sisters, Janie Bayon and Ruth East both of Fannett.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Robert Carl Chandler**

Robert Carl Chandler, 49, of Smithville, Texas, formerly of Spurger died March 23, 2003 as a result of a car accident.

Robert was born June 4, 1953 in Killeen, while his father was stationed at Ft. Hood. Robert joined the Navy in September 1971 and retired after 20 years in 1991. During his career he was stationed in Mayport, Florida aboard the U. S. S. Marius and spent 6 months at sea at the end of the Vietnam War. Robert did two tours of duty in Honolulu, Hawaii, one tour in the Philippines, and two tours in Seoul, Korea. While on the last tour he met the love of his life, Chong Ae(Kim). They were married for 13 years.

Robert is survived by his wife, Chong Ae of Smithville; two sons, Benjamin Chandler and wife Erin of Rapid City, South Dakota and Tony Chandler of Box Elder, South Dakota, and their mother; mother, Sina Chandler and brother, Paul Chandler both of Bastrop; two sisters, Linda Odom and husband Earl of Woodville, and Ginger Royston and husband Richard of Smithville; and 4 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Martha (Marty) Jenkins and his father Lewell Chandler.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 27, at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 26, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Willie B. Pate**

Willie B. Pate, 97, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2003 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

She was a native of Leesville, Louisiana, and had lived in Woodville for most of her adult life.

She was preceded in death by Gordon Taylor, her husband of 19 years, James Lee Pate, husband of 20 years, her daughter, Virginia Raye Nagypal, and stepdaughter, Eunice Faye Grant, her parents, William David and Nina Melissa Herring, and siblings, Mary Martha Saunders, Frankie Mae Peres, John Aaron Herring, and William David Herring.

She is survived by one sister, Bonnie Lea Beal.
of Pearl River, Louisiana; three daughters, Jewell Treadwell, Anita Selman, and Ann Sterling, all of Woodville; 10 grandchildren, James Gordon Hays, Tillman Taylor Johnson, Robert Martin McMillan, Pamela Raye Johnson, Cynthia Ann Vaughn, Lisa Karen Robinson, Tamera Jean Treadwell, Bela Nathan Nagypal, Terri Ellen Treadwell, and David Webb Ashworth; two step-grandchildren, Nicky Grant and Glenda Morrow; 24 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 25, from 5 - 8 p.m., with services scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 10 a.m., at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, with Dr. Raymond Parker officiating. Graveside services will follow at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville.

Bela Nagypal, David Ashworth, Robert McMillan, James Hays, Daniel Owen, and Bela Nagypal VI will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers include Tillman Johnson, Bela Nagypal, Sr., Hugh Vaughn, and Jim Sterling.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Clarence Robert Fraley, Sr.

Clarence Robert Fraley, Sr., 69, of Woodville, Texas died March 22, 2003 at Holiday Pines Manor of Woodville. The family will have an open house at a later date.

Mr. Fraley had lived in Woodville since 1994. He loved animals and working in his yard. He liked to tinker with things. He was a U. S. Army Veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include two sons, Clarence Robert Fraley, Jr. and wife Donna of Rimforest, Ca., Bryan Lee Edward Fraley and wife Shelley of Lufkin; four daughters, Rebecca Ann Giampaiva of Woodville, Bonnie Lynn Perez and husband Tito of Orlando, Fl., Renna Delores Fraley and husband Bob DenEweth, and Laura Jean Fraley both of Warren, MI; eighteen grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

John Lewis Darden

Funeral services for John Lewis Darden of Houston, Texas will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2003 at the Palestine Missionary Baptist Church in Chester, with Rev. Charles Darden and Rev. Clyde Darden officiating. Interment will follow at the Darden Cemetery near Chester.

Visitation will be held at the Corrigan Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, March 27, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Mr. Darden was born on September 16, 1926 to the union of the late Lewis and Sadie Lee Darden in Polk County. He attended school formerly known as the Chester Negro High School in Chester. He accepted Christ at an early age. John was the eldest of four children. He married and divorced Ruthie Maw Qualls. To this union five children were born. John expired Thursday, March 20, 2003 in Houston.

John was preceded in death by brother, Thurman Darden, parents Lewis and Sadie Darden, daughter, Sadie Ruth Darden.

Survivors include sisters, Dorothy Newton and Evelyn Darden both of Houston; children, Ozea Darden, Clinnon Darden, Eva Snordon, and Stella Dubose. He also leaves to mourn a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great nieces, and great nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

Pallbearers: Jarvis Morrison, Jonathan Newton, Jr., Erroll Phillips, Jonathan Newton, Sr. Samuel Darden, Jr., William Darden.

Honorary pallbearers: Palestine Missionary Baptist Church members.

Services entrusted to Corrigan Funeral Home, Inc.

Linda Oates Bode

Linda Oates Bode of Dayton, Texas went to heaven on March 10, 2003 at the age of 58 in Houston, after a brief illness.

She was a member of Grace Community Church. Linda loved her family and friends. She never met a stranger. She also touched many lives
and leaves a big empty hole. She will live forever in the hearts of her loved ones. She enjoyed fishing, camping, crocheting, traveling, watching deer and wildlife. Her passion was singing to the Lord.

She is in heaven with her father, Raymond "Bill" Robinson, her in-laws, Henry and Elfriede Bode, her best friend, Molly Hanel and numerous loved ones.

Services for Mrs. Bode were held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Pace-Stancil Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Wayne Hardin and Rev. Bob Morgan officiating. Interment followed at Magnolia Cemetery.

She is survived by her mother, Johnnie Oates Robinson of Dayton; husband of 40 years, Orvel Bode of Dayton; sons, Daniel Bode of Dayton, Donnie Bode and wife Hedi of Dayton, Rodney Bode and wife Wendy of Dayton; daughter, Wendy Copeland and husband James of Anahuac; Nana’s babies; Don Allen, Caleigh, and Layne Bode, Nikki Parker and Brittany Bode, Hillary and Alyssa Copeland; sister, Eilene Alamia and husband Joe of Crosby and their sons, Joey and Jeffrey; aunt Mrs. Jennie Fondren of Warren; cousin, Elza Oates of Woodville and Shirley Hudson of Warren. Also many adopted children and grandchildren.

Visitation was held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 at Pace-Stancil Funeral Home.

Pace-Stancil Funeral Home, Dayton, Texas.

Carroll Thomas Cole, Sr.

Funeral service for Carroll Thomas Cole, Sr., 79, of New Braunfels, Texas was held Friday, March 28, 2003 at 10 a.m. in New Braunfels, under the direction of Crofts Funeral Home in Johnson City. Graveside service was held Saturday, March 29, at 2 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Visitation was held Friday.

Mr. Cole passed away March 26, 2003 in New Braunfels.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Cole of New Braunfels; sons, Carroll Cole, Jr., of Johnson City, Mark Cole of Canyon Lake, and Kyle Cole of Horseshoe Bay; daughter, Debra Kay Cole of Pflugerville; sister, Jimmy Goolsbee of Warren; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Keith H. Cole, Randy Cole, James Cole, Billy McLeod, Tony Bieneck, and Larry Rheinlaender.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Gregory Wayne Bonner

Funeral service for Gregory Bonner, 35, of Woodville, Texas was held April 2, 2003 at 2 P.M. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, with brothers Sam Purkiser officiating. Burial followed at New Hope cemetery near Warren.

He died March 31, 2003 in Tyler County. He was born Nov. 26, 1967 in Houston, Texas to Michael Wayne Bonner and Sharon Gale Jones. He was a construction worker.

Grandparents: Mary Jo Jones and Wilburn Jones of Woodville; Mother: Sharon Gale Sosa of Woodville; Daughter, Ashleigh Nicole Bonner of Kenndale, Texas and two brothers Mork Cooke of Jasper and Stephen Bonner.

Service under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Marguerite Williams Hawthorn

Graveside services for Marguerite Williams Hawthorn, 84, of Urania La. were held April 3, 2003 at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. Brother Keith Bellamy officiated the graveside rites.

She passed away Monday, March 31, in Louisiana. She was born July 28, 1918 to Howard and Hazel Bendy Williams in Tyler County. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Miller Hawthorn whom she married in 1938.

Survivors include a brother, Don Williams of Miami, Florida; nephew Kevin Daughtery and wife Kelly of Urania, La.; four sister-in-laws; and a host of family and friends.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Bruce Edward Conner

Bruce Edward Conner, 80, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday, April 3, 2003, at the Nacogdoches Medical Center.

Born in the Holly Fork Community of Colmesneil, Texas to Edmond and Gertrude Conner on October 19, 1922, he was a life long resident of Tyler County. Mr. Conner resided at Dam-B, Texas until moving to Woodville in 2000. He joined the United States Army in 1942 and was Honorably Discharged in 1945 having received numerous decorations including the Certificate of Merit and the Purple Heart. Mr. Conner worked as a truck driver and a heavy equipment operator and was employed by Tyler County at the time of his retirement. He was a member of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church of Woodville.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie Helen Gunter Conner of Woodville; sons, Bruce Edward Conner, Jr. of Lago Vista, TX; Allen Loving and wife, Linda of Newport News, VA; Ronnie Loving and wife, Debra of Woodville; Mike Conner and wife, Beth of Charleston, S.C.; and Joe conner of Bastrop; Daughter, Dianne Conner Hanks and husband, Mark of Woodville; Eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 PM Sunday, April 6, 2003, at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. Rev. John Spanhanks and Rev. Ben Gibbs will officiate. Burial will follow at Ferrell Cemetery at Holly Fork, Colmesneil, TX. Visitation will be Saturday, April 5, 2003, form 4-8 PM.

Serving as pallbearers will be Toby Spurlock, Ranny Abston, Zane Spanhanks, Carroll Conner, Larry Williams and Bob Mann.

Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Coward, Tom Dick Mann, Roy Cole, Mike Minter, Otis Reynolds, and Jerry Rains.

Mildred Swafford

Funeral service for Mildred Swafford, 81, of Zavalla, Texas was held Sunday April 6, 2003, at 1 PM at Grammier-Oberle Funeral Home in Port Arthur. Visitation was held Saturday evening. Burial was at Edgemont Cemetery in Anniston, Alabama.

Mrs. Swafford passed away April 4, 2003 at Dogwood Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

She lived in Groves, TX before moving to Zavalla. She was a school nurse for Stephen F. Austin I.S.D.

Survivors include her sons, Johnny Swafford of Sam Rayburn, Mike Swafford of Port Neches, and Allen Burson of Groves: Daughter, Rebecca Walker of Middleton, Conn.: fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Frances Ard

Funeral services for Frances Ard, 93, of Silsbee, Texas was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 2003 at Farmer Funeral Home Chapel with interment at Cunningham Cemetery near Spurger.

Visitation was held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Ard died April 7, 2003 at Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital in Beaumont.

She was a Hardin County native and homemaker.

Survivors include sons, Allen Ard of Spurger, Joe Ard of Town Bluff and Ernest Ard of Town Bluff; daughters, Eddie Eddings of Silsbee and Ludie Myers of Warren; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

James F. Abshere, Jr.

James F. Abshere, Jr., 38, of Mt. Neches, passed away on Tuesday, April 8, 2003 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 11 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in the Fred Community Cemetery in Fred. Officiating was Brother Mike Neal and Brother Hollis Lilley.

Serving as pallbearers were John Barefield, Jerry Foster, Jerry Wayne Williams, Timothy James Abshere, Earnest Abshere, Leroy Brown, and Marvin Carter.
Visitation was held on Thursday, April 10 from 4-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

James was born February 21, 1965 to James F., Sr. and Geneva Foster Abshere in Woodville. He was a former resident of Bridge City and had lived in Mt. Neches for the past couple of years. He was a water blaster with Onyx. James loved being able to fish and work on cars.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Abshere of Mt. Neches; parents, James F. Abshere, Sr. and Geneva Crawford both of Mt. Neches; sons, Ben Abshere of Marshfield, Wisconsin and Kirby Abshere of Mt. Neches; brothers, Earnest James Abshere and Timothy James Abshere both of Cleveland; and sister, Jamie Abshere of Cleveland.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ruth Marie Horn Broom

A graveside service for Ruth Marie Horn Broom, 80, of Woodville, Texas was held Wednesday, April 9, 2003 at 10 a.m. at Shady Grove Cemetery near Woodville with Brother Jerry Marvel officiating. Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Broom passed away April 7, at the Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

Born October 6, 1922 in Huntington, to Bluett B. and Lula Mae Cowart Horn. She lived in Woodville most of her life. She was a beautician and cook for Woodville Convalescent Center Nursing Home.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Van Pelt of Mauriceville; sons, Doug Broom and David Broom both of Woodville; grandchildren, Dan Van Pelt, Robert Van Pelt, Mike Van Pelt, Shawn Broom, Joey Broom and Drake Broom; great-grandchildren, Ashley Van Pelt, Michelle Van Pelt, Anna Van Pelt, Jamie Van Pelt, Eric Van Pelt, Vanessa Van Pelt, Gabriel Broom and Bryce Broom and a host of other family and friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Clyde Frazier

Clyde Frazier, 63, of Woodville, Texas died April 3, 2003 in the Dies Community of Woodville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 8, at Pine Grove Baptist Church in Dies Community, with Rev. Lester Mitchell officiating. Burial at the Pines Grove Cemetery.

He was a life lone resident of Dies Community. A Masonic Mason, and a Scott High School graduate of Woodville.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Frazier of Dies; daughters, Patricia Frazier-Brown (Timothy) of Missouri City and Pamela Frazier of Fresno; son, Wayne Frazier of Missouri City; three sisters, Lillie J. Frazier of Dies, Sadie Crawford of Dallas, and Naomi Johnson of Las Vegas; two brothers, Fred Frazier of Oakland, California, and Lee Henry Frazier of Carson, California; seven grandsons, Quincee Jordon, C'vion, Khristian Clyde-Douglas, Chevon, Sebastian and Antoine; three granddaughters, Nicole, Danica, and Passion; one great grandson, Cedrick; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home of Woodville.

Dow R. Coker

Dow R. Coker was born April 23, 1933 in Gerty, Oklahoma to Lillabelle (Harmon) and Roy Coker. He passed away April 6, in the Great Plains Regional Medical Center of Elk City, Ok at the age of 69 years, 11 months and 13 days.

As a child, Dow was saved, baptized and became a member of the Cheyenne First Baptist Church. He moved west of Cheyenne with his family. He attended school at Reydon before going to Cheyenne School where he graduated in 1951. Dow continued his education at Oklahoma at Oklahoma A & M in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Dow and his brother Deryl were licensed pilots, taught by their good friend, Lee Roark. They flew their plane to and from school, landing in the field north of their Granddad Harry Harmon’s house. Dow entered the U. S. Army and served his country during the
Korean Conflict.

He married Maxelene Chambless in Waco, on June 11, 1955. After his discharge, Dow owned and operated a restaurant in Woodville. During this time they were blessed with two sons, Harry Dow and Roy Van whom Dow affectionately called "Husky". Dow sold his restaurant, the "Tall Pine Inn" and moved his family to Strong City, Oklahoma in 1966. In 1973, the family moved back to the family farm, west of Cheyenne. Dow had a passion for watching sports and had much joy watching his grandchildren. Dow was blessed to see the arrival of his first great-grandchild. In recent years, he had lost much of his eye sight, but was fortunate to have his hearing, which he had until his death. Dow was a very happy man and loved his family dearly. When his grandchildren where born and asked what they should call him, he simply said, "Dow". They always called him Dow, which brought a smile to his face.

Dow was preceded in death by his grandparents, who he had lived with during much of his childhood, they were Harry and Maggie Harmon, his parents and his one brother that he loved dearly, Deryl.

Survivors included his devoted wife, Maxelene of Cheyenne Ok.; two sons, Harry Dow Coker and friend, Shelly Wooley and Roy Van "Husky" Coker and wife, Bab all of Cheyenne, Ok.; three grandchildren, Dustin Kyle Coker, Roy Justin "R.J." Coker and wife, Alison and Tricia Coker all of Cheyenne, Ok.; one great-grandchild, Mackenzie Coker of Cheyenne, Ok.; his special care taker, June Allen and several nieces/nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

Services were held Tuesday, April 8, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. at Cheyenne First Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Fred King and Aubrey Cowan. Burial followed at Cheyenne Cemetery under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Service.

**Maurine McCorquodale Gassiott**

Maurine McCorquodale Gassiott died on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at the age of 92. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest W. Gassiott, Sr. who died in December of 1984.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville, with interment at Magnolia Cemetery in the city. Rev. Ray Reed of Woodville United Methodist Church was the officiant.

She is survived by her sister, Alexandra McCorquodale Hardin, of Madisonville; sisters-in-law, Estelle Herrington, Aileen Wilkerson and husband Harmon all of Houston; son, Ernest W. Gassiott, Jr. and wife, Rochelle Thomson Gassiott of Woodville; grandchildren, Robert William Gassiott and wife Amy, of Van, Cindy Michelle Darragh and husband, Joseph of Kaufman, Julie Ann Griffin of Lewisville, and James Norris Gassiott and wife Kelly of Abilene. She is also survived by nephews and nieces James O. McCorquodale, and wife Jo of Austin, Shirley Ann Jonas and husband Nick of Mesquite, Judith Ann Britt and husband Tommy of Houston, and Jimmy Wilkerson and wife Pat of Baytown, as well as several great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were L. B. (Butch) Herring, Huntley Kenesson, Bob W. Phillips, Wayne Smith, Jimmy Wilkerson, and C. A. Williams. Honorary pallbearers were F. M. (Polly) Archer, Dr. John Gilchrist, J. H. (Jiggs) Kenesson, and Colonel Andrew J. McVeigh, III.

Maurine McCorquodale was born in Madison, County, on October 30, 1910 to a pioneer Madison County family. Both of her grandfathers fought in the war between the states as part of Hood’s Texas Brigade. Her relatives also operated a boarding house in Independence, which housed many early Texas statesmen at the time the Texas Capital was located there. A favorite family artifact, which has since disappeared, was a letter that Sam Houston wrote to one of her ancestors. She was extremely proud of her early Texas and Scottish heritage.

She graduated from Sam Houston State University, majoring in education and minoring in botany, and later earned a Master's degree in education from the University of Houston. She was a career teacher in the Houston and Woodville School systems, instructing fourth grade students.
until her retirement. She was loved and respected by her many former students, fellow teachers, and friends.

After retirement, she continued to pursue her hobbies of gardening, painting and poetry. Her interest in botany led her to devote quite a bit of study to Texas native flowers, shrubs and other plants. Among her published works was an in-depth article on carnivorous wetlands plants of East Texas which was published in the Texas Magazine. In 1981, she was named Poet Laureate by the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. She was a member of the Woodville Women's Study Club and the Woodville United Methodist Church. She was also a member of Kappa Delta Pi, a national honor society in education.

She was especially dedicated to the Tyler County Dogwood Festival and served for many years in various capacities, including a year as author and producer of the historical pageant. Maurine was chairman of the Committee which designed and constructed the Dogwood Queen's Train. Her innate sense of art inspired the floral designs which enhanced the train. She felt especially glad to know that the 2003 Queen modeled the handiwork of the 1979 committee.

**Mary Vay Dean**

Mary Vay Dean, 89, of Woodville, Texas went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 11, 2003 at the Woodville Convalescent Center.

Services were held on Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial at Hester Cemetery near Warren. Officiating was Brother Larry Trest.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Tommy Hensarling, Steve Brown, James Ard, Chris Arrant, Bart Dean, Smitty Smith and Lance Arrant.

Visitation was held Saturday, April 12 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mary Vay was born February 9, 1914 to John Ira and Sarah Anna Moore Hester in Hicksbaugh. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a member of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church. She was the best mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother anyone could have ever asked for.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dow Bartlett Dean.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, D. B., Jr. and Linda Dean of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Margie and T. J. Hensarling, Sarah Ard and Shirley Brown all of Woodville and Sue and Mark Baxter of Vidor; twelve grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 105 N. Pecan, Woodville, Texas 75979.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Oliver Hart**

Funeral services for Mr. Oliver Hart, 66, of Lufkin, Texas will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in the New Zion Baptist Church in Lufkin, where Rev. Cedric Kenebrew is pastor. Elder Robert Jones, Bishop Carlos Mitchell and Rev. Loenard White will officiate. Burial will follow in the Lilly Island Cemetery in Polk County.

Mr. Hart died Sunday, April 13, 2003 in Woodland Heights Medical Center in Lufkin.

He is survived by his wife Dora and numerous children, grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

Tims Funeral Home, Directors; 222 Leach St., Lufkin, Tx. 75904.

**Mable Barnes**

Mable Barnes, 84, of Chester, Texas passed away Tuesday, April 15, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were Thursday, April 17 at 2 p.m. in the Caney Creek Baptist Church with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester. Officiating were Brother George M. Standley and Brother Larry Trest.

Serving as pallbearers were Don Cryer, Rusty
Hughes, Dennis Whitworth, Jimbo Whitworth, John Martin and John Powell.

Visitation was held Wednesday, April 16 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mable was born May 16, 1918 to Cader and Hettie Emma Wilson Powell in Camden. She was a lifelong resident of Chester and was a member of Caney Creek Baptist Church in Chester.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Elton and Patricia Lawrence of Chester; daughter and son-in-law, Nelda and Charles Dobesh of Needville; brother, Wilson Powell of Chester; grandchildren, Kenneth Lawrence of Spring, Shannon Dobesh of Needville, Chuck Dobesh of Austin and Tracey Faggard of Galveston.

Memorials may be made to Caney Creek Baptist Church Building Fund, P. O. Box 32, Chester, Texas 75936.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

John Robert McCurley, Sr.

Graveside service for John Robert “Bob” McCurley Sr., 82, of Hempstead, Texas was held Monday, April 21, 2003 at 11 a.m. at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Visitation was held Sunday from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Born October 24, 1920 in Doucette, to Ruben and Eva Riley McCurley, he lived in Port Arthur most of his life before moving to Hempstead, he was retired from Neches Butane as a boilermaker.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Vivian Mapier.

Survivors include his daughter, Charolette Schultea of Hempstead; one son, John R. McCurler, Jr. of Sealy; and one sister, Evelyn McCommon; six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Services were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Frances Fournet Sabatier

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances Theresa Fournet Sabatier, 87, of Eunice, La. was held at 3 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2003 at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial was held in St. Paul Cemetery in Eunice under the direction of Ardoin Funeral Home of Eunice. Visitation was from 1:15 p.m. Monday in the church.

Mrs. Sabatier passed away at 10:20 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2003 in her home in Eunice.

She was a homemaker with an open-door policy for all her friends, neighbors and strangers alike. She loved to cook, garden and entertain. She enjoyed sewing, reading and playing cards. She would watch baseball anytime, anywhere.

She was very active in her beloved community of Eunice. Her activities included Campfire Girls and St. Edmund School, which all of the children attended. She attended St. Anthony Catholic Church.

She is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Eugene P. Sabatier, Sr. of Eunice; four daughters and spouses, Virginia S. Lowery of Baton Rouge, Frances Lulu and Terry Brown of Eunice, Cecilia S. and Rodrick Fuselier of Lafayette, and Claire and Kenneth White of Carencro; one son and spouse, Eugene P. and Charlotte Sabatier, Jr, of Friendswood; 16 grandchildren, Mark S. Brown, Paul E. Brown, Terry M. Brown, Suzie Brown Trappey, Leslie Brown Rider, Amy Francis Brown Johnson, Stuart Ourso, Jacques Ourso, Jennifer S. Miles, Claire Bonis Sabatier, Charlotte Louise Sabatier, Virginia E. Fuselier, Celeste White, Amelie W. Robillard, Rebecca White and Sam White; 26 great-grandchildren; and four siblings, Joyce Buck and Jack Fournet, both of Kinder, Rhonda Martin of Dallas and

She was the oldest child of Willis and Marie Cecilia Benson Fournet. She was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings, Virginia Fournet, Bill Fournet, Willis Fournet Jr. and Pete Fournet.

The family expresses their gratitude to her caregivers, Loretta Godeau, who has been with her
for the past three years, and hospice nurses Rose, Kathleen and Sis. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to St. Edmund School, 351 W. Magnolia, Eunice, LA., 70535; and Family Hospice 700 Poinciana Ave., Mamou, LA. 70554.

Iva Lee Smith

Services for Iva Lee Fortenberry Smith, 84, of Tyler, Texas were scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Home Chapel in Tyler, with Dr. Bob Mayfield officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith died April 14, 2003. She was born September 6, 1918, in Colmesneil to the late Marlin and Vennie Freeman Fortenberry.

She graduated from Colmesneil High School, and College of Marshall and Sam Houston State College. She was a schoolteacher for 30 years and a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Charles Fortenberry.

Survivors include her husband, James Smith, Tyler; son, Rodney Smith, Arlington; daughter, Sharon King, Longview; brother, Allen Fortenberry, Woodville; two grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Arvill Picket, Jim Culpepper, Steven Hurst, Matthew Hutchins, Raymond Hill and Bob White.

The family received friends from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

If desired, memorials may be made to Trinity Baptist Church, 604 W. 4th St., Tyler 75701.

Bill J. Barclay

Funeral services for Bill Barclay, 75, of Woodville, Texas were held at 10 a.m. April 19, at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Brother Keith Bellamy officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held April 18, at the funeral home.

He died April 16, 2003 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

He was born November 20, 1927 in Woodville where he was a life long resident. He was a carpenter and was a member of Woodville Church of Christ and was a WWII Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Minyard Barclay of Woodville; sons, Don Barclay of Alice, Rodney Barclay of Crockett, Tom Campbell of LaPorte and Vernon Dean of Kountze; one daughter, Lisa Sullivan of Huntsville; one brother, Buddy Barclay of Warren; 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Justin LeDaux, Wayde Sullivan, Dwight Campbell, Tom Campbell, Jr., Josie Dean and Norman Turner.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Dora Powell

Dora Powell, 97, of Chester, Texas passed away Friday, April 25, in Pasadena.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 28 at 2 p.m. in the Enon Baptist Church with burial in Seamans Cemetery near Chester. Officiating was Brother Larry Trest.

Serving as pallbearers were Keith Powell, Dennis Powell, Tim Powell, Dan Powell, Doug Manning, and David Keller.

Visitation was held Sunday, April 27 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Dora was born February 3, 1906 to James Harold and Martha T. Campbell Creech in Center. She was a longtime resident of Chester.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Powell, long time Precinct 2 County Commissioner on March 20 , 1983 and she is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Milton and Chris Powell and Edward and Linda Powell all of Pasadena, and Herschel and Bernice Powell of Deer Park; daughter and son-in-law, Iva and Don Grant of Chester; sister-in-law, Ethel Powell of Chester; seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Seamans Cemetery Association or Enon Baptist Church Building Fund.
OBITUARIES

Mary Ella Barlow

Mary Ella Barlow, 76, of Woodville, Texas died Thursday, April 17, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Services were held on Monday at 2 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Woodville. Rev. C. O. Hadnot, Pastor. Interment was at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Mrs. Barlow was a life long member of the Woodville Tyler County Community.

Mrs. Barlow leaves to cherish her memories, two sons, Richard Barlow (Jackie) of Kountze, and Rev. Larry Barlow (Avis) of Woodville; two granddaughters, Katrina Barlow of Beaumont, and Yolanda Barlow of Woodville; one grandson, Rodrick Barlow of Woodville; two brothers, Norman Baker, Sr. (Eloise) and Willie Baker both of Woodville; a sister, Ethel West of Houston.

Services were under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home of Woodville.

John Eugene Goings

Cremation for John G. Goings, 68, of Warren, Texas was under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mr. Goings died April 16, 2003 at his residence.

He was born November 28, 1934, in Center. He lived in Warren for most of his life. He was a retired operator and was an Army Veteran.

Survivors include his brother, Frank D. Goings of Warren; sister, LaMerle Seymour of Lumberton, and a host of friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Harrison Ayers, Jr.

Harrison Ayers, Jr., 79, was a native of Jasper, Texas although he spent some time in Beaumont and many years in Groves. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy and saw action on the destroyer U. S. S. St. Louis "The Lucky Lou", at Green Island and Leyte Gulf. After WWII, he married Jo Pomeroy and they eventually chose to reside in Groves where they owned Ayers Building Materials, and the Komer Grocery & Package Store. Upon retirement, they settled in Jasper and spent many happy years there.

Memorial services for Mr. Ayers, was held on Monday, April 28, at 10 a.m. at Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper with the Rev. Dick Phillips officiating.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jo Ayers

Mr. Ayers is survived by his daughter, Jolynda Ayers Loeb and husband Jerry of China and his son, Andy Harrison Ayers, of Pt. Neches, along with 2 grandsons; 3 granddaughters, 1 great-grandson, and 3 nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed toward this Jasper Public Library, 175 Water St. Jasper, Tx. 75951.

Services were under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home of Jasper.

Ruby Skinner Peco

Ruby J. Peco, 53, of Kountze, Texas died Monday, April 21, 2003 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral service were held Wednesday, April 23, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 100 Monroe, Kountze, followed by a burial at Old Hardin Cemetery in Kountze under the direction of Broussard's, 700 W. Saratoga Hwy. Kountze.

A gathering of family and friends was held Tuesday, April 22, from 5 until 9 p.m., also at the First Baptist Church.

A native of Woodville she resided in Kountze for thirty-four years, was a librarian and worked for Kountze Elementary School for eighteen years.

Survivors include her mother, Wilma Skinner of Doucette; husband, Don Peco of Kountze; son, Clayton Peco of Beaumont; daughter, Rhonda Bertrand and husband Doug of Sour Lake; sister, Jo Ann Carter and husband Dennis of Converse,
Jocelyn Yvonne Smith

Graveside service for Jocelyn Yvonne Smith, 76, of Woodville, Texas was held Saturday, April 26, at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff with James A. Smith, III and Tom Mitchell officiating.

Mrs. Smith passed away April 21, in Round Rock.

Born August 25, 1926 in Center to Russell and Louise Hewitt Seacat, she lived in Groves before moving to Woodville. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James A. "Jim" Smith, Jr. and a daughter, Cynthia Davis.

She is survived by her loving family, Jimmye Sue Mitchell and husband, Tom of Round Rock; son, James A. Smith, III and wife Cynthia of West Palm Beach, Fl.; brother, Gerald Seacat of Houston; grandchildren, Dylan Griffin, Tiffany Smith, James A. Smith, IV, Maggie Mitchell, Jonathan Smith, Kenny Mitchell, Jocelyn Smith and Grace Smith; niece, Rhonda Hunicutt; and nephews, Jesse Seacat, Scott Seacat and Russell Seacat, III.

Services were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Sarah Merle Jones Havard

Sarah Merle Jones Havard, 84, passed away April 28, at her home in Town Bluff, Texas.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 30, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. at Fairview Baptist Church in Town Bluff with Brother John Spanhanks and Brother Doyle Butcher officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at Riley Funeral Home.

Born August 19, 1918 in Strong, Ark. to Ezra and Molly Vestal Jones, she lived in Nederland before moving to Town Bluff 25 years ago. She was a retired school teacher with the Nederland I.S.D. with 25 years of service. She was a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

She is survived by her loving family; sons, Marion Havard and wife, Tonie of Woodville and Bobby Havard and wife, LaDonna of Beaumont; sisters, Katherine Dean and husband, James of Crosett, Ark., Francis Sewell of Epps, La. and June Johnson and husband, Charles of Crosett, Ark.; brother, Marion Ezra Jones, Jr. and wife, Nellie of Nederland; sister-in-law, Ruby Jones of La.; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Daniel Havard, Justin Havard, Jesse Havard, Nathan Brewer, David Records and Robert Havard.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James L. Haynes

A memorial service for James L. Haynes, 84, of Woodville, Texas was held Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Father Edgidio Vecchio officiating.

Mr. Haynes passed away April 25, 2003 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born July 2, 1918 in Houston to Donald F. and Blanche Dupree Haynes, he lived in Woodville for many years. He was an insulator for Union Oil. He was a member of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church and a World War II Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his loving family; wife, Norma E. Haynes of Woodville; son, John J. Haynes of Crosby; daughter, Ruth Ellan Lee of San Antonio; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Phebe Young Armstrong

Phebe Young Armstrong, 92, of El Paso, Texas passed away on Friday, April 25, in El Paso.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 1, 2003 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home
Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating is Reverend Eldon Reed.

Serving as pallbearers are Stephen Armstrong, David Armstrong, Randolph Young, Hartley Young, Leo Westbrook and Wally Westbrook.

Phebe was born April 3, 1911 to Charles Acton and Sarah Francis Sims Young in Woodville. She was a former longtime resident of Woodville and had lived in El Paso for the past twelve years. She was a retired English teacher with Houston I. S. D. She was a founding member and past president of the Tyler County Heritage Society, member of the Women's Study Club and the Woodville United Methodist Church. She had written for The Crackerbarrel, The Woodsman, The Booster and The Beaumont Enterprise and was the author of the book, "From The Forks of Turkey Creek."

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dan L. and Helen Armstrong of El Paso.

Memorials may be made to the Heritage Village, P. O. Box 888, Woodville, Texas 75979.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mrs. Wilburn leaves to cherish her wonderful memories: daughter, Alice Fails (Bobby) of Woodville and Nancy Miller (Bruce) of Phoenix, Arizona; sons, David Wilburn of Woodville and Claude Wilburn, Jr. (Carol) of Helena, Montana; sisters-in-laws, Bettye Guinn of Houston, Margaret Wilburn of Humble, Chlora Clymer of Kodiak, Alaska, and June Higgs of Greenwood, Arkansas; seventeen grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren, and thirty-one great-great-grandchildren and host of other relative and friends.

Paula Jean Morrell Orchosky

Paula Jean Morrell Orchosky, 36, of Colmesneil, Texas passed away Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 2 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Campground Cemetery. Officiating was Reverend R. C. Tillery.

Serving as pallbearers were Dustin Orchosky, James Pate, Ricky Pate, Russell Pate, Joey Pate and Darion Pate.

Visitation was held on Thursday, May 1 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Paula is survived by her husband, Shaun Orchosky of Colmesneil; son, Rodney Paul Bowen, Jr. of Colmesneil; daughter, Hope Rachell Bowen of Colmesneil; mother and stepfather, Janie and Dave Liss of Colmesneil; father and stepmother, Gene and Melva Morrell of Woodville; mother-in-law, Peggy Orchosky of Jasper; grandmother-in-law, Billie Dougharty of Jasper; brother, Jeremy Morrell of Woodville; sisters and brothers-in-law, Pam and Richard Best of Colmesneil, Kelly Largent of Woodville, Tammy and Marlin Butler of Livingston and Tanya and David Deffenbaugh of Tahlequah, Ok.

Memorials may be made to the Tyler County Cancer Support Group.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Alta Smith Louvier

Alta Smith Louvier, 82, of Woodville, Texas passed away on Monday, April 28, 2003 at her residence.

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, April 30 at 10 a.m. in the Woodville Church of Christ with Keith Bellamy officiating.

Alta was born September 20, 1920 to John Wesley and Terah Craft Smith in Almadane, Louisiana. She was a former resident of Sargent and had lived in Woodville for the past seven years. She had been a mail route contractor in Warren and was a member of Woodville Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her son, Herman Lee Louvier, Jr. and is survived by her husband, Herman L. Louvier, Sr. of Woodville; son, John Louvier of Warren; daughters, Christine Millard and Cynthia Haynes both of Warren; brother, Duane Smith of Evans, La.; sisters, Evelyn Jeane of Evans, La., Eva Perkins of Port Arthur and Myrtle Hummer of Copperas Cove; fifteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Frances Helen Pittman Lilley

Frances Helen Pittman Lilley, 77, of Woodville, Texas passed away on Thursday, May 1, 2003 at her residence after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were Sunday, May 4, at 3 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Campground Cemetery. Officiating was Brother Jerry Marvel.

Serving as pallbearers were Freddie Hopkins, Tommy Shane, Ronald Hensarling, Chipper Sherman, Roy Mitcham and James Morgan.

Visitation was held on Saturday, May 3 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Frances was born to John Henry Pittman and Hattie Hurley Pittman of Colmesneil, on November 7, 1925. She was married to the late Emmitt Wade Lilley, Sr. on July 1, 1944.

She was preceded in death by her son, Emmitt Wade Lilley, Jr. and sister, Jean Pittman Whitten.

She is survived by five sons and daughters-in-law, Floyd and Christy Lilley, Rickie and Denise Lilley, Mickie and Billey all of Woodville, Bobby and Linda Lilley of Anahuac, Rodger and Felecia Lilley of Lumberton; daughter, Katharine Milner of Colmesneil, who was married to the late Billy Milner; brother and sister-in-law, John and Nana Lee Pittman of Colmesneil; sister and brother-in-law, Josephine and Regis Meyers of Texas City; thirteen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

John C. Goza

John C. Goza, 79, of Colmesneil, Texas passed away on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at Hermann Hospital on Houston.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff. Officiating was Brother Paul Boughan and President Charles Miller.

Serving as pallbearers were Tim Adams, Beau Goza, Jeromy Goza, Charles Boykin, Billy Mack and David Cook. Honorary pallbearers were Preston Crosby, Douglas Crosby, Kenneth Odom and Bob Hodges.

The honors of the flag was conferred upon the family by members of the V. F. W. Post #2033.

Visititation was held on Friday, May 2 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

John was born May 6, 1923 to Granville and Fannie Richardson Goza in Oakdale, Louisiana. He was a former resident of Houston and had lived in Colmesneil for many years. He served his country as a U. S. Marine and was a WWII veteran. He had worked for Humble Oil for a number of years before opening and operating Goza’s Enco, later becoming Goza’s Exxon until the late 70’s. He then enjoyed much success as a car salesman before retiring to Colmesneil in the mid 1980’s.

He was preceded in death by his sister,
Dorothy King and is survived by his wife of 56 years, Clarice Goza of Colmesneil; sons and daughter-in-law, John Prentice Goza of Colmesneil, and George and Karen Goza of LaPorte; daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca Anne and Lyle Barham of Colmesneil; six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

William Brittian Perryman


Mr. Perryman died May 1, at his residence.

Mr. Perryman was born January 1, 1920 in Liberty County to William Walter Perryman and Gyrthia Coon, he lived in Nederland for forty years and lived in Spurger and Wildwood before moving to Beaumont one year ago. He was retired operator for Pure Oil Company.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Adams Perryman of Beaumont; sons, Walter Perryman and wife, Ruth of Nederland and Claude Perryman and wife, Cecelia of Devers; daughter, Sandra Gaspard and husband Barney of Kountze; sister, Jean Lewis of Liberty; seven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Arvie Lee Kirkland Hicks

Arvie Lee Kirkland Hicks was born in Beech Creek on January 18, 1919. She departed this life on May 5, 2003 at her home in Beaumont, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther Shelton Hicks and a son, Luther Joe Hicks.

She leaves behind one brother, Ennis Kirkland of Jasper, and a sister, Joyce Hanks of Port Neches; daughter, Linda Francis Hicks Ward and husband, Guyzell of Beaumont; three grandchildren, Robert Lantrip and wife, Lisa of Goodrich, Sonja Renee "Sandy" Ward and husband, Paul of Beaumont; and Michael Hall of Woodville; four great-grandchildren, Morgan Lantrip, Andrew Lantrip, Nicholas Richard Marcotte, and Blake Edward Marcotte.

She worked for several restaurants in the Town Bluff area. She was well known for her homemade pies. She worked for several years in the dietary department in the Tyler County Hospital and area nursing homes in the Woodville and Jasper areas. She will be sorely missed by a host of family and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 7, at 1 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother John Spanhanks officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers were Doug Melton, Danny King, Ken Weaver, Tommy Weaver, Christopher A. Lee and Paul Marcotte.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Bonnie Margaret Armstrong

A memorial service for Bonnie Margaret Armstrong, 74, of San Antonio, Texas will be held Sunday, May 18, 2003, at 2 p.m. at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville, with Brother Luis Tubb officiating.

Born September 10, 1928 in Woodville to William and Mammie Morgan Watson. She lived in Houston before moving to San Antonio. She was a retired store clerk.

She is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Gutierrez and husband, Roger of San Antonio; son, Don Armstrong of Houston; grandchildren, Michelle Gutierrez and Roger Gutierrez II both of San Antonio, Bryan Armstrong of Connecticut and Jason Armstrong of Houston; nephew, Johnny Wilson of Woodville; niece, Bonnie Downing of Beaumont; and five grandchildren.
Floyd R. Storey, Sr.

Floyd R. Storey, Sr., 81, of Beaumont, Texas passed away on Wednesday evening at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. A native of Port Arthur and lived in the area as a lifelong resident. He was a member of Groves United Pentecostal Church.

Floyd joined the National Guards in 1937, his unit was mobilized in 1941 and served 3 1/2 years in the South Pacific. Upon returning home several years later, he served in the Army reserves for a number of years as a Captain and Commanding Officer of 871st Engineer Battalion of Port Arthur.

He was Past President of the Optimist Club of Port Arthur and served in many ways as manager and other positions of Pony Colt League. He retired from Texaco in 1985 as a night foreman after 38 years of service. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4820 in Port Neches.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Storey and mother, Minnie Storey and sister, Geneva Bishop.

He is survived by Dot Storey and Betty Storey; his two sons, Floyd R. Storey, Jr. and his wife, Edna of Woodville, Don Storey and his wife, Linda of Bridge City; his two daughters, Sandra Korpi and her husband, Cliff of Katy, Debbie Falgout and her husband, Louis of Beaumont; three grandchildren, Trey, Lauren and Tyler and two great-grandchildren, Grant and Madison; his brother, Vern Lee Storey and his wife, Betty of Groves and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Friday evening from 5 - 8 p.m. at Clayton Thompson Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at the Groves United Pentecostal Church with Rev. David Myers officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jesse Branick, Darrell Gaspard, Quincy Faulk, David Guarnere, Butch Hoffman and David Laurents.

Clayton Thompson Funeral Directors 5200 W. Parkway, Groves, Texas 77619.

James Paul Warner

James Paul Warner, 79, of Woodville, Texas passed away Tuesday, May 13, 2003 at his home in Campers Cove. Funeral services are currently pending at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home in Houston with local arrangements under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville. Mr. Warner and his wife own and operate Another Time with Millie Antiques store on the square in Woodville.

Larkin Broussard Wright

Larkin Broussard Wright, 98, of Dickinson, Texas went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 17, 2003 at Gulf Healthcare Center in Texas City.

He was born on January 26, 1905 in Nome, to Archie and Sadie Wright. Larkin was a longtime resident of Houston. He was a machinist at Gray Tool Company and retired in 1970 and moved to Chester. Mr. Wright was a longtime woman's softball coach in the Houston and Chester area and a member and Deacon in both the Port Houston and Chester Baptist Churches.

Mr. Wright is survived by his loving wife, Pauline and they reared two sons, Alvin and Eugene Wright. Also surviving him are his four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Crowder Funeral Home in Dickinson.

Services will be held on Thursday, May 22, at 11 a.m. at Chester Baptist Church in Chester. Interment will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery near Chester.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Walter Preston Wigley

Funeral service for Walter "Buck" Preston Wigley, 76, was held Saturday, May 17, 2003 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville,
with Brother Clark Mahoney officiating. A Masonic graveside service was held Friday evening.

Mr. Wigley passed away May 15, 2003 at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville, Texas.

He was born June 8, 1926 in Emilee to Fred B. and Arie Ling Wigley. He lived in Jasper before moving back to Tyler County 15 years ago. He was retired driller for Delta Drilling Co.

Survivors include his son Walter Wigley, Jr. of Houston; daughters, Jean Marie Thornton of Lufkin and Pamela Diane Wilson of New York; brother, Lester Wigley of Woodville and sister, Vera Jordan of Dallas; three grandchildren, James Thomas Thornton, Donna Marie Thornton, David Joe Thornton and Hanna Wilson.

Serving as pallbearers were Leonard C. LaSalle, James Marshall, Mike Gowin, Keith Fuller, Earl Overstreet and Joe Darsey.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

John Buryl Lininger


He was born in Kent, Iowa on October 8, 1934, to Buryl Orland Lininger and Mildred Agnes Hays. John married Sherwin McKnight Lininger on February 17, 1962 in Houston. They also lived in Woodville, and Estes Park, Colorado.

John and Sherwin moved to Pagosa Springs on January 21, 2002 from Pasadena. John owned a Central Air Conditioning and Heating Business. He was also an Auto Purchasing Agent for car dealerships in the Houston area. He was an active member of the congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses for most of his life. John loved the outdoors. His favorite place was the ocean, specifically the Gulf of Mexico. He also enjoyed fishing, gardening, automobiles, and bird watching. John loved his family and was a devoted husband and father. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Mary; daughters, Wanda Sullivan, Elizabeth and Nicole Ray; sons, Randy, Bobby, and Richard Ray; grandchildren, Wayne Kimball, Jr., Tonya Holmes, Andrea Sullivan, Ashley Ray, Tiffany Ray, Randy Ray II., Robert Ray II, and Eryn Lambright; great-grandchildren, Destiny Sullivan, Troy Holmes, Charity Sullivan and Taylor Kimball.

Pallbearers were Jim Hoy, Floyd Lilley, Loyd and Boyd Thompson, Larry Hicks and Jimmy Vasquez. Interment was at Houston National Cemetery.

Services were held at Rosewood Funeral Home in Humble.
Agnes Bingham Seamans

Funeral service for Agnes Bingham Seamans, 90, of Chester, Texas was held Monday, May 19, 2003, at 3 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Hails Taylor and Brother Larry Trest officiating. Burial followed at Seaman's Cemetery near Chester.

Visitation was held Sunday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Seamans passed away May 17, 2003 at her residence in Chester.

Born December 28, 1912 in Dies, to John and Fannie Shepherd Bingham, she lived in Tyler County all of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of Chester Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. E. Seamans and Kelso Seamans and a son, Jerry Seamans.

She is survived by her son, James Seamans, and wife, Burna Dean of Mt. Belvieu; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Seamans of Corrigan; grandchildren, Cindy Seamans of Beaumont, Susan Torrez and husband, Larry of Corrigan, Randy Seamans and wife, Donna of Rockwall; step-grandchildren, Julie Dooley and husband, Keith, and Lesa Hall and husband, Brian all of Mt. Belvieu; great-grandsons, Kalin Seamans, Skyler Seamans, Ian Seamans, Dylan Deversa, Jared Torrez and Mark Torrez; step-great-grandchildren, Hollie Dooley, Carly Dooley, Mason Dooley, Steven Hall and Lindsey Hall.

Serving as pallbearers were Randy Seamans, Brian Hall, Keith Dooley, Larry Torrez, Steve Watts and Rusty Hughes.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James Paul Warner


Rev. Jesse Hughes officiated at graveside services which were held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 16, at the Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery located at 6900 Lawndale Ave. in Houston.

Visitation was held at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at the Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Millie Warner; daughter, Yvonne Wilson and her husband, Jerry; two grandchildren, Tina Wilson Crosby and her husband, Rodney and Jerry Wilson, Jr. and his wife, Gina; one aunt, Lucille Martindale; seven great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

James proudly served his country in the U. S. Army during WWII. Mr. Warner and his wife, Millie, were deeply involved in the antique business as owners of an antique store on the square in Woodville, (Another Time with Millie). He was also a member of Snow River Lodge #385 of Spurger. He was of the Baptist faith. He will be greatly missed.

Dora Johnson

Dora Johnson, 79, of Woodville, Texas died Friday, May 16, 2003 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, May 22, 2003 at the Springhill Missionary Baptist Church at 11 a.m. in Woodville. Officiating, Pastor Dale Moye. Burial will be at the Springhill Community Cemetery in Woodville, under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

She was a native of Village Mills, retired from the Tyler County Hospital, and a member of Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Woodville.

Survivors are her sister, Ida Shepherd of Warren; granddaughters, Schrell Horn of Doucette; grandson, Rickey Jackson of Warren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Bessie Mae White

Bessie Mae White, 72, of Warren, Texas died Thursday, May 15, 2003 at St. Christus Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, May 21, at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church at 1 p.m. with Rev. Willie Gill officiating.

Visitation was held Tuesday, May 20 from 6 to
9 p.m. with burial at the Moss Hill Community Cemetery, under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

She was a native of the Emilee Community and life long resident of Tyler County. She attended public school in Colmesneil, and was a member of the Warren Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Warren.

She leaves to cherish her memories: daughter, Marvo Joe Bradley (Freddie) of Silsbee; sons: Rev. Daniel Lee White, Jr. (Arlene), Jessie White (Wanda), Robert Lee White (Linda) all of Beaumont, Ruben Earl White (Alma Jo) of Nacogdoches, Wayne White (Debra) of Houston; one sister, Mary Esther Williams (Jimmie) of Leesville, La.; one brother, Floyd Rigsby of Beaumont; 22 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 1 uncle, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Kathleen Swearingen Green

Funeral services for Kathleen Green, 71, of Austin, Texas were held May 23, 2003 at 3 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Gary Olsen officiating. Burial followed at Swearingen Family Cemetery near Warren. Mrs. Green died May 20, in Austin.

She was born April 12, 1932 in Phoenix, Arizona to Byron Swearingen and Inez Hughes. She lived in Houston before moving to Austin four years ago. She was active in the Rolling Hills Community Church in the Lago Vista Community. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Redlands.

She was the wonderful wife of Ernest Green for 46 years; sons, Brian Lee Green and wife, Wendi of Franklin, Tn., Ernest Jackson Green III and wife, Lora of Round Rock; grandsons, Cooper Lee Green of Franklin, TN. and Jackson Lee Green of Round Rock and granddaughter, Gatlin Kate Green of Franklin, TN.

Pallbearers were Brian Green, Jack Green, Dr. Jerry Street, Gene Hughes, John Hughes and Louie Morales.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Herbert Raymond Kraus

Graveside service for Bill Kraus, 72, of Vidor, Texas were held May 24, 2003 at 12:30 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery near Chester, life long friend, Reverend Delbert Lamb officiating, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mr. Kraus died May 20, 2003 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. Bill was born March 25, 1931 in Chester.

He was a resident of Vidor, for most of his life. He was a member of East Gate Pentecostal Church. He was a member and past Master at Mount Hope Vidor and Pine Forest Masonic Lodges. He was retired from Enron as a pipeline compressor operator.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Herbert William Kraus and Dixie Priest; five sisters, Rachel Woodrome, Bernice Starks, Frankie Doughart, Ann Wages and Lyndal Whitt and one brother, Dudley Kraus.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Della Mae Kraus; two sons, Roger Dale Kraus of Beaumont and Bill Dudley Kraus and wife Karen of Bridge City; daughter, JeNelle Darlene Rush and husband Ted of Vidor; two grandchildren, Rachel and Michael Kraus and a host of relatives and friends.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

J. C. Connell

J. C. Connell, 82, of Woodville, Texas died Tuesday, May 20, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 22 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Wayne Mitchell, Joe Donald Mitchell, Buster Mitchell, Donnie Todd, Pat Gilchriest and Curtis Hall.
Visitation was held on Wednesday, May 21 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

J. C. was born February 19, 1921 to Jackson Curtis and Artie Lela Grimes Kirkland in Woodville. She was a lifelong resident of Woodville and had worked many years as a sales clerk for J. B. Best & Co. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, J. F. "Happy" Connell; parents, Edgar and Artie Mitchell and Jackson C. Kirkland; sister, Edna Mitchell Lee and sister-in-law, Louise H. Mitchell. She is survived by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Edgar W. Mitchell, Jr. and Sherman and Sybil Mitchell all of Woodville and Oliver and Judy Mitchell of Lumberton; 15 nieces and nephews and a multitude of great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Elijah Wade Bittick**

A graveside service for Elijah Wade Bittick, infant son of Calvin and Adrienne Bryan Bittick, was held Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at 4 p.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester, Texas with Brother Lester McAdams officiating.

Elijah was born in Lufkin Friday, May 23, 2003 at 8:33 p.m. He weighed 1 lb. 1 oz. and was 12 inches long. Elijah went to be with Jesus on May 23, 2003.

Survivors other than parents include his grandparents, Garland and Maudell Bittick of Groveton and Alfred and Valerie Bryan of Chester; great-grandparents, R. E. Wortham of Livingston and Joyce Wortham of Chester; aunts and uncles, Margaret Witt of Groveton, Garlynda Fuller of Angleton, Sam and Jennifer Fuller and Matt Bryan all of Chester; numerous cousins and other relatives.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Danny Carl Brown, Jr.**

Danny Carl Brown, Jr. 23 of Chester, Texas died Sunday, May 25, 2003 in Chester. Funeral services are Saturday, May 31, at Chester High School at 11 a.m. with Rev. V. A. Hulete and Rev. Hester officiating. Burial will be at Lillie Island Cemetery near Chester under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home.

Survivors are parents, Vilar Brown of Chester and Danny Brown, Sr. of Corrigan; sisters, Frances Brown of Leggett, and Devenna Critic of Chester; grandparents, Betty Barlow of Leggett, and Pinkie Brown of Corrigan.

**Clarke Harrison**

Funeral service for Clarke Harrison, 82, of Woodville, Texas was held Monday, May 26, 2003 at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Raymond Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese officiating. Burial followed at Midway Cemetery in Polk County.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Harrison passed away May 24, 2003 at his residence in Woodville.

Born August 7, 1920 in Shady Grove, to John Taylor and Rosie Ella Swearingen Harrison, he lived in Port Arthur before moving to Woodville 20 years ago. He was a retired operator for Gulf Oil for 38 years and a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodville.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Dorothy Skinner Harrison; daughters, Rebecca Charlene Harrison of Beaumont, Pamela June Laird of Groves and Deborah Kay Usoff of Nederland; brother, Lewis Harrison of Houston; granddaughters, Dawn Michelle Stone of Austin, Katie Nicole Usoff and Emily Brook Usoff both of Nederland; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were David Gallagher, Michael Gallagher, Jr., John Allen Evans, Jimmie C. Harrison, Glenn E. Harrison and Earl Evans.

Services were under the direction of Riley
Caleb Herring

Caleb Herring, 69, of Dies, Texas passed away Wednesday, May 28, 2003 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Facility in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 31, at 11 a.m. at Pine Grove Baptist Church in Dies. Burial followed at Dies Community Cemetery in Dies.

Survivors include Herchel Mae Spencer and Faye Ford of Dies, Betty Hadnot, Jewel Fontenot and Mabelene Fleming all of Beaumont, Aggerthene Mallard of Arlington; brothers, Joe Herring of Houston, Herchel Herring, Jr., and Gene Herring of Beaumont, Linn Williams of Los Angeles, California, Eisenhower Herring of Lufkin.

Direction of Robinson Community Funeral in Jasper.

Elma Dartez

Elma "Snookie" Dartez, 82, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Sunday, June 1, 2003 at her residence.

Graveside services will be Wednesday, June 4 at 10 a.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating is Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 3 starting at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born March 8, 1921 to Carl and Elma Risinger Selman in Sour Lake. She was a former longtime resident of Orange and graduate of Stark High School. She had lived in Woodville for over forty years and was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Bobbie and James Earl Watts of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Boyd and Brenda Dartez of Bridge City; grandsons and spouses, Jimmy and Tammy Watts, Michael and Marsha Watts all of Woodville, James and Brandy Dartez and Elizabeth Dartez all of Houston; and great grandchildren, McKenna, Mallory, Jacob and Josie Watts.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 105 N. Pecan, Woodville, Texas 75979 or Lakes Area Hospice, P. O. Box 2086, Jasper, Texas 75951.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Jennie Spurlock Hein

Jennie Spurlock Hein, 60, of Magnolia, Texas, passed away Friday.

Jennie was born November 9, 1942 in Woodville. She was an administrative consultant for the city of Houston Aviation Department.

She is survived by husband Fil Hein; son, Steven Hein and wife Donna; daughter, Suzanne Hein Ashlock and husband Steve; grandchildren, August Ashlock and Sydney Hein; parents, J. D. and Annie Mae Spurlock; brothers, Jimmy and Jerry Spurlock, and numerous other family and friends.

Visitation will be Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Klein Funeral Home in Tomball. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church in Tomball with interment in the Klein Memorial Park in Klein (FM 2920). In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or the Zion Lutheran Church in Tomball.

Services under the direction of Klein Funeral Home of Tomball.

Hicks Jordan, Sr.

Hicks Jordan, Sr., 73, of Kirbyville, Texas died Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services will be held 3 p.m. Friday, June 7, at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger and under the direction of E. E. Stringer Funeral Home in Kirbyville.

A native of Mt. Union community and longtime resident of Spurger, he had lived in Kirbyville 10 years. He was a U. S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include 3 sons, Hicks Jordan, Jr.,
Jerry Jordan, and Roger Jordan; 1 daughter, Lois Baker; 1 brother, Prentice Jordan of San Antonio; 3 sisters, Inez Sturrock of Colmesneil, Lorine Powell of Temple, and Jennie Harp of Baytown.

**Russell Trevillian**

Russell Trevillian, 72, of Hillister, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at his residence.

Russell was born in Iron Mountain, MI. on February 1, 1931. He was a long time employee of Johnson Space Center, Houston. He and his wife Vernell, relocated from Houston to Hillister in February 2002 to "Get away from the city" to a more peaceful environment.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years; a sister, Beverly Kramer of Dallas; eldest daughter, Lynda Jones of Pearland; son, Craig and wife, Cindy Trevillian of Pearland; daughter, Elaine and husband, Steve Welcome of Pearland; youngest son, Brad and wife, Amber Trevillian of Spring.

Along with his children, Russell was blessed with 4 grandsons, Rob, Brian, Brandon and Adam, 4 granddaughters, Melissa, Ashli, Devyn and Lauren and a new granddaughter, Maci, due in July. He also had 3 great-grandsons, Conner, Kolby and Cameron.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m. at the Pasadena Funeral Chapel in Pasadena with Dr. Dwayne Freese officiating.

Services were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Bobby Wayne Loggins**

Funeral service for Bobby Wayne Loggins, 69, was held Saturday, June 7, 2003, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Raymond Parker officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Loggins passed away June 4, 2003, at the East Texas Medical Center in Tyler, Texas.

Born May 5, 1934 in Van, to Joe H. and Benne Brymer Loggins, he lived in Woodville most of his life before moving to Tyler. He was a retired school teacher and a Korean Air Force Veteran.

He is survived by his son, Wesley Joe Loggins of Tyler; daughter, Theresa Marie Loggins of Tyler; brother, Joe Loggins of Jasper; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Jack McCulley**

Jack McCulley, 75, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Saturday, June 7, 2003 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 9 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Brother Larry Trest officiating.

Visitation was held on Sunday, June 8 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Jack was born March 10, 1928 to Russell and Gertrude Shadrick McCulley in Shidler, Ok. He was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a retired self-employed welder and a avid fisherman. He was a U. S. Navy WWII veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Flora McCulley of Woodville; children, Susan McCulley of Milam, Jennie Skilem and Mary McCulley, both of Fredricksburg, Russell McCulley of New Orleans; Billy Brodnax of Groves, Susan Milam and Lynda Walling, both of Woodville; brother, Stanley McCulley of Alabama; ten grandchildren; three great grandsons and several nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Dan J. Kent**

Dan J. Kent, 68, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Thursday, June 5, 2003 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were held Sunday, June 8 at 3 p.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville with Dr. Raymond Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese officiating.
Serving as pallbearers were Max Graham, Jim Pool, James Handley, Aaron Mark Pool, Jason Pool and Albert L. Sanford.

Visitation was held Saturday, June 7 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Dan was born February 3, 1935 to Tom H. and Lela Spencer Kent in San Angelo. He was a longtime resident of Woodville and was a retired self-employed entrepreneur having sold vehicles for Allison Chevrolet and Larry Trest Auto Brokers. He was retired from the Woodville Volunteer Fire Department and was a graduate of North Texas University in 1963. He loved fishing, gardening, hunting and caring for animals that needed a friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Lelah Kent; brother, Dr. Spencer Kent, and his nephew, Tom Kent.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Betty Kent of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Jamar and Gayle Kent of Missouri City; daughter, Helen Kent of Houston; grandchildren, Reid Kent, Claire Kent, and Joshua Kent all of Missouri City; sister-in-law, Geneva Kent; nephew and spouse, Jay and Robbie Kent; niece, Cynthia Kent; and great-nieces, Kristin Kent and Jessica Kent.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Lejoy Dale Ford**

Graveside services for Lejoy Dale Ford, 79, of Ardmore, Ok., was held Monday, June 9, 2003 at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Ardmore with Dr. Walt Spradling officiating. Services are under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home.

Born August 18, 1923 in Moore, Oklahoma to Henry Mac Ford and Amanda Mae Shroyer Ford, he died June 7, 2003, at his residence in Ardmore.

He was a member of the Moore Methodist Church since 1942. He was a World War II Army Veteran and married Dorothy Irene Moore on July 13, 1946 in Orange. He received a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Oklahoma and was employed as a Geological Engineer for Exxon Exploration in Houston, and Southeast Asia for a period of 35 years. Mr. Ford had lived in Ardmore for the past 3 years, moving here from Woodville.

Mr. Ford is survived by his wife, Dorothy Ford of the home, 3 sons; Tom M. Ford of Thrall, Jerry Ford of Ardmore, Ok., and Bob Ford of Lufkin; 1 brother, Denzil Ford of Orange; 1 sister, Jo Enmon of Orange; a special cousin, Cecil Shroyer of Moore, Ok.; 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; Lauren and Ally Tipps of The Colony, and Justin Ford of Thrall.

Honorary pallbearers were his six grandchildren, Monte Ford, Dusty Ford, Matt Ford, Jake Ford, Natasha Tipps and Mandy Ford.

Services were under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home of Ardmore, OK.

**Merlie B. Walker**

Merlie B. Walker, 89, of Spurger, Texas, died Thursday, June 5, 2003, at Avalon Place Nursing Home in Kirbyville.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at E. E. Stringer Funeral Home in Kirbyville with burial at Trout Creek Cemetery.

A native of Zwolle, Louisiana and longtime resident of Spurger, she had lived most of her life in Kirbyville.

Survivors include two daughters, LaVerne Boyette and Myrtle Brewer both of Kirbyville; two brothers, A. J. "Blue" Meshell of Buna and H. F. "Hoss" Meshell of Crosby; a sister, Mary Rutledge of Magnolia Springs; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of E. E. Stringer Funeral Home in Kirbyville.

**Dorothy Katherine Holmes Lumpkin**

Dorothy Katherine Holmes Lumpkin, 72, passed away June 6, 2003, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born in Port Arthur, Texas, to William M. and Jewel Allen Holmes, she moved to Woodville 25 years ago. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend to all who knew her.
She is survived by her daughter, Rhonda Wheat and husband, Keith of Woodville; sons: Robert P. Borel and wife, Jan of Woodville, and Ron L. Borel and wife, Kelley of Orange; sister, Margaret English and husband, John of Spurger; brother, William "Sonny Boy" Holmes and wife, Joy of Port Arthur; grandchildren: Eryn Zavaleta and husband, Thomas of Austin, Robert R. Borel of Huntsville; Jathan P. Borel and wife, Amy of Wimberley; Angela Ramsey and husband, Clay of The Woodlands; Andrew and Alex Borel of Orange; Laura Harrington and Kelsey Wheat of Woodville; and great-grandchildren: Courtney and Reid Zavaleta; Carson and Jaydee Borel; Noah and Carter Ramsey.

Services were held Sunday, June 8, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Spurger with Brother Paul Boughan and Brother James Brock officiating. Burial followed at Antioch Cemetery near Spurger under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

John J. Gobert

John J. Gobert, 90, of Port Arthur, Texas, died Saturday, June 7, 2003 in Port Arthur, after a long illness. A native of Lake Charles, La. he lived most of his adult life in the Mid-County area.

Visitation was Monday from 5 - 9 p.m. A Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services were Tuesday, June 10, at 10 a.m. at Clayton-Thompson Funeral Home. Burial was 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Woodville under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.

He is proceeded in death by his wife and two sons.

Survivors include his sons, John W. Gobert and wife Martha of Groves, Rodney Gobert and wife Cathy of Vidor; daughters, Dianne Duke and husband Terry of Vidor, and Roxanne Gobert of Port Neches; thirteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kristal Fowler

Kristal Fowler, 27, of Town Bluff, Texas, passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2003 at her residence.

Memorial services were held on Monday, June 16 at 2 p.m. in the Lakeside Apostolic Church in Town Bluff.

Kristal was born February 3, 1976 to Dewayne and Carol Commander Roff in Buna. She was a former resident of Lumberton and had lived in Town Bluff for the past five years.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Fowler of Lumberton; father, Dewayne Roff of Kirbyville; mother, Carol Commander of Town Bluff; sons, Eric Simmons, James Fowler, II and John Christopher Fowler all of Lumberton; brother, Will Haynes of New Mexico and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Roff of Kirbyville.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lorene Marie Crosby Loggins

Funeral service for Lorene Marie Crosby Loggins, 73, of Woodville, Texas, was held Sunday, June 15, 2003 at 3 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with former Branch President Tim Durr and Branch President Gene Miller officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff.

Visitation was held at Riley Funeral Home Saturday evening.

Ms. Loggins passed away June 12, 2003, at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home.

Born in Colmesneil to Clarence Timothy and Mary McKee Crosby, she lived in Tyler County all of her life. She was a live in Nanny for Concepts of Care and a member of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Janice Shaw and one sister, Willie Hall.

She is survived by her loving family- son, Tim Durr of Woodville; daughter, Bonita Jacobs of Salt Lake, UT; sister, Betty Pixley of Woodville and...
Dimples Jullian of Lufkin; nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Arry Pittman, David Jacobs, Nathan Shaw, Tim Durr, Jr., Austin Shaw and Shaun Jacobs.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jacqueline Boyd Green

A funeral service for Jacqueline "Jackie" Boyd Green, 79, of Spurger, Texas, was held Friday, June 13, 2003, at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Doyle Butcher officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mrs. Green passed away June 11, 2003, at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born February 19, 1924 in Houston, to John P. and Nora Harrison Graham. She lived in Tyler County for 20 years. She was retired from sales.

She is survived by her loving family - husband, Joseph "Woody" Green of Spurger; sister, Mary Smith and husband, Earl of Houston; nieces, Deby Parrott and husband, Mike, Diana Kurten and husband, Jim, Candy Sherbert and husband, Joe, Molly Barnes and husband, Blake.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James Washington Ross, Jr.

Funeral service for James Washington "Shorty" Ross, Jr., 75, of Rockland, Texas, was held Monday, June 16, 2003, at 2 p.m. at Gregory Cemetery near Colmesneil with Brother Fred Yount officiating.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. Ross passed away June 13, at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born in Bessmay, on March 9, 1928 to Jim and Mary Hopson Ross, he later became a life long resident of Rockland. He was a retired truck driver for Precinct #3 Commissioner.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 24 years, Lillian Jean Mitchell Ross. After her death, he finished raising his six children. With his kind heart and giving and supportive hand, everyone was always welcomed at "Shorty's" home.

He is survived by his six children, Barbara Jean Sanders of Rockland, James Washington (Buckshot) Ross, III of Colmesneil, John Henry (Tooter) Ross, Ruby Diann Powell, Billy Waymon Ross, and Glenn Allen Ross of Rockland; eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, brother, Earl Ross and sister, Imra Howard both of Huntington and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jessie Roland Holmes

Funeral service for Jessie Roland Holmes, 73, of Lumberton, Texas,  will be held Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Alton Harwell and Brother Glen Longnion officiating. Burial will follow at Fellowship Cemetery near Warren.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Holmes passed away June 16, at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Mr. Holmes lived most of his life in Lumberton. He was a retired wire line operator for Baker Production and a U. S. Marine Veteran.

He is survived by his loving wife, Betty Duff Holmes of Lumberton; children, Lisa McNeely of Warren and Mitch Holmes of Polk County; sisters, Bernice Carroll of Segno and Vera Hatcher of Raywood; three grandchildren, Josh Holmes, Jake Holmes and Jessie Anderson.

Serving as pallbearers will be Darrel Carroll, Ronnie Reese, Joe Jones, Mark Tolar, Brent Brown and Paul Mannise.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Sheila L. Maltese

Sheila L. Maltese, 47, of Groves, Texas, died on Thursday, June 12, 2003 at Christus St. Mary Hospital in Port Arthur after a sudden illness.

She was a native and life long resident of the Port Arthur area and was a clerk for Kingsaver Food Store.

She is survived by her mother, Ruby Bass of Nederland; husband, Allen Maltese of Groves; daughter, Diann Mariast and husband, Walter of Port Arthur; step-daughters, Stacie Alene Maltese of Groves, Kristen Maltese and Cassandra Maltese both of Huntington, Indiana; brothers, Paul Bass of Nederland and Ronnie Burnett of Kirbyville; grandchildren, Kayla and Tony Mariast.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 16, at the Davis Cemetery under the direction of Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland.

Visitation was held from 9 - 12 on Monday at the funeral home.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

William Edward McKean

A graveside service for William "Bill" Edward McKean, 71, of Woodville, Texas, will be held Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at 10 a.m. at Shady Grove Cemetery near Woodville with Brother Jon Waters officiating.

Visitation was held Tuesday evening at Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. McKean passed away June 15, at his residence.

Born September 3, 1931 in Indianapolis, Indiana to John and Mary Dial McKean, he lived in Tyler County for 30 years. He was a retired draftsman and pipe engineer. He was an Air Force Veteran.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie Jaye Broom McKean of Woodville; children, Steven Edward McKean and wife, Bohye of Whitesands Missile Range, N. M., Patricia Ann England and husband, James of Splendora, and Billy John McKean and wife, Frances of Glendale, AZ; grandchildren, Christa McKean of Glendale, AZ and Catherine McKean of Whitesands Missile Range, NM; sister, Bettie Gorrell of Terre Haute, IN; brother, Robert McKean of Crane, IN.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Richard Matthew Jordan, Sr.

Richard "Dick" Matthew Jordan, Sr., of Beaumont, Texas, passed away on Friday, June 20, 2003 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in the company of his long time best friend, Bob Whitman.

A native of Spurger, he lived a full life surrounded by friends and family until the age of 81.

He was a veteran of World War II, where he served as a corporal in the Air Force. He was a dedicated Free Mason with the Nederland Masonic Lodge and the Snow River Masonic Lodge of Spurger for over 50 years. He loved to keep people up to date on the latest news, and he was an avid Houston Astros fan. He spent most of his working life employed by Pure Oil until his retirement at the age of 59.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, his son Dickie and wife Kaye, his daughter Carol, his grandchildren, Becah, Tom and wife Becky, Kasey and Joe, and his great granddaughter, Jenny.

He is also survived by his sister, Georgia Donna Mize and husband Floyd of Longview and his brother, Herschel Jordan and wife Betty of Victoria, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 22, at 1 p.m. at Pat A. Riley Funeral Home in Nederland with Rev. Dale Chance and Rev. Eldon Reed officiating. Burial with full Masonic services were conducted at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger.

The family received friends from 6 - 9 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Services were under the direction of Pat A. Riley Funeral Home of Nederland.
Zachary Allen Cowart

Graveside service for Zachary Allen Cowart, of Spurger, Texas, 23 days old, were held June 20, 2003 at 10 a.m. at Turner Branch Cemetery in Spurger, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, with Brother Walter Cowart officiating.

Zachary died June 16, in Jasper Memorial Hospital in Jasper. He was born May 25, 2003 in Jasper.

He is survived by his mother, Jerushe Nicole Cowart of Spurger; grandparents, Bethany and C. W. Smith of Spurger and Ron and Marla Cowart of Woodville; Bethany; Great grandparents, Robert and Ethel Shuart of Spurger.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jewell Laraine Ray

Funeral services for Jewell Ray, 93, of Hemphill, Texas, were held June 19, 2003 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home chapel, with brother Forest Owens officiating. Burial followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.

Mrs. Ray died June 16, in Hemphill.

She was born in Cass County, on September 27, 1909 to Joseph Skelton and Elizabeth Furgeson. She lived in Orange for many years before retiring to Woodville. Mrs. Ray was a school teacher and active member in the First Baptist Church in Woodville. She moved to Hemphill in 2002 to be close to her daughter.

She is survived by her one son, James Ray of Phoenix, AZ.; two daughters, Helen Knight of Trinity and Ann Wilson Theriot of Hemphill; ten grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Andy Griffin, Alex Dyer, James Ray, Dusty Knight, Donnie Knight, Jr. and Donnie Knight.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Robert J. Jones

Robert J. "Bob" Jones, 74, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, June 20, 2003 at Memorial Health System of East Texas in Lufkin.

He is survived by De Wanda Jones (wife of 26 years) of Woodville, Bobby Jones (son) of Colorado, Jeff Jones (son) of Colorado, Cindy Hull (daughter) of Roswell, SC, Patrick Jones (son) of Roswell, SC, Laura Elizondo (daughter) of Pt. Neches, Sidney Hall (son) of Zephyrhills, FL., John Hall (son) of Woodville, Deborah Gilliam (daughter) of Woodville, Penny Milner (daughter) of League City; fourteen grandchildren; five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Jones and his mother, Edith Simms Jones; Charles Jones, Jr. (brother), and Hazel Paul (sister).

He was born June 16, 1929 in Hebron, Nebraska the son of Charles and Edith Simms Jones. He was a member of Hemphill Missionary Baptist Church in Hemphill.

Pallbearers were: Joe Jolly, Wayne Bates, Paul Gilliam, Chris Gilliam, Shaun Rankin, Dwight Gilbert and Dewayne Bush.

He served in the Marines.

Visitation was held at Cochran Funeral Home Chapel in Livingston on Monday till service time.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 23, at 3 p.m. at Cochran Funeral Home Chapel/Livingston, with Brother Wesley Pate and Bill Cauthorn officiating. Burial followed in the Peebles Cemetery in Livingston, Texas.

Ernestine Tatum Clark

Ernestine Tatum Clark, 76, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 21 at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Pedigo Cemetery near the community of Town Bluff. Officiating were Dr. Dwayne Freese, Andy Carpenter and Jackie Blakeney.
Visitation was held on Friday, June 20 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ernestine was born May 20, 1927 to Ernest and Ivy Prescott Tatum in Colmesneil. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and had worked at Citizen State Bank as a bookkeeper and was retired from the WISD as a secretary. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, J. C. Clark of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Mike Carpenter of Garland, and Donna and Todd Taylor of Woodville; sister, Earline Davis of Tomball; and 4 grandchildren, Andy Carpenter, Christi Carpenter, Molly Taylor and Clark Taylor.

Memorials may be made to The First Baptist Church Choir, 205 West Wheat, Woodville, Tx. 75979.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Lela Lucille Rawls Cook

Lela Lucille "Aunt Ludy" Rawls Cook, 79, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2003 at her residence.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 21, at 3 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Ferrell Cemetery (Holly Fork Community) near Dam-B. Officiating were Brother Jimmy Lloyd Graham, Brother John Adams and her grandson, Jeffrey Mashaw.

Visitation was held on Friday, June 20 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lucille was born September 19, 1923 to John Henry and Martha Jane Wiggins Reid in the Emille Community (Tyler County). She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and had worked as a nurses aid for Home Health Home Care. She was a faithful member of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Johnnie Lou and Buddy Johnson of Buna and Shirley and Charles Mashaw of Woodville; sisters, Etta Ross of Rockland, Ruth Morris of Woodville and Marie Sheffield of Zavalla; 7 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and extended stepchildren, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to The American Heart Association, P. O. Box 279, Woodville, Texas 75979 or Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Billie Jean Abbott Davis

Billie Jean Davis, 71, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Monday, June 23, 2003 at her residence.

Funeral services are Wednesday, June 25 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Bro. Alex Rawls and Bro. Teddy Minyard officiating. Burial will follow in Davis Cemetery in Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Tuesday, June 24 from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Jean was born April 25, 1932 to Charlie and Ellen Lee Ross Abbott in Rockland. She had resided in Colmesneil most of her life. She was a member of Rocky Springs Baptist Church. Jean was a homemaker and was loved by her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, O.D. Davis of Colmesneil; sons, Charles Davis of Nederland, James Davis, Billy Davis and David Davis, all of Colmesneil, daughters Nelda Burton of Mauriceville, Jolene Teutch of Lumberton and Donna Lee of Colmesneil; two sisters, Ann Castle of Groves and Mary Kottong of Swainsboro Georgia; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives in this area.

Serving as pallbearers were John Chester Abbott, Billy Wade Davis, Wesley Davis, Michael Kunze, Derek Brodnax and Keith Fuller.

Honorary pallbearers were Eric Lee, David Davis, Dalton Davis and Robert Abbott.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Jack De Boer, Sr.

Funeral services for Jack C. De Boer, Sr., 92, of Woodville, Texas, were held Tuesday June 24, 2003 at 10 a.m. at Fairview Baptist Church with Bro. Doyle Butcher officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Riley Funeral Home.

Mr. De Boer died June 21, 2003 at Jasper, Texas.

Visitation was held from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born in Newark, N.J., July 29, 1910 to Cornelius John De Boer and Anna Jean Holtkamp. He lived in Woodville 22 years. He was a retired woodworker and was a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Gertrude De Boer of Woodville; two sons, John Gerrit De Boer of Holt, Missouri and Jack Cornelius De Boer, Jr. of Byroncenter, Michigan; one sister, Bouwina Clarke of Grand Rapids, Michigan; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were deacons of Fairview Baptist Church.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Verdie McBryde Lewis Thornton

Funeral services for Verdie Lewis Thornton, 81, of Chester, Texas, were held June 24, 2003 at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Bro. Hails Taylor and Bro. Bob Freeman officiating. Burial followed at Seamans Cemetery near Chester, Texas.

Mrs. Thornton died June 23, 2003. Visitation was held from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

She was born October 6, 1921 in Colmesneil to John Edwin and Florida McBryde. She lived in Chester most of her life. She was a retired bookkeeper for Thornton's Hardware with 20 years of service. She was a membe of Chester Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Eddie and Jenny Lewis of Livingston; grandson, Rick Lewis of Livingston; granddaughter and her husband, Chesney and Morgan Wright of Lufkin; and a sister, Benellen Dominy of Beaumont.

Serving as pallbearers were: Rick Lewis, Morgan Wright, Lynn Tarver, Robert Cruse, Steve Watts, Bob Freeman, Milton Lloyd Dominy and Gary Dominy.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lois Dean

Lois Dean, 87, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Sunday, June 29, 2003 at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 1 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating was Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Dean, Jr., Stacy Dean, Barry Dean, Steve Benthall, Mike Lowery, and Jacob Dean.

Visitation was held on Monday, June 30th from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lois was born September 23, 1915 to Ernest and Mattie Tucker Benthall in Carthage. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and had retired as a nurse for Dr. R. E. Swearingen and Dr. Curtis M. Garner. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Boots Dean on March 22, 1993. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Billy F. and Carolyn M. Dean of Lindale and Ernest and Elizabeth Earl Dean of Kountze; grandchildren, Billy F. Dean Jr. and wife, Joyce of Brenham, Kimberly Irvin and husband, Steve of Lindale, Stacy Dean of Henderson, Jill Moore of New Caney, and Barry Dean and wife Rachel of Kountze; and great-grandchildren, Jenny Dean, Jacob Dean, Amy Irvin, Erin Irvin, Ryan Irvin, Lauren Irvin, Bryant Laird, Allen Moore, Lindsey Moore, Joley Moore and Reagan Dean.
Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Alice N. Glover Stringer**

Funeral service for Alice N. Glover Stringer, 81, of Woodville, Texas, was held Saturday, June 28, 2003 at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Luis Tubb and Brother Joe McFarland officiating. Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Ms. Stringer passed away June 25, 2003, at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born July 1, 1921 in Rockdale, to Cecil A. and Nannie E. Key Moreman, she lived in Tyler County for 24 years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Robert C. Stringer; daughter, Jeannene Gore and husband, Bill of Kountze; brothers, Claude Salsbury and Vernon Salsbury both of Pasadena and Earsel Salsbury of Crockett; sisters, Virgie Buckner of Waco and Verine Enloe of Woodville; four grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; and extended family four grandsons, three great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Mark Gore, Ricky Gore, Joe Lynn Gore, Mack Walpole, Joe McFarland and Arvis Gore.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Frenchie Loretta Delano**

Funeral service for Frenchie Loretta Delano, 57, of Hamshire, Texas, was held Thursday, June 26, 2003 at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Durl Patrick officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Ms. Delano passed away June 23, at her residence.

Born May 18, 1946 in Colmesneil, to William and Mary Day Young, she lived in Hamshire for 1 1/2 years. She was a member of Katy Baptist Church in Colmesneil.

She is survived by her housemate, Robert N. De'Young of Hamshire; daughter, Kathryn A. Usry, Jr. of Beasley; mother, Mary Edith Day Williams of Colmesneil; sister, Dhee Westbrook of Silsbee; and four grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Aaron Johnson, Keith Bush, Gerald Sonnier, John S. Bush, Christopher Bush and W. Stephens.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Charles Benedict Friedl, Jr.**

Funeral service for Charles Benedict Friedl, Jr., 73, of Hemphill, Texas, was held Saturday, June 28, 2003 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Randal Pike officiating. A Masonic service was conducted at the funeral home by the Woodville Masonic Lodge #495. Burial followed at Allison Cemetery in Warren.

Visitation was held Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Mr. Friedl passed away June 24, 2003, in Houston, Texas.

Formerly of Northern, Kentucky, Mr. Friedl served in the U. S. Navy during the Korean Conflict with four years of service. He was a member of the Syrian Shrine Temple in Cincinnati, OH as a 32 Degree Scottish Rite Valley of Covington, KY and a Master Mason of Covington Lodge #109 in Covington, KY. He worked for R. K. LeBlond Machine Tool Co. in Cincinnati, OH and became self employed after moving to Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Cathleen Bradberry Friedl; sister, Mary Sue Adams of Venice, FL.; daughters, Diane Lynn Hoersting of Union, KY, Laura Sue Randall of Houston, Billie Sue Coon of Houston and Carolyn Martin of Houston; grandchildren, Amberlie, Brett, and Brittany Hoersting of Union, KY and Billie Sue Curtice of Houston; and great-grandchild, Kloe Curtice of Houston.
Serving as pallbearers were Brent Coon, Robert Randall, Charles Martin, Mike Clark, Al Lavigne, Steve Hoersting.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

John R. Wilson

John R. "Johnny" Wilson, 59, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Monday, June 30, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 2nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating is Brother Larry Trest.

Visitation was held Tuesday, July 1st from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Johnny was born January 9, 1944 to John Mark, Jr. & Ellen Roberta Guidry Wilson in Woodville, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Woodville and was retired from the Texas Department of Highways as a contractor and inspector. He was a member of the Woodville Masonic Lodge #495, an avid ham operator (WA5YGS) and loved spending time at the family farm with his family. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

He was proceded in death by his brother, Allan Wilson.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Joyce Wilson of Woodville; son & daughter-in-law, John Mark & Tracy Wilson of Woodville; daughter & son-in-law, Tammy & Darin Cowart of Tyler; sister & brother-in-law, Bonnie & Joe Downing of Beaumont; sister-in-law, Barbara Wilson of Woodville; grandchildren, John Carter Wilson, Abby Joyce Wilson, Makensie Cowart and Macy Cowart.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Dorothy Burns Johnson

Dorothy Burns Johnson was born November 7, 1924 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and passed away on July 3, 2003 in Houston, Texas.

Known as "Dottie" by all who knew and loved her, she lived a rich, full life. As a professional, she worked as a public relations director at the Shamrock Hotel and later did television advertising for Joske's Department Store. Her five years at Evan's Fur Company in Chicago, Illinois, was followed by a return to Houston and additional work in advertising. While she had a full career, the love of her life was her pecan farm, OBEDOT, outside Spurger. She and her husband, O. B., began OBEDOT in the early 1980's after their retirements from careers in Houston. The country life suited her, and she quickly became an active volunteer with the Tyler County Heritage Society where she filled many functions at the Heritage Society Village, including writing a weekly column for The Woodsman and then for the The Tyler County Booster. She was known for her stories about local people and their histories. She was also an active volunteer with the Spurger Home Demonstration Society, leading their efforts in tutoring first and second grade children in reading. Her prize winning jams and jellies were known throughout the area.

She is survived by her beloved husband, O. B. Johnson; son, John Burns, his daughters Tina Carvajal and husband Jason and their son Eddie, and Brenda Burns; sister Kay Causey and her sons, Stewart, David and Greg; as well as the daughter of her late sister, Margaret, Karen Morris and husband Doug and their children Michelle and husband David Cefaratti, Kimberley and Kendalynn. She is also survived by step-children Baxter Johnson and wife Gerrie, their children Tammi and husband Wayne Forsythe and their children Kristen and Kolten, Brad and wife Dana Johnson and their sons Blake and Daniel; Sherry and husband Jay Bergman, their daughter Tiffany and husband Dean Walker, and their son T. J.; Janan and husband Ed Kash, their sons Jimmy and Danny; and Karen and husband Billy Schumann and their daughters Katy, Melissa and
Dottie was a wonderfully warm and friendly person and made friends wherever she went. She was deeply loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

Services were held Saturday, July 5, at 10 a.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville, with visitation preceding services. Internment followed at Beech Creek Cemetery in Spurger.

Pallbearers were Danny Kash, Jimmy Kash, Jason Carvajal, David Cefaratti, Brad Johnson, and Wayne Forsythe.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to: Heritage Village Museum; P. O. box 888, Woodville, Texas 75979.

Katherine Lenora Maltby

Funeral for Katherine L. Maltby, 74, of Colmesneil, Texas, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 5, 2003 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Richard Phillips and Brother Swain Barker officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Mrs. Maltby died July 2, at Lufkin Memorial Hospital in Lufkin.

She was born July 10, 1928 in Fletcher, Oklahoma to Joe Mitchell and Lucy King. She lived in the Valley before moving to Colmesneil in 1981. She was a florist, antique dealer and homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Joe Frank Rutan and Johnnie Maltby, Jr. and grandson, Gary Wayne Hennessee, Jr.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, John Maltby of Colmesneil; daughter, Paula Yvette Carlton and husband, Jim of Colmesneil, Kitty Hennessee and husband, Gary of Palestine, Linda Villegas and husband, Augustine of Houston and Ruby Dunn and husband, Kenny of Waco, brother, Bud Mitchell of Chickasha, Oklahoma; three grandsons, three granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Donnie Mitchell, Stephen Lostracco, Gary Mitchell, Larry Hatthorn, Robert Mitchell, John W. King and Kenny Dunn.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Terence Alan White, Jr.

Terence Alan White, Jr., 12 , of Hillister, Texas, died July 7, 2003 in Hillister.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 11, at the King of Kings Church in Hillister, with burial at the Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister.

Visitation will be held Thursday, July 10, from 5 to 9 p.m. Services entrusted to Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

Terence White, Jr. was a seventh grade student from Woodville Middle School.

Terence Alan White, Jr. leaves to cherish his memory; mother, Jennifer Carroll of Hillister; father, Terence White, Sr. of Houston; brother, Reginald Reggie White of Hillister; grandparents, Rev. James Edwards and Sister Flo Edwards; grandmothers, Amy Sage of Denver, Colorado and Phyllis Maxwell of Houston, and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Nina Vea Flower

Funeral services for Nina Vea Flower, 83, of Dequincy, Louisiana, was held Monday, July 14, 2003 at 10 a.m. in the Snider Funeral Home Chapel in Dequincy, LA. J. D. Franks and Ray Franks officiated. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. at Fellowship Cemetery in Warren, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

She had lived in Dequincy, LA. for 53 years, before residing in Dequincy, she had lived in Sunset, LA. Mrs. Flower was a member of The Eastern Star. She was also a member of the Temple Baptist Church.

Survivors include her two sons, William C. Flower of Houston and Arnold Adrian Flower of Dequincy; one daughter, Davie Ann Elveston of Dequincy; also seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Mary Frances Ferguson Reed

Mary Frances Ferguson Reed aged 79, long time resident of Southeast Texas, died peacefully in her home on July 18, 2003 surrounded by her family.

She was born June 16, 1924 in Tyler, the daughter of Bernice Dukes Ferguson and Rev. James E. Ferguson.

She met her husband Eldon L. Reed while attending Lon Morris College in Jacksonville. They were married on August 31, 1943 fulfilling a lifelong dream of Mary’s to marry a Methodist minister. She and Eldon both graduated from Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches. Mary graduated Summa Cum Laude of her class, with a lifetime education degree covering every grade level from K-12 including special education.

Mary had a brief career as an elementary school teacher before starting her lifetime career as a minister’s wife and mother of four children. She later went to the University of Houston, received her special education certification and returned to teaching in 1970. Her work as a special educator continued until 1985 enriching the lives of many children with special needs.

Mary was an avid collector, archivist, and loved a hot game of 42/84. One of her main passions was bird watching. She became a renowned authority of birds, especially bluebirds. She led birding trips, lectured, and founded a Bluebird Trail in Southeast, Texas and subsequently became known as the "Bluebird Lady". She traveled through the U. S., Canada, Alaska, Africa, Belize, South American, and Antarctica on birding expeditions.

Mary’s love of life and sense of adventure were contagious. Her determination and indomitable spirit endeared her to all who knew her. Mary's memory will live on in the countless lives she had touched.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and two older brothers.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Rev. Eldon L. Reed; daughters, Janice Reed of Bellingham, WA, Joyce Reed Sheffield and husband David of Silsbee; sons, Ralph Reed and wife Becky of Navasota, Rev. Ray Reed and wife Cathy of Woodville. She is also survived by her beautiful grandchildren, Ara, Erin, Hafida and husband David, and her new grandson Caleb; sister, Betty and David Railsback of Navasota; brother, John F. Ferguson of High Point, North Carolina; sister-in-law, Frances Ferguson of Comfort; numerous nieces and nephews and world of friends.

Visitation was held from 5 - 7 p.m. at Kelley-Watkins Funeral Home.

Graveside services were held Monday, July 21, at 9:30 a.m. at Village Mills Cemetery with Rev. Eugene Jonte, friend of 61 years, officiating.

Pallbearers were family members along with the honorary pallbearers representing the friends from all communities in which she lived.

At 11 a.m. following the graveside services, a memorial service celebrating her life was held at First United Methodist Church of Beaumont, with Rev. Wallace Shook officiating, assisted by other ministers and family members. Following the service, the Reed family received visitors in Rothwell Hall.

Wylie Claude Baggerly

Wylie Claude Baggerly, 84, of Woodville, passed away July 18, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Memorial services were held on Sunday, July 20 at 1 p.m. in the Woodville Inn under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Wylie was born February 18, 1919 to Wiley B. and Lula Mae Turner Baggerly in Caldwell. He was a retired forklift mechanic for Clark Industrials in Houston and was a U. S. Army WW 11 veteran and had lived in Tyler County for the past six years.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Mae Baggerly of Woodville; sons, Robert Claude Baggerly and Victor J. Baggerly both of Houston and John W. Baggerly of Spring; daughter, Lillie Seaman of Woodville; brother, Curtis Baggerly of Gouse; sister, Ruthie Mae Griffin of Milano; 8 grandchildren
Ida Mae Risinger Cobb

Ida Mae Risinger Cobb, 104, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Thursday, July 17, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 22 at 11 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating was Brother Kenneth Cauthen.

Visitation was held on Monday, July 21 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ida Mae was born to James David Risinger (descendent of the pioneering James Barclay family) and Ella Jackson Freeman Risinger on November 17, 1898 in Woodville. She was the sixth of nine children.

When Ida Mae met Daniel Lewis Cobb, it was "love at first sight". They married in 1916 and had six children; James, Alva Lee, Willard, Yancy, Jacqueline, and David.

Ida Mae and Dan had a lumber yard in Woodville for many years- in fact Cobb Mill Road was named after their lumber mill which was located on their large parcel of land near the Beaumont highway. The entire family participated in the business, learning the value of hard work, and that the key to success is a loving family and treating others they met with respect.

During her long and rewarding life, Ida Mae was able to enjoy the experience of being a grandmother, loving each one of her 21 grandchildren as if he or she was the most important person in the world! She was able to enjoy the love of 44 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren. Nothing gave "Gram" as much pleasure as the love of her family. She could be having a difficult or horrible day, but when family arrived, she would light up like it was a brand new day. As hearing and other faculties wore out, Ida Mae's mind remained sharp and she could still play a "mean game of dominoes" (and win!). Ida Mae loved to read- especially Reader's Digest stories! But her most treasured book was her Bible. As years passed, her Bible and her faith gave her comfort. She kept each of her family members in her heart and prayers. Her assignment on earth now finished, Ida Mae returned home on July 17, 2003.

"Well done, good and faithful servant.

She is survived by her daughter, Alva Lee Arnold of Tehachapi, CA; son and daughter-in-law, David and Diane Cobb of Quinlan; twenty-one grandchildren, forty-four great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Truman Melder Carter

Late Saturday night, July 19, 2003, the Heavenly Father reached down into the depths of an ICU room in Houston's Hermann Hospital and summoned his servant, Mel Carter, home. He was only 72, but apparently, his work on earth had been completed, so he "went home."

He is survived by Fay Carter, his loving wife of 32 years; two brothers, J. C. Carter, Jr. of Jonesboro, Ark., Nelson Carter of Waller; a half-brother, Dale Carter, of Avinger; one nephew, and numerous nieces, cousins and friends.

He was a very active member of Bethel Baptist Church in Warren and, according to his pastor, Bro. Randal Pike, he was one of the most loved men in the church. He was "Brother Mel" or "Mister Mel" to one and all. He was a Sunday morning 'greeter' on the east door of the church and everyone, even the little children, had to have a 'hug and a bulletin' from Mr. Mel.

He joined the U. S. Navy in May of 1948, served during the Korean conflict and was discharged as a Boatsmans Mate (pronounced Bosuns) in May of 1953.

He went to work in the carpenter department of Gulf Refinery in Port Arthur in October 1953 and took early retirement in February 1981 and he and Fay moved to Warren and into the home they were building even though it was not completed. They finished it 'together' just as they did everything.
He had many health problems but that didn't stop him from enjoying their few cows, taking care of their small ranch and making a big garden. Each year they shared their garden produce generously with their many friends at church. This year he was not able to have a garden, so their many friends shared with them.

Mel entered Hermann Hospital on July 15 and had surgery on the 17th. Complications developed and he departed this life on July 19, 2003.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Fay and his many relatives and friends will celebrate his life and his home going with services at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bethel Baptist Church in Warren. If you knew him, you're invited.

Interment will be at New Hope Cemetery near Warren where their pre-arranged monument tells the story of their lives. It says simply "Together Forever."

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James Edward Chandler

Graveside service for James Edward Chandler of Colmesneil, Texas, were held July 26, 2003 at 11 a.m. at Bethany Cemetery near Colmesneil, with Duke Chandler officiating, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mr. Chandler died July 23, at his residence.

He was born October, 16, 1928 in Fort Stockton, to Johnny Smith Chandler and Margie Jackson. He lived in Colmesneil three years, he was an inventor and distributor of Super Green Linement and he was a U. S. Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Pittman Chandler of Colmesneil; daughters, Taresa Ruddock of Carrollton, MO., Dorla Haley of Onalaska, Sandy Brown of Vidor and Jody Chandler; sons, Cody Chandler of Colmesneil, Duke Chandler of Austin and Joe Ammons of Canyon; 22 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were, Cody Chandler, Duke Chandler, Paul Wucker and Josh Kincaid.

Honorary pallbearers were, Jim Ruddock and Rick Wissler.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James Paul Stafford

Funeral services for James Paul Stafford, 23, of Beaumont, Texas, were held July 26, 2003 at 1 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Mark Smith officiating. Burial followed at Mount Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

James passed away July 23, at his residence in Beaumont.

Born December 24, 1979 in Houston, he lived all his life in Beaumont. He was loved by all who knew him and will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his parents, David Stafford and Beverly Fontenot Stafford and brother, Lonnie Joe Stafford and wife Dorie all of Beaumont; grandfather, Joseph Fontenot of Port Arthur; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Pallbearers were, Chris Carmona, Tony Howard, Glenn Fontenot, Charlie Fontenot, Rick haley and Richard Fontenot.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Douglas Hamil

Douglas Hamil, 77, of Houston, Texas formerly Baytown, was born July 1, 1926 in Mineral Wells and passed away Friday, July 25, 2003 in a Baytown hospital. He was a U. S. Army veteran and retired from Exxon Refinery. He was a member of Memorial Baptist Church, where he served as organist for 35 years.

His family received friends at Navarre Funeral Home Sunday from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 28, at 10 a.m. at the Memorial Baptist Church chapel with Rev. Billy Joe Tate officiating. Burial followed at 2 p.m. at Midway Cemetery in Polk County.

Serving as pallbearers were Russell Colburn, Ernest Haney, Bobby Lintleman, James Robinson, Ed Williams, Lester Hughes, Clyde Hughes, and
Neal Dickens.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Curry Hamil and Aileen Hamil and brother, Don Hamil and is survived by his wife, Dorothy Neal Hamil of Houston; son, Neal D. Hamil of New York City, NY.; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Chris Stueck of Houston; and grandchildren, Sarah Stueck and Mark Stueck.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Richard Blaise Hinterberger

Richard Blaise Hinterberger, 58, of Tyler, Texas, died Saturday, July 19, 2003 from an auto accident. Mr. Hinterberger was a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a Fourth Degree member of Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Dee Hinterberger.

Survivors include his wife, Deanna Hinterberger of Tyler; daughter and son-in-law, Catie and Bryan Droptini of Beaumont; brothers, Tom Hinterberger of Chicago, IL and Bob Hinterberger of Colorado Springs, CO.; sister, Dorothy Bistan of New Berlin, WI; and two grandchildren, Kelsie and Blaise Droptini of Beaumont.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, July 22 at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Mnsgr. Gerald Priest officiating. Burial followed at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 24 in Harpeth Hills Memorial Gardens, Nashville, TN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Sacred Heart Catholic Church Youth Ministry or Heart Exchange Support Group, Inc., 6720 Bertner Ave., mail 4-129, Houston, Tx. 77030-26004.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lucille Sutton Cowser Milliken

Funeral services for Lucille Sutton Cowser Milliken, 94, of Lufkin, Texas, were held at 1:30 p.m., Monday, July 28, 2003 in the Henderson Chapel of First United Methodist Church, in Lufkin, with Rev. Jim Powell officiating. Graveside services followed at 3 p.m. in Magnolia Cemetery, Woodville, with Dr. Dwayne Freese officiating.

Mrs. Milliken was born November 10, 1908 in Arcadia, Louisiana to the late Nancy Agnes (Gipson) and Thomas Oliver Sutton and died Saturday, July 26, at her residence.

Lucille graduated Arcadia High School and Miss Lyn’s private school in Shreveport. She moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee shortly after her wedding to Joyce Wheeler Cowser on April 14, 1938. She filled volunteer positions with the Kiwanis Service Club, the Girl Scouts, the Community Concerts Association, and First-Centenary Methodist Church. Eventually Lucille took a permanent training position with the Girl Scouts and later as manager of the Chattanooga Symphony.

After moving to Nacogdoches, in 1987, she was active in civic organizations and a member of First United Methodist Church. She moved to Pinecrest Retirement Community, Lufkin in 1996.

Survivors include her sisters-in-law, Violene Sutton of Beaumont and Clara Sutton of Nacogdoches; nieces and nephews, Herbert G. Sutton, Jr., Billy M. Sutton, Barbara Patton, Dorothy Ashley, Kenneth Sutton, Jerry Sutton, Delores Jenkins, John Sutton, Mary Ann Young, Eleanor Holderman, and Robert W. Sutton, Jr.; 24 great nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Milliken was preceded in death by her husbands, Joyce Wheeler Cowser on February 13, 1963 and W. Sherrill Milliken on November 7, 1986; her parents; brothers, Arvel J. W., Harold, M. O., Herbert, and Robert W. Sutton; her sister, Mary Lissie McCombs; and her nephew, Jimmy E. Sutton.

Pallbearers were her nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Lucille S. Milliken Employee Scholarship Fund of Pinecrest Retirement Community, 1302 Tom Temple, Lufkin, Texas 75904.

Carroway-Claybar Funeral Home, Lufkin, directors.
Claude F. Adams, Jr.

Funeral service for Claude F. Adams, Jr., 84, of San Antonio, Texas, was held Tuesday, July 29, 2003, at 2 p.m. at the Midway Community Church with Rev. Jerry McNeill, Rev. Randy Ayres and Brother Robert Smith officiating. Burial followed at Midway Cemetery.

Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Adams passed away July 26, in San Antonio.

Born May 4, 1919 in Polk County, to Claude F. and Ruby Adams, Sr. he lived in Port Arthur where he retired from Gulf Oil Refinery. He retired back to Polk County before moving to San Antonio. He was a World War II Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Parten Adams of San Antonio; son, Gary Adams and wife, Wanda of Helotes; daughter, Claudine Ackerman and husband, Edgar of San Antonio; six grandchildren and their spouses and ten great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Kyle Adams, Mike Adams, Shane Ackerman, Bryon Ackerman, Jason Brooks and David Meaux.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Daniel G. Nieman

Graveside service for Daniel G. Nieman, 94, of New Caney, Texas, will be held Thursday, August 7, 2003, at 10 a.m. at the Fairview Cemetery in Town Bluff with Brother Billy Hudson officiating.

Mr. Nieman passed away August 2, at Kingwood Medical Center.

Born August 7, 1908 in East Randolph, N. Y. to Henry E. and Mary Gibson Nieman, he lived in New Caney. He was a self employed carpenter.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis McClendon and husband, W. K. of New Caney; grandchildren, James McClendon and wife, Micah of New Caney, Ronald McClendon and wife, Cheryl of Conroe, and Donna Dixon and husband, Curtis, III of New Caney; great grandchildren, Daniel, James and Shawn McClendon, Wendy, Amber, James, and Jason McClendon, Camie and Curtis Dixon, IV.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Selita Lynn Britt Gober

Funeral service for Selita Lynn Britt Gober, 32, of Warren, Texas, was held Friday, August 1, 2003 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Rick Stiefer officiating. Burial followed at Warren City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Selita passed away July 28, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born April 29, 1971 in Beaumont, to Thomas Riley Britt and Frances Lanham Britt, she lived in Tyler County all of her life. She was a secretary for the Boy Scouts of America Three Rivers Council.

She is survived by her husband, Carl "Bo" Gober, Jr. of Warren; children, Matthew Ryan Gober, Dustin Richard Gober and Samantha Michelle Haynes of Warren; brother, Calvin Wayne Haynes of Nacogdoches; sister, D'Ann Britt of Woodville; grandparents, Oma and Lester Neal of Doucette; father and mother-in-law, Carl Gober, Sr. and Frances Gober of Warren; numerous aunts, uncles, friends and loved ones.

Serving as pallbearers were Donovan Langham, Wayne Langham, Jim Bell, Calvin Haynes, Mark Hatch and Paul Leger.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Maude Evelyn Winters

Maude Evelyn Winters, 64, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away Monday, August 4, 2003 at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating was Brother John Spanhanks.
Serving as pallbearers were Euger Deets, Jr., Drew Broom, Gerry Grubbs, Sherman Winters, Charlie Porter, and Reese Winters.

Visitation was held on Friday, August 8 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born January 12, 1939 to Earl and Thelma Lois Smith Poindexter in Colmesneil. She was lifelong resident of Colmesneil and was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. She was a wonderful wife and mother that never criticized, always praised, and loved unconditionally.

Maude Evelyn is survived by her husband of 48 years, George T. Winters, Sr. of Colmesneil; sons and daughter-in-law, George "Tommy" Winters, Jr. and Mark C. and Theresa Winters both of Colmesneil; daughters and son-in-law, Sherrie and Euger Deets of Silsbee, Brenda Hale of Houston, and Pam and Keith Broom of Colmesneil; sister, Lori Lee Wade of Houston; aunt, Lillie Castleberry of Houston; niece, Kayle Ainsworth; nephew, Gordon Haney; 13 grandchildren, Carrie Ann Hale, Lauren Kay Broom, Euger Arthur Deets, Jr., Tracie Machell Broom, Evelyn Marie Deets, Courtney Renee Broom, Keith Andrew Broom, Thomas Reese Winters, Hannah Elizabeth Winters, Mia Michelle Winters, Mark Eli Winters, George Thomas Winters, III, and Jennifer Racquel Winters; and 1 great grandson, Seth Kyle Fowler.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P. O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720.

Funeral services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Ralph Arthur Wilson

Florence-- Ralph Arthur Wilson, 88, of The Methodist Manor of the Pee Dee, died Tuesday, August 5, 2003, at a local hospital following a brief illness.

A service in celebration of his life was held at Central United Methodist Church in Florence on Thursday, August 7, at 11 a.m., with The Reverend Thomas C. Pietila, The Reverend Robert Fain of The Episcopal Church of The Good Shepherd, Augusta, Georgia, and Chaplain Ann Ayres of The Methodist Manor, officiating. Burial will follow at Live Oak Memorial Gardens in Charleston, South Carolina, officiated by The Reverend Frank Seignous of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Mr. Wilson was born August 5, 1915, in Bullard, son of Luke Matthew Wilson and Martha Shipp Wilson. He was a graduate of Kirby High School in Woodville, and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.
Formerly of 8 Oakdale Place, Charleston, Mr. Wilson retired from the Naval Supply Center of the Charleston Naval Shipyard, as Chief Quarterman and Superintendent of the Fuel Division for 21 years.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Charleston. He was formerly a member of the Elks Club, Charleston, and John Wesley United Methodist Church, Charleston, where he served as an usher and a member of the Administrative Board and the Finance Committee.

Mr. Wilson was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Virginia McKenzie Wilson, and a daughter, Dianne W. Canaday.

Surviving are daughters, Eileen W. Blackwell (Billy R. Blackwell), of Florence, Virginia W. Flanagin (Wiley S. Flanagin, Jr.) of Augusta, Georgia; grandchildren, Paige Canaday Crone (Steven G. Crone), Deborah E. Blackwell, Meredith A. Blackwell, Wiley S. Flanagin, III, all of Charleston, and Tate M. Flanagin of Atlanta, Georgia; and great-grandsons, Wilson A. Crone and Christian G. Crone of Charleston; and sister, Jo W. Johnson of San Angelo.

The family received friends at the church following the funeral service. Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, Florence; the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Augusta, Ga.; The Methodist Manor of the Pee Dee, Florence; or the charity of one’s choice.

Waters-Powell Funeral Home of Florence is assisting the family of Mr. Wilson.

James M. Owens

James M. "Jim" Owens, 77, of Jasper, Texas, passed away August 5, 2003 at Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital. A native of Tyler County he was a longtime resident of Beaumont before moving to Jasper 24 years ago.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 7, at Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper and burial followed at Ferrell Cemetery in Tyler County.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, August 6 from 5 - 9 p.m. at Forest Oaks.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Owens of Jasper; daughter, Sarah Thomas of Jasper; sons, Gerald Owens of Silsbee and Benny Owens of Kountze; brother, Lester "Leck" Owens of Woodville; sisters, Bobbie Warden of DeRidder, La., Bessie Freeman of Odessa, and Hettie Mae Anderson and Pauline Ewing both of Woodville, along with 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Forest Oaks Funeral Home of Jasper.

Joe Ryall

Joe Ryall, 72, died Thursday at Jasper Memorial Hospital. He was a native of Tyler County having moved to Jasper, Texas, 3 years ago. Joe retired from Ohmstede Machine Works in Sulpher, Louisiana.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 10, 2003, at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper with burial at Ryall Cemetery, Jasper.

Survivors include his wife Patsy Smith Pilgrim Ryall of Jasper; one daughter, Melody Ryall of Houston; one step-daughter, Dana Weeks of Jasper; one step-son, Thomas Pilgrim of Jasper; one brother Wheeler Ryall of Temple; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to Mt. Carmel Building Fund, P. O. Box 731, Colmesneil, Texas 75938.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

Charles Leroy Hatcher

Charles Leroy Hatcher, 70, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, at Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

Mr. Hatcher was born November 10, 1932 to Alexander and Anna Lee Green Hatcher in Walland, Tennessee. He was retired self-employed truck driver.

He is survived by his sister, Gwen F. Robbins of St. Joseph, MO and brother, Robert Leon
Hatcher.

Cremation services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Sterlene Barlow

Funeral services for Sterlene Barlow were held Saturday, August 9, 2003 at 11 a.m. at Moss Hill Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Will Limbrick, Jr. officiating.

Sterlene Barlow was born to Sterling Barlow and the late Arlene Barlow on April 24, 1958. Preceded her in death, her mother, Arlene Barlow.

She grew up in the Doucette Community and graduated from Woodville School in 1977. She united with the Little Flock Baptist Church at an early age.

Sterlene Barlow leaves to mourn her father, Sterling Barlow, Sr. (Dorothy); four sisters, Linda Wolf (Jesse) of Warren, Patricia Swanson (Frank) of Hillister, Vickie Releford (Donnie) of Woodville, Janette Barlow (David) of Austin; two brothers, Sterling Barlow, Jr. (Gloria) of Jasper and Stephen Barlow (Michelle) of Woodville; 9 nieces (Michelle, Jessica, Megan, Erin, Stermekia, Lakisha, Noverlena, Britanie, Mya; one great-niece, June; five nephews, (Michael, Donnie, Travis, Jamal, Justin); a host of aunts, uncles and other relatives and friends.

Services were under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home of Woodville.

Gloria Childress Creech

Gloria Childress Creech, 72, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away on Monday, August 11, 2003 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, August 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Bethany Cemetery in Colmesneil. Officiating is Brother Durl Patrick and Brother Lance Graham.

Serving as pallbearers are John Knox, Curtis Duhon, Bubba Sheffield, Ronnie Heam, Marty Duhon, Bobby Moore. Honorary pallbearers are J. D. Duhon, Brady Durham, Woodsy Patrick, Kenneth Creech, and Mike Creech.

Visitation was held Tuesday, August 12 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Gloria was born March 12, 1931 to Rupert and Merle Childress Creech in Jacksonville. She was a longtime resident of Colmesneil and was a member of Katy Baptist Church in Colmesneil.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Eldredge Creech of Colmesneil; mother, Merle Childress of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Kristi and Mike Hughes of Colmesneil, and Nyla and Mike Molsbee of Nacogdoches; brother and sister-in-law, Ricky and Kay Childress of Woodville; sisters and brother-in-law, Barbara and Charles Witt of Woodville and Paula Neibor of Houston; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Paul and Delores Creech of Mesquite, sister-in-law, Pauline LaRocca of Beaumont; grandchildren, Luke and Micah Bumstead, Haiden and Jackie Ruth Hughes, Shayna, Jamie and Lane Molsbee.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P. O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Bennie Leona Boudreaux

Bennie Leona Boudreaux, 80, of Woodville, Texas, passed away, Sunday, August 10, 2003 at her home.

Funeral services were Tuesday, August 12 at 1 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating was Brother David Boudreaux.

A Christian vigil service was held on Monday, August 11 at 7 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Chapel with Deacon Paul Rachal officiating.

Serving as pallbearers were Nathan Boudreaux, Henry Boudreaux, Jr., Henry Boudreaux, III, Joshua Davis, B’Lee Smith, Clint Dean, Jared Dean, and Charles Dean. Honorary pallbearers were Jimmy Glynn Odom, Russell Huff, Shane Foxworth, Casey Boudreaux, Joshua Ross, and T. J. Davis.
Visitation was held on Monday, August 11 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Bennie was born June 3, 1923 to James Lee and Josie Tucker Levings in Silsbee, and graduated from Colmesneil High School. She had lived in Woodville for the past fifteen years coming from Vidor where she had been a longtime resident.

She is survived by her sons, Henry Lee Boudreaux, Jr. of Crosby, Nathan Lynn Boudreaux of Vidor; Charles Wayne Dean of Woodville; daughters and son-in-law, Jerry Leona and Charles Dean of Woodville, Lillie Jo "Boop" and Ronnie Smith of Blanco, Clara Elizabeth and Michael Davis of Venus, Tommye Lou Gill and fiance, Larry Bradley of Vidor; sister, Mattie Lee Baskin of Texas City; sixteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Jerry Wren Godfrey

Funeral services for Jerry Wren Godfrey, 45, of Shreveport, Louisiana, were held Tuesday, August 12, 2003, at Oakmont Church of God in Shreveport. Officiated by nephew, Currie Godfrey, Brother Bill Franks, Pastor Doyce Smith, Brother Brian Radford and Brother Robert Radford. Interment was in Forest Park West Cemetery.

Jerry was born September 14, 1957 in Shreveport, Louisiana and passed away on August 9, 2003, after a lengthy illness. He was a member of Oakmont Church of God, and graduated from Oakmont Christian School.

Jerry lived in Tyler County for fifteen years before returning to Shreveport two years ago. He was employed by the Texas Correctional Center.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Godfrey; sons, Joshua Godfrey of Colmesneil, Jeremy Godfrey and daughter Brittany Godfrey of Jasper; mother, Ruby Joe Jones and step-father, R.K. Jones; twin brother, Terry Lynn Godfrey and wife Johnettie; and nephews Currie and Chance Godfrey of Shreveport, Louisiana.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Oakmont Church of God Youth group.

Services were handled by Rose-Neath Funeral Home Southside in Shreveport.

Francis Marie McGee

Memorial services for Francis Marie McGee, of Town Bluff, Texas, were held Monday, August 18, 2003 at 10 a.m. at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Jasper, Texas.

Ms. McGee passed away August 11, 2003 at her residence.

Ms. McGee was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on September 17, 1942 to John and Mary Lo Machio. She was well known in this area and had made it her home for 22 years. She was a health care worker.

Ms. McGee was preceded in death by her brother of New York.

She is survived by a host of friends and neighbors who will sorely miss her.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Amelia G. Dies

Amelia G. Dies, 80, of Woodville, Texas, died Thursday, August 14, 2003 at Jasper Memorial Hospital.

She was a native of Ville Platte, Louisiana and a resident of Port Arthur before moving to Town Bluff 19 years ago. She was a retired cashier from Howards Food Store with 14 years of service and a member of Hilltop Baptist Church at Dam B.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, August 17, at Levingston Funeral Home in Groves with Rev. David Barker officiating. Burial followed in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Visitation was held Saturday, August 16, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Dies and son, Cursey Dies.

Survivors include six daughters, Enola Elswick of New Baden, Shirley Sturrock of Beaumont, Gail LaCaze of Deer Park, Marie Mondello of Fannett, Theresa Brown of Groves, and Elizabeth Turano of
Bridge City; three sons, Fred Dies and Dwayne Dies of Town Bluff, and Joe Dies of New Baden; two sisters, Belle Messina of Port Arthur and Rose Magliolo of Spurger; brother, Pearly Guillory of Houston; 22 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Ruby R. Strickland

Graveside service for Ruby Strickland, 95, of Woodville, Texas, was held August 18, 2003 at 10 a.m. at Jordanton City Cemetery in Jordanton, Texas.

Mrs. Strickland passed away August 14, 2003 at Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville.

She was born October 5, 1907 in Ditto. She was a retired teacher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Strickland.

Survivors include her son, George Ray Strickland of Woodville; daughter, Faye Caldwell and husband Tom of Leakey; brothers, Stafford Rogers of Seguin, Erastus “Ras” Rogers of San Antonio and Donley Rogers of Poteet; grandsons, Chris, Shannon, Jason and Justin.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ollie Gertrude Odom Raimer

Ollie Raimer passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, August 14, 2003, at Edgewater Retirement Center in Galveston, Texas, where she had enjoyed residing for the past year. She was 89 years old.

Ollie was born February 4, 1914 in Sharp, Louisiana, the daughter of Ben Moore Odom and his wife Mattie Nichols Odom and sister of the late Emma Odom Phillips, Benjamin Moore Odom, Laura Odom Guins, and Willie Odom, all of whom resided near Alexandria, Louisiana.

She was married to the late Abner Martin (Slats) Raimer of Warren and the sister-in-law of Dannie Lee Langston Toney and Ruth Whiteside Owens as well as the late Verna Umfried, Jewel Humble, Ruby Sikes, Mary Louis Gibson and Jimmie Neal.

She resided in Warren, Texas most all of her life and retired from employment at the Warren Independent School District. She was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Warren as well as the Order of the Eastern Star. She loved her church and Sunday School Class, and she loved to visit with her friends and family, both in Warren and Galveston.

She is survived by her son and beloved daughter-in-law, Doctors Ben and Sharon Raimer of Galveston and by her three grandchildren who were the absolute joy of her life, Anna Elizabeth Raimer, David William Raimer, and Laurene Allison Raimer. Other family include over 30 nieces and nephews residing in East Texas and Central Louisiana, all of whom will miss her greatly - especially her chicken and dumplings, her German chocolate cake, and her special smile and her gentle laughter.

Her family acknowledges with gratitude the love and care extended to her by the residents and staff of Edgewater’s Special Care Unit and by her physicians at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Visititation in Galveston was held from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Carnes Brothers Funeral Home on Friday.

Funeral services were held in Warren at the Bethel Baptist Church on Saturday, August 16, 2003 with Pastor Randal Pike officiating. Rick Selby and Jennifer Selby, of Galveston, provided musical offerings of Ollie’s favorites, Blessed Assurance, Amazing Grace and I’ll Fly Away. Burial followed in the Warren Cemetery.


Ollie was a blessing to her family and all she met. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Memorials may be sent to the Ollie Raimer Memorial Fund, at the Office of University
Thomas Thornton Reid

Funeral service for Thomas Reid, 65, of Woodville, Texas, was held Monday, August 18, 2003, at 3 p.m. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Colmesneil, with Brother Tom Owen officiating. Amasonic graveside service followed at Ebenezer Cemetery by Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495 in Woodville.

Visitation was held Saturday evening and Sunday at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mr. Reid passed away August 15, 2003, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Born July 20, 1938 in Corsicana, to Thomas A. And Mildred Cagle Reid. He lived in Woodville for many years. He was a retired tool and die maker. He was an endowed member of the National Rifle Association. A life member of the Texas State Rifle Association, a member of Fairbanks Masonic Lodge #1363 in Houston and Magnolia Masonic Lodge #495 in Woodville.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Hallmark Reid of Woodville; sisters, Tonie Howard and husband, M. O. Of Town Bluff and Tonna Walker and husband, Jimmy of Nederland; three daughters; numerous grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Joe Robinson, Nathan Brewer, Chad McGee, Justin Havard, Daniel Havard, Robert Havard and David Records.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Nellie Lucille Jordan

Funeral services for Nellie Jordan, 82, of Spurger, Texas, were held August 18, 2003 at 10 a.m. at Beech Creek Baptist Church near Spurger. Officiating at the service was Brother James Kimball and Brother Jack Lewellen. Burial followed at Beech Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Jordan passed away August 15, 2003, at the Tyler County Hospital. She was born April 8, 1821 in Evadale to William Curtis Hollis and Martha Jeffcoat. She lived in Tyler County all of her life. She was a postal clerk at the post office in Spurger and was a member of Beech Creek Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, Richard E. Jordan and wife, Beverly of Hillister and Raymond Jordan and wife Jenene of Longview; sister, Fay Kimball of Merryville, Louisiana; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Paul Bearrie, Brian Jordan, Jared Johnston, Victor Jordan, Scott Johnston and Ross Johnston.

Services under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Quanzell P. Brooks

Quanzell P Brooks, 21, of Lufkin, Texas, died August 16, 2003 of a automobile accident in Lufkin. Funeral service will be on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville with Rev. C. O. Hadnot officiating with burial at the Doucette Community Cemetery in Doucette.

He was a native of Woodville and attended school in the Woodville area before moving to Lufkin.

He leaves to cherish his memories; mother, Gertie Brooks of Woodville; father, Donald Brooks of Lufkin; sisters, Montasha Brooks of Woodville, Tinica Brooks of Lufkin; grandmother, annie B. Scott of Woodville.

Services under the direction of Colemans Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

William Edward Scalero, Jr.


Mr. Scalero was an Assistant-Pro with the Wildwood Country Club Golf Shop.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jade Nicole; grandfathers, Ralph Scalero and Morris Hampton.

He is survived by his parents Linda and Kenneth Miles and father William Scalero, Sr.; is son, Peyton Edward Scalero; sisters, Tricia
DelBello (Glen) and Anjanette Scalero; brother, Anthony Scalero; grandparents, Mildred Scalero, Helen Crutchfield, Charlie and Allene Miles; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation was held from 5 - 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, at Forest Park East Funeral Home.

Funeral service was held at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, in the chapel of Forest Park East Funeral Home. Burial followed in Forest Park East Cemetery.

At the family’s request, in lieu of flowers, please make donations for Peyton Scalero’s future needs.

Local arrangements handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**David Benjamin Jordan**

Services for David Benjamin Jordan, 18, of Zavalla, Texas, will be held at 10 a.m., Friday in the Shawnee Prairie Baptist church with Rev Gary Forrest and Rev. David Nugent officiating.

Graveside services will follow at 12:30 p.m. Friday in the Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger.

David was born June 17, 1985, in Beaumont, and he died Tuesday, August 19, 2003, in a Lufkin hospital from injuries sustained in an vehicular accident on Saturday, August 16.

David was a 2003 graduate with the Angelina County Home School Association, and planned to attend Angelina College this fall. He worked at the Brookshire Brothers’ Chestnut/Fresh Market Store. David was a member of the Zavalla 4H Club, and a member of Shawnee Prairie Baptist Church. Formerly a resident of Spurger for 12 years, he had lived in Zavalla area for the past 6 years.

Survivors include his father and mother, Ben and Amanda Jordan of Zavalla; three sisters, Kendall Jordan, Shaina Jordan and Jessi Jordan, all of Zavalla; grandparents, Earl and Ruth Jordan of Spurger, Ted and Frances Adams of Dallardsville; great-grandmother, Viola Mae Carter of Birmingham, Alabama; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Nathan Jordan, Richard Jordan, Christopher Moseley, Johnny Moseley, Benjamin Moseley, Elijah Moseley, Jared Green and Eric Jenkins.

The family will receive friends from 5 - 8 p.m. Thursday evening at the Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Home in Huntington.

Gipson-Metcalf Funeral Directors of Huntington.

**Morris P. Morgan**

A graveside service for Morris P. Morgan, 80, of Woodville, Texas, was held Saturday, August 23, 2003, at 9 a.m. at Shady Grove cemetery near Woodville.

Mr. Morgan passed away August 22, 2003, at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home.

A native of Alabama, he lived in Woodville for many years. He was a merchant marine. He was one of the founders of the Tyler County Sheriff’s Posse.

He is survived by a host of friends.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Kathy Sue Brackin**


Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 28, at E.E. Stringer Funeral Home in Kirbyville with burial at Magnolia Springs Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Kathy has lived most of her life in Magnolia Springs and was a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

She is survived by her fiance’, Mike Maness, of Woodville; a son, Kyle Douglas Brackin of Beaumont; a daughter, Katy Suzanne Brackin of Magnolia Springs; mother, Bessie Smith of Magnolia Springs, 2 brothers, Jim Smith of Kirbyville and Joe Smith of Silsbee; a sister, Brenda Jones of Silsbee.

She was preceded in death by sons Kevin and Stephen Brackin; her father, Morris Smith and a
brother, James Ralph Smith.

**Clyde Edmond Gillespie**

Graveside services for Clyde Gillespie, 90, of Austin were held at 11 a.m. Monday, September 1, 2003 at Camp Ground Cemetery near Woodville under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. Officiating the graveside rites was Brother Teddy M. Minyard.

Clyde was born February 26, 1913 at his parents home in Doucette, Texas. He was the forth of eight children that his parents Robert M. and Ida Gillespie were blessed with. Clyde has lived a full life and touched many people in his 90 years on this earth.

In his immediate family, he is survived only by his younger sister Marie, who is unfortunately in ill-health at this time.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Georgia Ray.

Survivors include his two daughters, Rose Marie and husband William M. Sherman; and Betty Ann and husband Richard Barton; one sister, Marie; seven grandchildren; twenty three great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Clyde stayed on in Odessa even after many years of service with Mobil and setup his own company called "Petcon" through which he acted as a private consultant for several major companies. Finally, after a little more than 52 years in the oilfield, he retired. As a young man, Clyde rode a horse to and from school in Woodville. He even played football at Woodville High School. Clyde was a very generous and ambitious man and overcame obstacles that would have stopped a lesser man in his tracks.

Many family members and friends surviving him attended his service to commutate his life.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Anita Glasgow**

Memorial service will be held for Anita Glasgow, 73, of Flint, Texas, will be held September 3, 2003 at 10 a.m. at Noonday United Methodist Church with Rev. Rhett Ansley officiating, under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home in Tyler. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. September 3, at Seaman Cemetery near Chester, Texas, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

She passed away August 29, in Tyler, Texas. She was born January 25, 1930 in Chester, to Arley and Marie Lawrence Powell. She was retired librarian for the Deer Park School System and was a member of Noonday United Methodist Church. She lived in Flint since 1995.

Preceded in death by her parents; son, Douglas W. Courtney and Brother, Glenn Powell.

Survivors include her husband, James P. Glasgow of Flint; son, James Courtney of Tomball; daughters, Donna Zacharias of Richardson and Catherine McMayon of Pearland; sisters, Barbara Davis of Houston and LaVerne Mahafey of Porter; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Noonday United Methodist Church 17320 Hwy. 155 South, Tyler, Texas 75762.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Lawrence C. Watts**

Lawrence C. Watts, 92, of Chester, Texas, passed away on Thursday, August 28, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 29 at 3 p.m. in the Enon Baptist Church in Chester with burial in Seamans Cemetery near Chester. Officiating was Brother Larry Trest.

Serving as pallbearers were Terry Watts, Steve Watts, Paul Watts, Rick Novack, Glen Bradley, and Phillip Harold Engstrom. Honorary pallbearer was Paul Neal.

Visitation was held on Thursday, August 28 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lawrence was born October 15, 1910 to Amos and Eudora Adaline Jourdan Watts in Chester. He was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a retired supervisor with Mobil Oil Refinery and a
member of Enon Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jewel Powell Watts and grandson, Ronald D. Watts, Jr.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald D. and Sylvia Watts and Robert L. and JennaCoy Watts all of Chester; daughter, Saundra Watts Kattawar of Jasper; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Curtis Hensarling

Curtis Hensarling, 74, of Doucette, Texas, passed away on Saturday, August 23, 2003 at his residence.

Graveside services were held on Thursday, August 28 at 10 a.m. in the Minters Chapel Cemetery in Grapevine. Officiating was Reverend Cabel Roberts.

Visitation was held Tuesday, August 26 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Curtis was born April 10, 1929 to Jesse James and Emma Brazelle Hensarling in Newblox. He was a former resident of Houston and a longtime resident of Tyler County. He had worked in manufacturing for Goodyear Tire in Houston.

He was preceded in death by his son, Gary Hensarling in 1992.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Mary Hensarling of Haltom City and Gene and Melody Hensarling of Keller; daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and Albert Strittmatter of Haltom City; sister, Burleene Boehnemann of Rosenberg and twelve grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Hattie Maxine Hinson

Hattie Maxine Hinson, 79, of Spurger, Texas, passed away August 19, 2003 at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Funeral services were held August 21, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Fred.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Robert L. Hinson; 3 sons, Fred Hinson of Alvin, Randy Hinson of Mt. Belview, Tim Hinson of Pasadena; 1 daughter, Jackie Skinner of Colmesneil.

Cloy Ovelt Williams, Sr.

Cloy Ovelt Williams, Sr., 92, of Woodville, Texas, passed away September 4, 2003 at Woodville Convalescent Center.

A native of Richland, he was a longtime resident of Edinburg, before moving to the East Texas area 5 years ago.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 6, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Jasper with burial following at North Baptist Cemetery under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Jasper.

Visitation was held on Saturday, September 6, from 8 a.m. until service time at the church.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Arlena Williams of Woodville; son, Cloy Williams, Jr. and wife Jan of Jasper; along with 7 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Forest Oaks Funeral Home of Jasper.

James Cecil Wade

Graveside services for James Cecil Wade, 72, of Lufkin, Texas, were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 5, 2003 in the Gann Cemetery with Rev. Eddie Ballard officiating.

Mr. Wade was born on October 13, 1930 in Polk County, to Dovie Estelle (Walters) and James Avery Wade and died on Wednesday, September 3, in a local hospital.

He resided in Lufkin since 1964 and formerly resided in Camden. He was employed with Cintas Uniform Company for 25 years as a Route Salesman. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Margarett Wade of Lufkin; daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Don
Williams of Woodville, Linda and Donald Hickman of Cleveland, Sharon and Charles Odom of Houston; sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmy and Maryjo Wade of Dolan, Paul and Mary Ann Wade of Woodville; step-son and wife, Robert and Donna Harris of Buna; step-daughter, Debra Harris of Houston; step-daughter and husband, Linda and Billy McGuire of Lufkin; 25 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; sisters, Vallie Smith of Anahuac, Nellie Clamon of Livingston; sister and brother-in-law, Estelle and Henry Boggs of Corrigan; brothers and sisters-in-law, Benny and Beverly Wade of Livingston, Wayne and Carolyn Wade of Euvula, Ok.

Mr. Wade was preceded in death by his daughter, Nancy Estelle Wade and son, Cleo Bane.

The family received friends from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday evening at Carroway-Claybar Funeral Home in Lufkin.

Memorials may be made to Keltys Baptist Church Building Fund, 2402 N. John Redditt Drive, Lufkin, Texas 75904.

Carroway-Claybar Funeral Home, Lufkin, directors.

Theodore F. Ogrodowicz

Theodore F. Ogrodowicz, 77, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Thursday, September 4, 2003 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 7 at 3 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville.

Officiating was Brother Clark Mahoney and serving as pallbearers were Michael Ogrodowicz, James Ogrodowicz, Jr., Steven Ogrodowicz, Daniel Ogrodowicz, Charles Lilley, Henry Rebbe and Johnny Walker.

Visitation was held on Saturday, September 6 from 8 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home and Sunday, September 7 from 8 a.m. til service.

Theodore was born November 9, 1925 in Brenham. He had lived in Hillister 23 years coming from Houston where he was retired from Brown & Root as a pipe fitter/welder. He was a U. S. Army WWII veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Laverna Ogrodowicz on June 19, 2000.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Kathy Ogrodowicz of Sugarland and James and Chris Ogrodowicz of Woodville; daughter and son-in-law, Joann and Don Ray of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; brother, Edmond Ogrodowicz of Brenham; sisters, Annie Tarnowski of Cypress, Mary Pulpan of Waller and Stephanie Susen of Houston; 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Matthew and Jacob Gunter


Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 10, at Calvary Baptist Church followed by burial in Magnolia Cemetery under the direction of Broussard's Funeral Home, Beaumont.

A gathering of family and friends was held from 5 - 8 p.m. Tuesday evening, September 9 at the mortuary.

Survivors include their parents, R. J. "Jeff" and Barbara Gunter of Beaumont; grandparents, James R. and Carolyn Bell Gunter of Town Bluff and Barbara Doyle of Beaumont; aunts, Kai Whitmire and husband Crockett of Lumberton, Kathy Kennedy of Austin, and Cheryl Collins and her husband Bob of Buffalo Gap; and numerous cousins.

Grandfather, Marshall F. Doyle preceded Matt and Jake in death.


Cathleen Bradberry Friedl

Funeral service for Cathleen Bradberry Friedl, 82, of Hemphill, Texas, will be held Wednesday, September 10, 2003 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral
Home Chapel with Brother Randal Pike officiating.
Burial will follow at Allison Cemetery near Warren.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 12 noon until the time of the service.

Mrs. Friedl passed away September 6, in Houston. Mrs. Friedl was born May 22, 1921 to John and Lillian Allison Bradberry.

She was a native of Tyler County and lived in Southeast Texas all of her life. She was a Real Estate Broker for over 40 years and taught business school for Woodville and Warren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Friedl.

She is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Martin, Billie Coon, Diane Hoersting and Laura Randall; grandchildren, Susie Curtice, Amberlie, Brett, and Brittany Hoersting and a great grandchild, Chloe Lopez. Serving as pallbearers will be Charles Martin, Robert Randall, Al Lavigne, Bobby Phillips, Steve Hoersting and Brett Hoersting.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Gale Richard Johannessen

Gale Richard "Joe" Johannessen, 78, of Town Bluff, Texas, passed at his home in Town Bluff with his wife, Mary and daughter, Paula, in attendance on September 3, 2003. He had been ill for several years.

Born June 6, 1925 in Grand River, Iowa to Danish parents, Laurence and Ethel Johannessen, he lived in Woodville for several years. He was a World War II Navy veteran and received six campaigning metals, two bronze metals and one silver star. When he met his wife he was Chief Counselor and Lecturer for Governor Harold Hodges' Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center.

After the marriage to his wife in 1985, he returned to his love of investment banking and was V. P. of M. G. S. I. Securities and Morgan Stanley until he retired in 1996 and moved to Woodville where his wife has lived since 1969.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Anton Johannessen of Des Moines, Iowa and a great-granddaughter, Chayia Allison Jurecek of Spurger.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Mary Lou Johannessen; daughters, Crystal Kay "Christy" Owens and husband, Robert of Hillister, Cynthia Jean "Cindy" Mentzel and husband, Matt of Warren, Paula Davis of Town Bluff, Phyllis Lou Kirkland and husband, Woody of Diboll, Jan and Marie Johannessen of Dallas, Mary Gail McCarthy and husband, Kevin of Lufkin; brother, Donald Johnson and wife, Imogene of Casper, WY.; sisters, Donna Weeter and husband, Beep of Des Moines, IA. and Hazel Tarr and husband, Jack of Scottsville, AZ.; fifteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Joe was a beloved husband and father. He
was loved and respected by all who knew him and was a quiet man who brought love and respect to those he met. He will be missed by everyone who knew him and loved him. God rest his soul.

Condolences may be sent to: P. O. Box 950-1233, Woodville, Texas 75979-0950.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James Donald Elveston

James Donald "Don" Elveston, 61, died at 10:23 a.m. Sunday, September 7, 2003, at St. Patrick Hospital in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

He was a lifelong resident of Dequincy; an Air Force veteran; member of New Hope Baptist Church; served as Little League Baseball President; served as a Pee Wee Football Coach; member of the VFW and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Davie Ann Flower Elveston of Dequincy; two sons, John Michael Elveston of Dequincy and James Keith Elveston of Houston, Texas; daughter-in-law, Deanette Franks Elveston of Benbrook; grandson, Donald Cade Elveston of Dequincy.

His funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 10, at The Chapel of Snider Funeral Home of Dequincy. The Rev. Carl W. Lane will officiate and the Eulogy will be given by Ray Franks. Burial will be in Fellowship Cemetery in Warren, Texas, under the direction of Snider Funeral Home of Dequincy.

Visitation is on Tuesday, September 9, after 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Wednesday 10, after 8 a.m. until service time.

Vera Mae Bradley

Funeral services for Mrs. Vera Mae Bradley, age 72, of Chester, Texas, will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Hails Taylor officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester.

Visititation will be held Wednesday from 5 -9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Bradley died Monday, September 8, 2003, Born November 6, 1930 in Angelina County, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Bertha Welch.

Survivors include: Aubry Bradley, her beloved husband of 54 years; daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Kent Barnes of Chester, daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Mark Davison of Chester; son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Linda Bradley of Chester; grandchildren, Tara and Kevin Burman of Livingston, Travis and Sheryl Barnes of Bowie, Jeremiah and Erin Barnes of Livingston, Kimberly and Jason Riddle of Colitta, Lance Corporal Beau Soefje of Chester, Ashley Davison of Chester and Bradley Davison of Chester; great grandchildren, Blake Burman, Kade Burman, Dane Barnes, Aubrey Lynn Barnes and Kason Riddle; brothers, Troy Welch and wife, Murl Dean of Camp Ruby, Rudy Welch and wife, Nelda of Webster.

She was preceded in death by her brother Rubin Welch.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Burman, Travis Barnes, Jeremiah Barnes, Beau Soefje, Bradley Davison, and Scott Polino.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Camp-Ta-Ku-La or Chester ISD.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Hester Jane Fielder


Funeral services were held Saturday, September 13 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Officiating was Brother Delbert Lamb and was assisted by three of her grandchildren, Melissa Reid Dalton, Ashley Fielder and Jody Fielder.

Serving as pallbearers were John Thomas "Jody" Fielder, Brett Fielder, Jason Fielder, Brandon Fielder, David Calhoun, Cleve Calhoun,
Jerry Calhoun, Will Conner and Andrew Reid.

Visitation was held on Friday, September 12 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Hester was born March 26, 1925 to John Files and Lee Anna Lowe Sanders in Orangefield and was raised in Woodville. She had been a longtime resident of Beaumont and was retired from Baptist Hospital in Central Supply.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, John Thomas and Katy Fielder of Sour Lake, Ricky Fielder of Woodville, Michael Fielder of Beaumont and Peter and Anna Fielder of Lumberton; daughters and sons-in-law, Genia and Gene Calhoun of Hemphill, Ginger and Demp Conner of Lumberton and Linda and Billy Frank Reid of Woodville; brother, Pete Sanders of Buna; 18 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Willard Dabbs Story

Willard Dabbs Story, 93, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Wednesday, September 10, 2003 at her home.

Funeral services were held Friday, September 12 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Chapel in Woodville. Officiating was Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Graveside services were held Saturday, September 13 at 2 p.m. in the SouthPark Cemetery, officiated by Dr. Randy Hatchett in Pearland, under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Visitation was held on Thursday, September 11 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Story was born August 12, 1910 to Mark Anthony and Eddie Lanona Ingram Dabbs in Collins, Mississippi. She was a former longtime resident of Houston where she had taught piano. She had lived in Woodville for the past 31 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church where she had served as a G. A. Leader, Sunday School Teacher and was the original and longtime pianist of the Melody Maker Choir.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Story McCreary of Houston; grandchildren, Kathleen M. West and husband, Rob, Kyle W. McCreary and wife, Tiffany and Susan McCreary; two great-grandchildren, Caitlyn McCreary and Ryan McCreary.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 205 W. Wheat, Woodville, Texas 75979, Parkinson Foundation, 1501 North West 9th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136 or the American Cancer Society, 105 N. Pecan, Woodville, Texas 75979.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Larry G. Hughes

Larry G. Hughes, 51, of Smithville, Texas, died September 5, 2003 as result of an automobile accident.

He was born July 29, 1952 in Liberty, to Joe Hughes and Pearl (Evans) Hughes. He was a heavy equipment mechanic dealing with construction machinery.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 7, at Marrs-Jones-Newby Funeral Home in Bastrop with burial following in Oak Hill Cemetery in Smithville.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Hughes of Smithville; a step-daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and John Hogan of Houston; brothers, Harry Hughes of Colmesneil and Ronnie Hughes of Woodville; a sister, Pat Briggs of Cedar Creek; and a grandson, Eian Hogan of Houston.

Rex Evitts

Rex Evitts, 81, of Warren, Texas, passed away Sept. 13, 2003 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Rex was a veteran of WW II. He also worked many years in the oil fields traveling Texas and Louisiana. In the 60's, he owned and operated gas and grocery stores in Warren for many years.

Forced to retired for medical reasons, he and his wife moved to Silsbee, where they lived for 23 years. The last 3 years he made his home in
Warren. Rex was a native of Hugo, OK.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Moses of Hugo, Ok.

Survivors include Selma (Tommie) Evitts wife of 52 years; son, L. Rex Evitts and wife Lenora of Aiken, SC; daughters, Tommie Jean Forsyth and husband T. C. of Warren, Jean Taylor of Silsbee; 12 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; brother, Robert Moses and wife Mary of Conroe; sisters, Helen Norwood of CA., Della Smith of Boswell, OK, Monica Moffett and husband Eldon of Roth, OK; a host of nieces and nephews; inherited daughter Nina King and inherited sons, Rodger and Danny Collins all of Conroe. Mr. Evitts donated his body to science.

**William Leon Miller**

Funeral service for William Leon Miller, 83, was held Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at 2 pm at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Casie Love officiating. Burial followed at Justice Cemetery near Warren, Texas.

Visitation was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Miller passed away September 14, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born July 13, 1920 in San Augustine, Tx, to James H. and Annie Mae Bobbitt Miller, he lived in Tyler County for many years. He was retired from the timber industry and a World War II Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his stepdaughter, LaMerle Seymour of Lumberton; stepson, Douglas Goings of Warren; step-grandchildren, Tina Caldwell of Layton, Ut and Clyde Seymour, Jr. of Lumberton; three nieces and five nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Gregory Miller, Craig Miller, Glenn Miller, William Miller, Kris Miller and Kevin Miller.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

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**Allen W. Fortenberry**

Allen W. Fortenberry, 83, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Sunday, September 14, 2003 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, September 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating is Dr. Dwayne Freese, pastor of First Baptist Church of Woodville, assisted by Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, September 16th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Allen was born July 17, 1920 to Marlin Wayne & Vennie Ruth Freeman Fortenberry in Bethany Community (Tyler Co.) He was a longtime resident of Tyler County and was a retired sales agent with Southwestern Life Insurance Company with over 40 years of service. He was a WW II U.S. Army veteran, former member of Northend Baptist Church of Beaumont and a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville. He was a 50 year member of Yellow Pine Lodge #679 in Comsnesnail.


Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 205 W. Wheat, Woodville, Texas 75979.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Felix J. Dumesnil, Jr.**

Felix J. "Sonny" Dumesnil, Jr., 75, of Doucette, Texas, passed away Wednesday, September 17, 2003, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held on Saturday,
September 20 at 7 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Graveside services were held on Sunday, September 21 at 3 p.m. in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Groves under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating was Father Egidio Vecchio.

Serving as pallbearers were Ricky Dumesnil, Jr., Gralin Dumesnil, Jr., Dustin Foxworth, Brad Blanchet, William Duvall, and Matthew Davidson. Honorary pallbearers were Keith Foxworth, Carroll Dora and Robert Griffin.

Visitation was held on Saturday, September 20 from 5 Ð 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Sonny was born August 11, 1928 to Felix John, Sr. and Yola Mae Judice Dumesnil in Port Arthur. He had lived in Doucette for the past 30 years. He was retired from the City of Port Arthur from the Maintenance Department and had worked for the City of Groves for a number of years. He had also worked at the White Sands Missile Base in New Mexico. He was a member of the Catholic Church and was a Korean War veteran.

He was preceded in death by his son Gralin "Grady" Dumesnil.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Dumesnil of Doucette; sons, Dewayne Dumesnil of Orange and Ricky Dumesnil, Sr. of Doucette; daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Keith Foxworth of Mauriceville; daughter-in-law, Pat Milam Dumesnil of Woodville; sister, Theda Mora of Port Arthur; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

Winford Monroe Massey

Winford Monroe Massey, 80, of Indian Springs Community passed away September 17, 2003 at his residence.

Funeral service was held Saturday, Sept. 20, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Brother Lindle Mitchell officiating. Burial followed at Shady Grove Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Born May 12, 1923 in Camden, to Marvin M. and Josie R. Broom Massey, he lived in Harris County most of his life before moving back to Polk County. He was a retired heavy equipment operator for Armco Steel. He was a World War II Army Veteran.

He is survived by his children, Charlotte A. Roberts and husband, Bill of Bastrop, Winford M. Massey, Jr. and wife, Jackie of Houston, Tommy L. Massey of Livingston, Linda Blanchard and husband, Billy of Galena Park, and Loretta S. Spivey and husband, Craig of Channelview; sister, Hazel Rumby of Indian Springs; brothers, Leroy Massey of Indian Springs, Junior Massey of San Antonio, Ottis Massey of Indian Springs and Doyle Massey of Paige; fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Chip Van, Tommy Massey, Jr., Josh Blanchard, Brant Blanchard, Randy Massey and Craig Spivey.

Memorials may be made to Livingston Church of Christ or Shady Grove Cemetery Fund Rt. 1 Box 380, Woodville, Texas 75979.

Services were under direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Elizabeth Mae Walker

Funeral services for Elizabeth Mae Walker, 87, of Jasper, Texas, will be Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Dickie Allen Funeral Home Chapel in Cushing with Rev. Ed Williamson officiating. Burial will be in the Nat Cemetery near Cushing.

Mrs. Walker died Monday in Jasper. She was born August 8, 1916 near Commanche, to Rufus S. and Addie Choate Clark. She lived for many years in the Rockland Community near Woodville. She was a homemaker and was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by husband, Truman Walker, sister, Noveline Caldwell, and brother Rufus Clark.

Survivors include; daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Alton Hill of Conroe; son and son and daughter-in-law, John and Martha Walker of Rockland; grandson, Charles Byars of Houston; two great-grandchildren, Cody Byars of Houston.
and Brittany Chimene of Rockland.

Pallbearers; family members and friends will serve.

The family will receive visitors from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Dickie Allen Funeral Home in Cushing.

**Odene Gardner Gibson**

Funeral service for Odene Gibson, 91, of Warren, Texas, were held Sept. 21, 2003 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Mack Standley officiating. Burial followed at Gardner Cemetery near Warren.

She passed away Sept. 19, at Woodville Convalescent Center.

Born June 28, 1912 in Hicksbaugh Community to William Henry Gardner and Ida Gertrude Tucker, she was a lifelong resident of Warren and she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Wayne Best and wife, Dana of Warren; step son, Thomas Gibson of Warren; two granddaughters Kim Baumgartner of Warren and Kelly Lott of Zavalla; two step-grandchildren, Randy Gibson of Warren and Kathy Cherry of Houston; numerous great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mel Baumgartner, Rodney Lott, Randy Gibson, Jerry Tolar, D. B. Dean and Jerald Adams.

Memorial may be made to Gardner Cemetery or charity of your choice.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Sherwood Eugene Coplen**

Sherwood Eugene Coplen, 70, of Doucette, Texas, passed away Friday, Sept. 19, 2003 at his residence.

Graveside services were held Monday, Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. in the Campground Cemetery near Woodville under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville. Officiating was Brother James Stephens.

Serving as pallbearers were Bill Courtney, Barney Courtney, Tommy Courtney, Jeff Wilson, Sammy Coplen, Michael Keiffer and Trey Barnes. Honorary pallbearers were Robert Cason, Jonathan Barnes, Travis Coplen, Christian Coplen and Tanner Coplen.

Visitation was held on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 4 p.m. until Monday, Sept. 22 at 8:30 a.m. at his residence.

Mr. Coplen was born March 9, 1933 to Barney Elzie Coplen and Minnie Levie Jordan in Van Zandt County. He was a self-employed carpenter and designed and built furniture. He served in the U. S. Army and the Marines and had lived in this area most of his life.

Sherwood was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Youna Louise Coplen.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Cindy Coplen of Lumberton; daughters and son-in-law, Sherilyn and Leo "Bo" Courtney of Doucette, Cindy Dupre of Doucette, Lela Hernandez of Benton, LA., Sarah and Doug Fowler of Benton, LA., Debbie and Charles Ray Barnes of Chester; brothers, Cleo Coplen of Woodville, Billy Jack Coplen of Silsbee, Troy Coplen of Doucette and Bobby Joe Coplen of Thermopolis, Wyoming; sisters, Delores Cox of Lufkin and Helen Mott of Spurger; sixteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Lakes Area Hospice, P. O. Box 2086, Jasper, Texas 75951.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Alice Eloise Chase**

Alice Eloise Chase, 91, of Lumberton, Texas, formerly of Woodville, passed away Thursday, Sept. 18, 2003 in Lumberton.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating was Reverend Terry Wright and Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Mike Chase, Mark Chase, Jarod Jones, Jason Jones, Kenneth McDaniel and Kevin McDaniel. Honorary pallbearer
was Jeremy Moore.

Visitation was held on Friday, Sept. 19 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Ben and Bonnie Chase of Vidor and Fred and Neva Chase of Shreveport, LA.; daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and James McDaniel of Katy; sisters, Daisy Lee Roberts of Lecompte, LA. And Gladys Brown of Pt. Allen, LA.; six grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mary K. Belt

Mary K. Belt, 85, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away on Monday, Sept. 15, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating was Brother Tom Owen and Brother Johnny Anderson.

Serving as pallbearers were Darrell Ray Belt, Lance D. Belt, Melton Bertrand, Pete Flowers, Derrick Belt and Ronald Hearne. Honorary pallbearers were Mike Godwin and Donald Woodrow Belt, Jr.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mary K. was a former resident of Beaumont and Kountze and a longtime resident of Colmesneil.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Joyce Belt of Kountze, Joe H. and Dottie Belt of Colmesneil and John N. and Della Belt of Palou Island; eleven grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Charles Richard Hamm, Jr.

Funeral services for Charles Richard Hamm, Jr., 74, of Town Bluff, Texas, was held Monday, September 29, 2003, at 10 a.m. with Brother Doyle Butcher officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Hamm passed away Sept. 26, at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Born Sept. 1, 1929 in Beaumont, to Charles R. and Arie Brown Hamm, Sr., he lived in Town Bluff all of his life. He was retired from Sabine Towing and Transport. He was a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Molly Crozier and husband, Bill of Town Bluff; a son, Tony Hamm and wife Beth of Town Bluff; grandchildren, Anthony, Derek, and Pamela; two sisters, Mary Lee Howard and Darlene Johnson both of Beaumont.

Serving as pallbearers were Urban Ray Hamm, Chuck Howard, Chris Stephenson, David Hamm, Billy Minton, and John Charles Johnson.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Kirby L. Dean

Kirby L. Dean, 87, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were held Friday, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating was Brother Don Huckeba.

Visitation was held on Thursday, Sept. 25 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Kirby was born April 29, 1916 to Charles Hilliard and Nora Artiemae Davis Dean in Mt. Carmel (Tyler County). He was a former resident of Vidor and had lived in Woodville for the past 22 years. He was a retired carpenter out of the Sabine Area Carpenters Local.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ramons Dean of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Frank Jolley of Houston and Carol and Virgil Calicott of Cypress; sister, Margie Taylor of Katy; grandchildren, James and Amy Jolly and Meriedith and John Arendale; great-grandchildren, Jack Jolley and Mary Kayettlin Arendale.
Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.  

Richard Toby Rico

A graveside service for Richard Toby Rico, 22, of Colmesneil, Texas, was held Friday, Sept. 26, 2003 at 1 p.m. at Colmesneil City Cemetery with Joseph and Dorothy Scott officiating.

Richard Toby Rico passed away Sept. 23, at his residence.


He is survived by his mother, Johnnie M. Thornton of Colmesneil; sister, Joanna M. Rico of Houston; grandparents, Robert and Joanna Thornton of Colmesneil; aunt, Donna McGrew of Pearland; uncle, Micheal McGrew of Pearland; cousins, Kyle Laundmendier and Loke McGrew both of Pearland; sister, Rene Nelms and husband, Kevin of Dobbin; niece, Neita Nelms of Dobbin; nephew, J. T. Voght of Dobbin; daddy, James L. Youngblood of Colmesneil.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Joseph Monroe Mitcham

Funeral service for Joseph Monroe Mitcham, 59, of Rockland, Texas, was held Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. at Rockland Baptist Church with Brother Fred Yount officiating. Burial followed at Rockland City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Wednesday evening at the church.

Mr. Mitcham passed away Sept. 23, at his residence.

Born Dec. 25, 1943 in Tyler County to Willey H. and Lou Bessie Williams Mitcham. He lived in Tyler County all of his life. He was a truck driver and a member of the Rockland Baptist Church. He was a Vietnam Army Veteran.

He is survived by his mother, Johnnie M. Thornton of Colmesneil; sister, Joanna M. Rico of Houston; grandparents, Robert and Joanna Thornton of Colmesneil; aunt, Donna McGrew of Pearland; uncle, Micheal McGrew of Pearland; cousins, Kyle Laundmendier and Loke McGrew both of Pearland; sister, Rene Nelms and husband, Kevin of Dobbin; niece, Neita Nelms of Dobbin; nephew, J. T. Voght of Dobbin; daddy, James L. Youngblood of Colmesneil.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Alline Gibson Carr

Alline Gibson Carr, 77, of Baytown, Texas, went to be with her Lord Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003 at her residence.

Visitation was held Sept. 29 at 6 - 8 p.m. at Navarre Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Navarre Funeral Home followed by graveside services held near Livingston, at Midway Cemetery that afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Reverend Roy Cloudt conducted the service.

Alline was born in Livingston, to parents Molton and Callie Treadway Gibson on Sept. 6, 1926. After graduating from Big Sandy she moved to Baytown and met her husband, Henry F. Carr. They owned and operated Carr's City Tire Service and Carr's Trailer Park 30 years before retiring.

She enjoyed spending time at their home on Lake Livingston and hunting on their land in Polk County. Her joy in life was her loving family.

Alline is preceded in death by her husband Henry Carr, her parents, sister, Ervie David, brothers, M. L. Kail, Tarzen, George and Kenneth. She is survived by two sons, Keith Lynn Carr and wife Wrenie of Baytown, Kippy Dale Carr and wife Ann Marie of Pagosa Springs, Colorado; grandchildren, Kody, Kelsey, and Hank all of Baytown; step-grandchildren, Austin and Whitney Jackson of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, Nicholas Burris of Gibson and wife Janie of Livingston; sisters, Mary Parrish of Highlands and Sue Schmadl and husband, Earl of Baytown and many
relatives.

Special thanks to her caregiver, Esther Frazier.

Pallbearers were Bud Gibson, Kail Gibson, Curtis Parrish, Joey David, Bill Horton, and Mackie Gibson.

Services were under the direction of Navarre Funeral Home-2444 Rollingbrook Dr. Baytown, Tx.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Rev. Clayton Hilliard McMillan**

Funeral service for Rev. Clayton Hilliard McMillan, 77, of Warren, Texas, was held Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003, at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Billy Bracken and Brother Alton Harwell officiating. Burial followed at Holly Grove Cemetery in Polk County.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. McMillan passed away Sept. 23, at his residence.

Born August 24, 1926 in Polk County to Troy E. and Esther Richards on McMillan, he lived in Oregon before moving to Warren thirteen years ago. He was a retired Pastor who lovingly served many congregations. He was a World War II Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth McMillan of Warren; daughter, Hope Jessel and husband, Jeff of Oregon; son, David McMillan of Oregon; step children, Jerry Glenn and wife, Francine of Las Vegas, Hilda Maass and husband, Keith of Tomball, Ronald Glenn and wife, Kathy of Warren, Gordy Glenn and wife, JoAnn of Missouri and Kyle Hill of Livingston; brothers, Melvin McMillan and wife, Jennie of Indiana and Frank McMillan and wife, Zelma of Houston; sister, Leah Pace and husband, Myers of Chester; aunts and uncles, Agnes McMillan, Edna McMillan, Billy Wilkinson and wife Juanita; twenty-one grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were his grandsons.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Hazel Lee Spies**

Hazel Lee Spies, 86, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Wednesday, October 1, 2003.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville. Officiating was Reverend Ray Reed, pastor of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

Visitation was held on Friday, Oct. 3 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Hazel was born July 15, 1917 to Fairley Webster and Edna Earl Kendrick Lee in San Augustine. She was a former resident of Nacogdoches and had lived in Woodville for the past seven years. She was a retired 3rd and 4th grade teacher from Etoile ISD and was a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Henry and Helen Spies of Dallas; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Eddie Obana of Woodville; brothers, Fred Lee of Laughlin, NV and Ray Lee of Gonzales; sisters, Frances Akin of San Augustine and Mildred Pitts of Nacogdoches; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Gay Nell Hartwick**

Gay Nell Hartwick, 66, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003 at her home after an illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Jim Smith, Jason Brock, Frank Murphy, Ray Durham, Roger Durham, and Rodney Barclay.

Visitation was Saturday, Oct. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Gay Nell was born July 29, 1937 to Marshall Thomas and Zelphia Gibbs White in Centerville, and had lived in Tyler County since 1945.
She was preceded in death by her parents and husbands, Buddy Scroggins on March 7, 1966 and Jiggs Hartwick on May 1, 2000 and is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law; John Abb and Linda Scroggins of Huntington and Randy and Ann Hartwick of Beaumont; daughters and sons-in-law, Charlotte and Joe Stafford and Mitzi and Terry Hensarling all of Woodville and Trena and Lynn Richards of Columbus, Ohio; sisters and brothers-in-law, Laura and Raymond Durham of Groves, Joyce Applegate of Livingston, Thelma and Don Carr of Tyler, Ella and Robert Brock of Henderson and Della and Rex Davis of Colmesneil; ten grandchildren, Whitney Scroggins, Brandy Upshaw, Justin Hartwick, Amber Stafford, Cody Stafford, Jacob Stafford, Grant Hensarling, Brady Hensarling, Ali Richards and Richie Richards; and 1 great-grandson, Kade Upshaw.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville.

Robert Edward Price


Born July 31, 1926 in Port Arthur, to Charles S. and Annie M. Wynn Price, he lived in Tyler County for many years. He was retired from Temple-Eastex with 30 years of service. He was a World War II Army Veteran.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Dorothy Imogene Smith Price; daughters, Tina Marie Johnson and husband, Danny of Warren and Paula Jean Swor and husband, Charles of Warren; son, Robert Samuel Price and wife, Shari of Vidor; sister, Annie M. Brady of Marshall; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Richard Bean officiating. Burial followed at Village Mills Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers were Kenny Price, Ronnie Price, Mike Brady, Charles Brady, Joe Duke, Joel Massingill, and Milton Winger.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James E. Grimes

James E. "Monk" Grimes, 83, of Woodville, Texas, joined the Lord on September 30, 2003 in the Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville.

Monk lived in Woodville most of his life with the exception of serving four years in the Army Air Corp. in World War II in England and Germany. He owned and operated Grimes Machine Shop in Woodville before health reasons made it necessary to retire and become a teacher. He taught 13 years as a Machine Shop teacher in Port Arthur, before retiring in 1984. Monk was a faithful member of the First Christian Church of Woodville where he was an Elder and teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge serving as a former Worshipful Master, and a member of the V. F. W. serving as a Past Commander, and a past board member of the Tyler County Hospital Board of Directors where he served as Vice President. In addition, he was a former member of the Woodville Rotary Club and Fire Department. With all of his accomplishments, he still had time to be a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Monk is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, DeWilda "Dee" Grimes of Woodville; his daughter, Lynette also of Woodville; three grandchildren, Tiphanie and husband, Allen Dubois of Coldspring, Karena Kirk of Houston, James "Jimmy" Kirk with the U. S. Navy stationed in Connecticut; three great-grandchildren, Dylan, James, "Jay" and Kaylee Dubois; his brother John C. Grimes of Port Neches Groves; his son, Larry Anderson. His brother Harley P. Grimes preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Glenn Moore and Rev. J. R. Johnson officiating. A military service was presented by the V. F. W. Post #2033 at the funeral home. A Masonic graveside service was held at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville by Woodville Masonic Lodge #495.
Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.
Serving as pallbearers were Robert Carl, Dave Bordelon, John R. Kenner, O. Z. Foxworth, Bobby Pentecost, Billy Tindale, Jack Risinger, Thomas Wright, Bobby Lord and Barney Tarver.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Sarah Louise Dickens Hughes
Sarah Louise Dickens Hughes, 87, of the Midway Community in Polk County, passed away October 6, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital.
Funeral services will be held Oct. 9, at 10 a.m. at the Midway Community Church with Brother Robert Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Midway Cemetery.
Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4 until 8 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home.
Born July 14, 1916 in Shady Grove, to Elbert and Allie Swearingen Dickens, she lived in Polk County most of her life. She was a bookkeeper and a member of Midway Community Church.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar E. Hughes and brother, Esca Dickens, Leon Dickens and Jacob Dickens.
She is survived by her sisters, Paralee Harper of Houston and Mardria Anderson and husband, Jim of Lindale; brothers, Raymond Dickens and wife, Mary of Beaumont and Titus Dickens and wife, Kathy of Hitchcock; sister-in-law, Mozelle Dickens; numerous nieces, nephews and loved ones.
Serving as pallbearers will be her nephews.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Corbin Lee Mann
Corbin Lee Mann, infant son of Dalhia McDaniel and Hunter Mann, passed away October 1, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital.
A graveside service was held Friday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m. at the Mann Cemetery near Colmesneil with Brother Buddy McDaniel officiating.
Corbin is survived by his parents, Dalhia McDaniel and Hunter Mann both of Colmesneil; grandparents, Jeff and Cheryl Mann of Colmesneil and Cindy Cogbill of Woodville; aunts, Eliz Cogbill of Woodville and Taylor Mann of Colmesneil; uncles, Alex Cogbill of Woodville and Jim Ed Mann of Colmesneil; great grandparents, Bud and Beth Cogbill, Buddy and Lou McDaniel all of Woodville, Tom and Mary Mann of Colmesneil and Wanda and S. A. Smith of Rockland; great, great grandparents, Leslie and Annie Dubose of Woodville; and numerous loved ones and friends.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Emma Kerby Sykes
Emma Kerby Sykes, 99, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Saturday, October 4, 2003 at Silsbee Oaks Nursing Home.
Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating was Dr. James R. Fuller.
Serving as pallbearers were Cecil R. Glass, Zachary Glass, Alexander Glass, Richard Sykes and Wayne Beshears.
Visitation was held on Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. Emma was born December 13, 1903 to Sam and Mary Beshears Kerby in Delta County. She was a former resident of Houston and had lived in Woodville for the past 20 years. She was a retired manager from Sakowitz.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl R. Sykes and grandson, Terry Earl Smith.
She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Richard E. and Maria Barbara Sykes of Austin; daughter and son-in-law, Ormand Jane and Dr. John T. Smith of Beaumont; five grandchildren, Cynthia Louise Gonzales and husband Tomas, Andrea Glass and husband Scooter, Sharon Gabriel, Michelle Denise Wagman and husband Andy and Richard E. Sykes, II and wife Melissa; and nine great-grandchildren,
Miranda Gonzales, Emily Wagman, Alex Wagman, Grant Wagman, Katherine Wagman, Connor Gabriel, McKenna Gabriel, Zachary Glass and Alexander Glass.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association, 2030 N. Loop W., Houston, Texas 77018.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Inez Redmon**

Inez Redmon, 72, of Hillister, Texas, passed away Wednesday, October 1, 2003 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Warren Cemetery. Officiating was Brother Kenneth Cauthen and Brother Milton Powers.

 Serving as pallbearers were Clifton Clowers, Bob Austin, Fletcher McCullom, Wesley McCullom, Samuel Smith, Michael Smith, Lynn Shane, Jr., and Milton Powers.

 Visitation was held on Friday, Oct. 3 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

 Inez was born April 7, 1931 to Oscar and Irene Price Clowers in Crockett. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was retired from Keller Industries. She was a member of Hillister Baptist Church.

 She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and B. A. Smith and Glenda and Lynn Shane all of Hillister; brothers and sisters-in-law, Rudy and Barbara Nell Clowers of Warren, Charles Clowers of Kountze and Brenda Clowers Gore of Silsbee; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Ann and Lester Gross of Houma, LA, Catherine Redmon of Ivanhoe, Patricia and Charles Haynes of Colmesneil and Bettye and Thomas Thibodeaux of Pt. Allen, LA; eight grandchildren, Tina Turner, Gina Clark, Amy McCoy, Melissa Davis, Lynette Gehrts, Milton Powers and Joe Pete Shane; and sixteen great-grandchildren, Ashley Turner, Blake Turner, Cody Kayser, Coby Kayser, Ashley Kayser, Joshua Watts, Brittany Clark, Tyler Clark, Karmin Clark, Kara Clark, Jessica McCoy, Tyler McCoy, Teddy Davis, Alex Gehrts, Corey Gehrts and Kaleb Powers.

Memorials may be made to Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Rt. 4 Box 2676, Colmesneil, Texas 75938.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Charlene Twila Shuttlesworth**

Charlene Twila Shuttlesworth, 53, of Channelview, Texas, went to be with her Lord, Oct. 7, 2003. She was born Sept. 11, 1950 in Houston to Charles & Roberta Huenerberg.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Jerry Moore in 1995.

She is survived by her husband of 3 years, Gerald "Pat" Shuttlesworth; children, Shad Moore & Cathy Reneau of Channelview; Gerry & Judy Shuttlesworth of Crosby; Pastor Jason & Angie Shuttlesworth of Johnstown, Colorado; Deidra & Daniel Hill of Mt. Belview; and Melonie & James Davidson of Crosby; grandchildren, Kaitlynn Hill, Daniel Hill, Jr., Carrie Griffin, Rebecca Shuttlesworth, Garrett Pat Shuttlesworth, Benjamin Shuttlesworth, Kyler Davidson, Jaina Davidson & Chelsea Williams.

Services were held Friday, Oct. 10 at 11:00 a.m. at the Dell Dale Ave. Baptist Church in Channelview. Pastor Bobby Powell officiated. She was laid to rest at 3:00 p.m. in the Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil, under the direction of the Carter Funeral Home.

Local arrangements by Riley Funeral Home, Woodville, Texas.

**Gresilda A. Foreman**

Gresilda A. "Cookie" Fireman, 52, of Warren, Texas, passed away on Saturday, October 11, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held on Monday, October 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the Stringer Griffin Funeral home Chapel in Woodville with burial in
Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating was Reverend Ginna Harrison.

Visitation was held Sunday, October 12th from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Cookie was born September 1, 1951 to John W. & Lilly Mae Ancelet Cormier in Pt. Arthur, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Pt. Arthur and had lived in Warren for the past year.

She is survived by her husband, Druse Foreman of Warren; sons, Michael Jean Sanders of Pt. Arthur, David Allen Sanders of Warren, Ronald Patrick Jackson of Gueyan, LA., and Clayton Shane Foreman of Nederland; daughter, Amanda Foreman Brown of Colmesneil; brothers, Tommy Neal of Stroudsburgh PA and Ronald Comier of LaBelle; sister, Deanie Delacerda of Colmesneil; and four grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Louise Peck Hooks

Funeral services for Louise Peck Hooks, 64, of Fred, Texas, were held Monday, Oct. 13, 2003 at 3 p.m. by Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee with burial at Franks Branch Cemetery in Fred.

Mrs. Hooks died Oct. 11, 2003 at the Lumberton Nursing Center. She was a homemaker and a native of Fred.

Survivors include sons, Terry Hooks of Wildwood and Nathan hooks of Silsbee; daughters Patricia Shavers of Silsbee and Tina Jackson of Woodville; brother, Reverend Jerry Peck and Dolphus Peck, both of Fred; sisters, Marie Wooden of Town Bluff and Madeline Jones of Warren; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements R.S. Farmer Funeral Home of Silsbee.

Helen W. Morgan

Helen W. Morgan, 84, of Woodville, Texas passed away October 14, 2003 at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Kirby L. Dean

Kirby L. Dean, 87, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were held Friday, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating was Brother Don Huckeba.

Visitation was held on Thursday, Sept. 25 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Kirby was born April 29, 1916 to Charles Hilliard and Nora Artiemae Davis Dean in Mt. Carmel (Tyler County). He was a former resident of Vidor and had lived in Woodville for the past 22 years. He was a retired carpenter out of the Sabine Area Carpenters Local.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ramona Dean of Woodville; daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Frank Jolley of Houston and Carol and Virgil Calicott of Cypress; sister, Margie Taylor of Katy; grandchildren, James and Amy Jolley and Meredith and John Arendale; great-grandchildren, Jack Jolley and Mary Kayetlin Arendale.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Joseph McCampbell Snow, Sr.

Joseph McCampbell Snow, Sr., 81, passed away on Monday, October 13, 2003 in Wake Forest, NC after a lengthy illness.

A memorial service was held Friday, October 17 at 11 a.m. in the Bright Funeral Home Chapel in Wake Forest, NC. Graveside services were held on Sunday, October 19 at 2 p.m. in the Seaman Cemetery near Chester, Texas. Officiating was his son, Joseph M. Snow, Jr.

Mr. Snow was born in Corpus Christi, and grew up in Beaumont. He graduated from Texas A & M University and saw action in both the Korean War and World War II in the Corps of Engineers. Lt. Snow was responsible for distributing D-Day landing orders to US troops leaving England for the invasion. He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries incurred during the Battle of the Bulge.

Mr. Snow served as Director of Board Certified
Safety Engineers from 1969-1976. He was active in the Baptist Church, serving as a Deacon in both Casa View Baptist Church in Dallas, and Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, VA.

After he retired in 1985 from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in Washington, D.C., he moved to Wake Forest, NC where he was active in the Young at Heart Club, the VFW, the Masons and Wake Crossroads Baptist Church. In 1995, he served as Commander of VFW Post 8466 in Wake Forest, NC.

Mr. Snow is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ivy Dell Seamans Snow of Wake Forest, NC.; daughter, Janet Monteith and husband, Dick of Wake Forest, NC; son, Joseph M. Snow, Jr. and wife, Cheryl of Colleyville; six grandchildren, Kathy Otten and husband, Bill of Wake Forest, NC, Dr. Theresa Johnson and husband, Michael of Asheville, NC, Andrew Monteith of Charlotte, NC., Jennifer Snow, Brian Snow and Jason Snow all of Colleyville; one great grandson, Matthew Otten of Wake Forest, NC; and one sister, Gertrude Walling of Beaumont.

Local services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Rufus John McBride

In loving memory of Rufus J. McBride. Born May 30, 1922 in Edgerly, LA. and baptized in Edgerly. Father Hardy presided over Rufus’ First Communion at the age of 6 years in Nederland. He was a long time member of Holy Name and St. Rose of Lima Catholic Churches in Houston.

He was predeceased by parents, Elish and Elizabeth McBride and his beautiful wife and mother of his children, Gertrude Foyt McBride.

Rufus proudly served his country in World War II, Army Air Corps, serving in the CBI, China Burma and India. He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus Council #2917. He retired from J. Weingarten, Inc. after 42 years of loyal service. He was a wonderful husband and a good and loving father to his four sons and grandchildren. A kind and generous friend and neighbor to all who knew him.

Survivors include; loving wife, Evelyn King McBride; adored sons and wives, Charles McBride and wife Linda, Rufus McBride and wife Lura, Thomas McBride, and Robert McBride and wife Barbara; grandchildren, Tina McBride Noa, Jennifer McBride, Kimberley McBride, Sean Michael McBride, Kimberley and Kelly Koonce; great-granddaughter, Callan Koonce; numerous other relatives and friends.

A special "Thank You" to the Staff of Conroe Regional Medical Center.

Visitation on Sunday beginning at 5 and a rosary at 7 p.m. at Klein Funeral Home, Tomball. A funeral service will be celebrated on Monday at 2 p.m. at Klein Funeral Home. Burial will follow at 4 p.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery in Houston.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Crown of Texas Hospice in Conroe.

Mary Evelyn Ling

Mary Evelyn Ling, 90, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003 at her residence.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. in Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Colmesneil Cemetery. Officiating was Reverend Tyra Rich.

Serving as pallbearers were Tony Coslett, David Fawcett, Jimmy Goff, Adam LeWin, Eric Miculka and Andy Moore. Honorary pallbearers were Jimmie LeWin and Kenneth LeWin.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mary was born February 3, 1913 to Euclid Madison and Mary Katherine Douglas Earnest in Austin.

She was a former longtime resident of Beaumont and had attended Sabine Tabernacle in the 1930's and 40's. She moved to Sour Lake and Rusk before moving to Colmesneil in 1970 where she attended Colmesneil Assembly of God.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Moses Ling; brothers, Carl Earnest and Clyde Earnest; sisters, Susie Mooney, Myrtle Webb and Elizabeth Dunsmore; granddaughters, Lynette
Moncrief and Virginia Peavy.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Clarence Ray and wife Peggy Moore and Bobby Leroy and wife Skip all of Beaumont and Louis Trephley and wife Lavetta Fawcett of Mesquite; daughters and sons-in-law, Ollie June Moore of San Antonio, Marilyn Fay and husband Jimmie Lewing of Yoakum, Mary Dean and husband Gary Walker of Troup and Evelyn Jean and husband Willis Nelson of Colmesneil; stepdaughter, Berna Dean Graham of Bolivar; 20 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Jessie Marie King**

Jessie Marie King, 77, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2003 at Hermann Memorial Baptist Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating was Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were Wes Ault, Jr., Albin Allen Comeaux, Steve Evans, Gary Hennigan, Guy Allen King and Maxie Young. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Gayle Burton, Bennett Hanna, Grady Holderman, J. H. Kenesson, Sr. and Lionel Reese.

Visitation was held on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Marie was born August 7, 1926 to Leland Howard and Alvina Margaret Bryan Johnson in Robstown. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and was retired from the Woodville Independent School District as bookkeeper. She was a 50 year member of the Woodville Chapter #462 Order of the Eastern Star and member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. C. "Buddy" King on Feb. 27, 1975. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Butch Lewis of Woodville and Peggy and Kenny Smith of Woodstock, GA; son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Becky King of Waco; grandchildren, Jason Voth, Jeffrey Voth, Clay King, Jenny King, Jessica Smith, Christopher Smith and Jonathan Smith; and great-grandchildren, Luke Voth, Haleigh Voth and Alec Voth.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

**Helen Craine Morgan**

A graveside service was held October 17, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. at Shady Grove Cemetery near Woodville, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Brother Dick Postel Waite officiating.


She was born Sept. 28, 1919 in Leachville, Arkansas to William and Viola Engrim Tatum. She lived in Woodville for 25 years and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Dwayne Craine of Woodville, Alton Crain and Calvin Craine both of Dallas and Thomas Craine of Illinois; daughters, Louise Willis of Woodville, Alfreda Bryant of Dallas and Scharlott Fox of Dewitt, Arkansas; sister, Hazel Lack of Buffalo; brother, Willard Tatum of Indianapolis, Indiana; numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Billy Hampton Williams**

Billy Hampton Williams, 62, of Colmesneil, Texas, went to be with the Lord Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003 at Odessa Medical Center in Odessa.

Billy lived in Colmesneil since early childhood. He was a graduate of Colmesneil High School and was a U. S. Army Veteran. He was known across America as a professional truck driver and was self-employed, driving for Swift Transportation at the time of his death.

Billy is survived by his friend and wife of 37 years, Lynda Davis Williams of Colmesneil; two
sons and daughters-in-law, Todd and Teri Williams of Madisonville, and Michael and Shannon Williams of Woodville; three grandchildren, Hunter Williams, Isabelle Williams and Beau Burleson; his mother, Venice Williams of Jasper; two sisters, Gail Allen of Venus, and Virginia Owens of Colmesneil; one brother, Randy Williams of Quitman, MS and a host of friends and relatives.

He is preceded in death by his father, Allen Williams of Warren and a brother, Bruce Williams of Needville.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with burial following at Colmesneil City Cemetery.

Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers were Kenneth Davis, Jared Davis, Jeff Spradling, Dennis Moffett, Jim Smith, Richard Davis, Tommy Ogden, and Andy Dean.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Carroll Jackson Yancey

Funeral service for Carroll Yancey, 75, of Woodville, Texas, were held Oct. 18, 2003 at 10 a.m. at New Shiloh Baptist Church in Woodville under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Brother Luis Tubbs and Brother John Spanhanks officiating.

Burial followed at Camp Ground Cemetery with American Legion Argone Post #299 of Woodville presenting the flag to the family.

Mr. Yancey passed away Oct. 16, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

He was born Feb. 1, 1928 in Arkansas to Halley and Bertha Yancey. He was a longtime resident of Woodville. He was a retired millwright and Korean Army Veteran and a member of the American Legion Argone Post #299.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bob Yancey.

He is survived by his wife, Melva Lois Dickey Yancey; daughter, Donna Sue Black of Orange; sons, Jackie Wayne Yancey of Lonoke, Ark. and Jerry Lee Yancey and Carroll Lloyd Yancey both of Woodville; step mother, Louise Yancey; sisters, Virginia Walker, Marilyn Runyon, Elaine Bible, Martha Tucker and Linda Hendreckson all of Arkansas; brothers, O. A. Yancey, Richard Yancey, Bill Yancey and James Yancey all of Arkansas; eleven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Pallbearers were George Crowson, James Harmon, Ronnie Wood, Jason Shirley and Roy James. Honorary pallbearers were Graylen Crowson, Louis Crowson, and Freddy Zlomke.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jennifer Gail Derouen

Jennifer Gail Derouen, 25, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Friday, October 24, 2003 at Hermann Memorial Baptist Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Fellowship Cemetery near Warren. Officiating was Father Egidio Vecchio and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers were Patrick Derouen, Ralph Derouen, Phil Derouen, Rodney Derouen, Jr., Michael Derouen and Scott Derouen.

Visitation was held on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Jennifer was born Feb. 7, 1978 in San Antonio. She was a longtime resident of Woodville.

She is survived by her parents, Rodney, Sr. and Alice Derouen of Woodville; brothers, Rodney Derouen, Jr. of Woodville, Michael Derouen of Houston and Scott Derouen of Woodville; sister, Debra Henry of Woodville; grandmothers, Eunice Derouen of Lake Charles, La. and Willie Mae Stanton of Woodville; sisters-in-law, Judy Derouen and Annette Derouen both of Woodville and Jenny Derouen of Houston; brother-in-law, Curtis Henry of Woodville; five nieces and four nephews and numerous aunts and uncles.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Nell Crosby

Nell Crosby, 94, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 at Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Oct. 25 at Fairview Baptist Church with burial in Fairview Cemetery. Officiating was Reverend Doyle Butcher and Reverend John Spanhanks.

Serving as pallbearers were David Hamm, Urban Hamm, Lynwood Hamm, Johnny Horton, Derek Crozier and Trey Olsen.

Visitation was held on Friday, Oct. 24 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Nell was born March 31, 1909 to Neham Edward and Sarah Cammilla Alexander Hamm in Van Zandt County. She was a former resident of Beaumont and was a longtime resident of Woodville. She had worked as a dietician at Tyler County Hospital many years and was a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Carol Fisher of Sour Lake and James Elliott of Town Bluff; brothers, Jack Hamm and Leonard Hamm both of Town Bluff; granddaughters, Pamela Fisher of Beaumont and Debbie Collard of Houston; and great grandchild, Trevor Collard of Houston.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Jack C. Best

Jack C. Best, 92, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003 at Dogwood Trails Manor in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating was Dr. Dwayne Freese and Dr. Raymond A. Parker.

Serving as pallbearers were Lyman Perimon, Perry Best, Stephen Farrid, Keith Carl, Kevin Carl and Calvin Wheat.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Jack was born April 27, 1911 to Charley Richard and Nancy Ann McDonald Best in Woodville. He was a former longtime resident of Pt. Arthur and had lived in Woodville for the past 28 years. He was retired from Texaco as a lab technician and was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

He was preceded in death by his wife Nobie Okun Best.

He is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law, Lester Best of Woodville and Jack A. and Gloria Best of Nederland; granddaughters, Kerri Landy, Jennifer Manning and Mandy Moore; and four great-granddaughters.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Harold L. Seamans

Harold L. Seamans, 87, of Groesbeck, Texas, passed away Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003 in Mexia at Parkview Regional Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, in the First United Methodist Church of Groesbeck with Dr. Robert Herzig officiating. Burial followed in the Gunter Cemetery.

Mr. Seamans was born Jan. 15, 1916 in Chester, to Ross and Edna (Hughes) Seamans. He served his country in WWII in the Navy as a pilot and a pilot instructor. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Groesbeck.

Harold was a long time rancher in Limestone County and was known as an entrepreneur. He owned several businesses throughout his life such as a Locker Plant in Victoria, a Dairy in Riesel, an Auction Barn in Franklin, and was a Petroleum Engineer in which he traveled all around the United States and Canada. He was one of the first Charolais Breeders in Texas, and was on the first board in Limestone County that built the airport.

He also loved the outdoors and liked hunting and fishing. His love for planes has been a life long adventure until recently when he sold his plane. Harold loved the Lord and wanted everyone to
know the Lord as their personal Savior.

Preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Ella Mae Davis.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Bob Seamans of Groesbeck; three daughters, Paula Adkins and husband James of Austin, Kathleen Moore of Groesbeck, and Louise Jackson of Kosse; six grandchildren, Angela Adkins Ablassi of Houston, Mark Alan Adkins of Los Angeles, Ca., Christopher Clemons of Dallas, Robert Clemons of Lagos, Nigeria, Clayton Moore of Groesbeck, and Leanne Wooten of San Angelo; three great-grandchildren, Brennen Wooten and Aaron Wooten of San Angelo, and Chloe Rebecca Clemons of Lagos, Nigeria; two brothers, Lynn Seamans of Baytown, and Earnest Seamans of Colmesneil; seven nephews, seven nieces and numerous other relatives.

Services were under the direction of Groesbeck Funeral Home.

**Thomas Levi Baggett**

Mr. Thomas Levi Baggett, 74, of Spurger, Texas, passed away, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2003 at Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 at Mangum Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Old Salem Cemetery in Center with Bro. Robert McClelland officiating.

Visitation was held Friday, Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

He was born, June 4, 1929 in San Augustine County to parents, Thomas Jefferson Baggett and Alpha Lillian Warr Baggett who preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by his wife, Billie Jo Baggett who passed away July 4, 2003 and 1 brother, Rufus J. Baggett and 1 sister, Nancy L. Spann. He was of the Baptist faith. He was retired from Phalen Tank where he was a boiler maker.

He is survived by 4 children, Linda Graffagnino of Plano, Brenda Hicks of Vidor, Debbie LeBlanc and husband, Joel of Stafford and George T. Baggett and wife, Danette of Spurger; 5 grandchildren, Greg LeBlanc and wife, Rachael of Plano, Tammy Reese and husband, David of Plano, Amanda Flannigan and husband, Percy of Vidor, Joel LeBlanc, Ill of Stafford and Nicole Baggett; 7 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Evie Holloway of Center; 1 brother, Bobby Baggett and wife, Judy of Buna; numerous other relatives and friends.

Services were under the direction of Mangum Funeral Home of Center.

**L. B. Harrington**

L. B. "Sam" Harrington, 72, of Wildwood, Texas, passed away Oct. 23, 2003 at his residence.

Born February 9, 1931 in Madison County, he lived in Wildwood for five years. He was retired from Hoelscher Weather Strip Manufacturing and was the owner of the Wildwood Cafe. He was a Veteran of the Army Air Corp.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife, Curtis O. (Lightening) Harrington.

He is survived by his daughters, Pam Simcomb and husband, Gordon of Dubois, ID and Penny Muncey and Fred Schultz of Pasadena; sons, Sammy Harrington and Kerry Harrington both of Wildwood; brother, James Harrington of Houston; sister, Ella Mae Louque of Paulina, LA; grandchildren, Trey Simcomb of Dubois, ID, Samantha Harrington of Wildwood, Ben Harrington of Tampa, FL., Josh Muncey of Pasadena, Sarah Harrington of Spring; two great-grandchildren of Idaho; son-in-law, Virgil Muncey of Tampa, FL.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m. at the Wildwood Baptist Church with Brother Worth Hewitt and Brother Don Mitchell officiating. A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. at Ten Mile Cemetery in Madisonville.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers were Steve Bettenfield, Glynn Brown, Kyle Brown, Clay Jones, Donald Harrington and Mike Harrington.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Lorene Carrell Overstreet


Born June 15, 1918 in Warren, to John and Nancy Evans Foxworth, she lived in Tyler County all of her life. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Kathy Stewart of Warren; sons, James Ed Carrell of Sour Lake and C. D. Carrell of Beaumont; sister, Frances Alexander of Nederland; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Monday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. at Fellowship Cemetery in Warren with Bro. Woodrow Wilson officiating.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Alton Harry John, Sr.

Alton Harry John, Sr., 77, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Oct. 24, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born Sept. 19, 1926 in Shermann, to Robert and Josephine Williams John, he lived in Tyler County for many years. He was a retired Chemical Engineer for Brown and Root and a World War II and Korean Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his sons, Robert E. John of San Diego, CA., James K. John of Philadelphia, PA., and John L. John of Cypress; daughter, Vivecca A. Hartman of Houston; brothers, Connor John of Commerce, and Preston John of PA; five grandchildren; and a Special friend Allan Barr.

Cremation services were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Willie Mae Hancock

Mrs. Willie Mae Hancock, 75, of Kountze, Texas, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003 at Doctors Hospital in Groves.

Services were held Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003 at 11 a.m. at the Greater Mt. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church in Kountze with burial at the Trinity Valley District Cemetery in Kountze. Reverend C. L. Cooper officiated.

She was a native of Vinton, LA. for a number of years before moving to Kountze.

Mrs. Hancock is survived by her daughters, Ruby Jean Harrington of Santa Ana, Cal., and Pamela (Joseph) Orsot of Kountze; sons, Anthony Adams, David (Carol) Hancock both of Kountze, Fredrick (Crystal) Hancock of Stafford, Michael (Patricia) Hancock of Silsbee, Robert (Lawanda) Hancock of Beaumont, and Marshall Hancock of Richmond; sister, Edna Mae Allen of Kountze and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Services entrusted by Colemans Tyler County Funeral Home of Woodville.

Billy Ray Carty

Billy Ray Carty, 54, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away Nov. 1, 2003 at Lufkin Memorial Hospital.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. at the Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil with Brother Durl Patrick and Brother Jack Lewellen officiating.

Visitation was held Tuesday morning at Riley Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 20, 1949 in Jasper, to J. C. and Evie Graham Carty, he lived in Tyler County for five years.

Mr. Carty is survived by his mother, Evie Maples of Colmesneil; sons, Billy Carty and wife, Peggy of Tomball and Brandon Carty of Tomball; granddaughters, Haley and Jaymi Carty of Tomball; sister, Peggy Rice and husband, Charles of Colmesneil; nephews, Jimmy Rice and wife, Rhonda of Colmesneil, Raymond Rice and wife, Michelle of Magnolia; great nieces, Jessie and Dana Rice.

Funeral services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Frank Selden Thomas

Frank Selden Thomas, 75, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Oct. 28, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital.

A native of San Benito, he lived in Houston before moving to Woodville and Warren where he has lived for many years. He was a self-employed master electrician and World War II Army Air Force Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Mary McManus Thomas; children, Allan Thomas of Waveland, Miss., Darlene Thomas of Santa Fe, Merry Thomas of Dillon, Montana, Ashley Thomas of Channelview; step-children, David Gregory of Wildwood, Rhonda Hardin and Peggy Hardee both of the Austin area; adopted child by love, Sunni O'Connor and Michael of Hempstead; brother, Fred Worth of Brookhaven, Miss.; mother-in-law, Peggy Reeves of Lockhart; numerous grandchildren and other family members and friends.

Mr. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Thomas and Merry Thomas; children, Susan, David and Frankie, Jr. and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Harmony Baptist Church in Woodville.

Cremation service was held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Mr. Thomas did much volunteer work with the local Veterans and had a heart of gold. He joins many friends and colleagues today in celebration of his new form of spiritual life. We just hope Heaven’s ready for you Paw Paw Frank! One, two, three my turn!

Memorials may be made to Argonne Post #299, 400 West Bluff, Woodville, Texas 75979.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mildred Gatlin Williams

Mildred Gatlin Williams, 80, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003 at Memorial Health System in Lufkin.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating is Dr. Raymond A. Parker and Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Serving as pallbearers are Keith Reese, Monte Lawlis, Brian Babin, Jay Kenesson, Ron Poindexter, Marcus Payne, and L. Gayle Burton.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mildred was born Dec. 27, 1922 to Wilburn A. "Monk" and Maudie May "Maude" Needham Gatlin in Cushing. She was a longtime resident of Woodville and retired as a fifth grade teacher from the Woodville Intermediate School. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Truett Williams on Feb. 1, 1995; and her brother Weldon A. Gatlin.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Charles Spurlock of Hillister, Judy and Gary Root of Tyler, Ginger and Rocky Hudson of Sugar Land, and Susan and Gary Hazelwood of Tyler; brother, James Gatlin; sister, Hilda Hargrove of Beaumont; grandchildren, Emily McCollum, Caleb Spurlock, Martin Spurlock, Lori Rohl, Erin Lade, Miranda Lade, Brandon Hudson, Lauren Hudson, Travis Hazelwood and Mattie Hazelwood; and great-grandchildren, Gracin McCollum, Truett McCollum, Payton Rohl and Jackson Rohl.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Annie Mae Wolf

Annie Mae Wolf, 83, of Warren, Texas, died Sunday, Nov. 2, 2003 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 11 a.m. at the Warren Chapel Baptist Church in Warren with burial at Hillister Community Cemetery in Hillister.

Visitation was held on Tuesday from 1 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home chapel.

She was a native of Corrigan, Polk County for
a number of years.

Mrs. Wolf was survived by her three daughters, Verda Wolf of Warren, Beatrice (Leonard) Williams of Nacogdoches, and Maggie (Alfred) Foster of Hillister; three sons, Jessie (Linda) Wolf of Warren, Elray (Flo) Wolf and James Wolf both of Beaumont.

Services entrusted by Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home of Woodville.

Benjamon Anderson Howell

Benjamon Anderson Howell, 92, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. in the Woodville United Methodist Church. Officiating was the Rev. Ray Reed.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Nov. 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Texarkana. Officiating was the Rev. Keith Oliphant.

Visitation was held on Friday, Nov. 7 from 4:30 p.m. until service time at the Woodville United Methodist Church.

Benjamon was born Oct. 4, 1911 to William Earl and Ola Pearson Howell in Pickens County, AL. He moved to Brookston, and graduated from Hooks High School and attended Texarkana Junior College and University of Houston.

He was a former longtime resident of Houston and had lived in Woodville for the past twenty-one years. He was retired from James G. Brown Engineering Company and had been active in real estate in Houston as well as Woodville. He had served as secretary-treasurer of the Woodville Rotary Club, a director of Tyler County Chamber of Commerce, and a director of Caring Is Sharing. He was a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Marie Howell of Woodville; daughter-in-law, Letha Howell of Cincinnati, OH; brother, Watson Howell of Texarkana; grandsons and granddaughters-in-law, Scott and Julie Howell and Craig and Margie Howell all of Cincinnati, OH, and Russel and Emily Howell of Atlanta, GA; and 8 great-grandchildren, Chrashel, Christen, Eric, Brian, Jake, Michael, Benjamin and Genevieve.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Mary Ann Coleman

Mary Ann Coleman, 66, passed away in her home with her husband, Ellis, and good friend, Mary L. Johannessen on Nov. 8, 2003.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Lilly Wright.

She is survived by her husband of 22 years, Ellis M. Acree; sister, Jo Ann Mitchell and husband, Bill of Detroit, MI; brother, Charles Brashalla of El Paso; numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary and Ellis have lived in Tyler County for 20 years. Mary worked as a motel desk clerk and various other jobs around Woodville and Jasper. She had a ready smile and a kind word for all. She was known and loved by all who knew her. She will be missed by all.

Cremation services were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Ruby Aline Jordan

Ruby Aline Jordan, 94, of Spurger, Texas, passed away Nov. 6, 2003 at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Born Oct. 13, 1909 in Spurger, to W. H. and Lola McDonald Phillips, she lived in Spurger all of her life. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to all. She was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church in Spurger. She was a member of the Spurger Chapter of the O.E.S. #315 over 50 years.

She will be missed by her daughters, Shirley Spurlock and husband, Toby of Woodville and Kitty Schuler of Silsbee; grandchildren, Art Myles Spurlock, Melinda Davis, John Edgar Schuler and Nancy Serio; great-grandchildren, Christopher Serio, Andrew Serio, Lauren Serio, Allex Schuler and Meagan Davis.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 8, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Spurger.
with Brother Paul Boughan and Brother Byron McWilliams. Burial followed at Turner Branch Cemetery.

Visitation was held Friday evening at Riley Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Art M. Spurlock, John Edgar Schuler, Harold W. Wright, Larry E. Wright, Johnny Davis and Glenn Everett.

Services were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Eve M. Vrolyk

Eve M. Vrolyk, 98, of Nederland, Texas, passed away Friday, Nov. 7, 2003 at Cypress Glen Nursing Center in Port Arthur.

A gathering of family and friends was held from 12 noon until service time at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10, at Broussard's Mortuary Chapel 505 12th St. in Nederland with Rev. Dan Malain officiating.

Graveside services followed at 3:30 p.m. at Colmesneil City Cemetery in Colmesneil.

Mrs. Vrolyk was a native of Amsterdam, Holland and had lived most of her life in Nederland. She was a former resident of Colmesneil. Mrs. Vrolyk was retired from the Nederland ISD where she served in the food service department. She was a member of the Catholic Faith.

She is survived by one son, Roy C. Vrolyk and wife, Joy of Nederland; four grandsons, Mike R. Vrolyk and wife, Anne of League City, Scot R. Vrolyk of Anchorage, AK, Ross M. Vrolyk and wife, Ella of Houston, Steve J. Vrolyk and wife, Sherry of Parkersburg, WV. Also surviving are six great grandchildren, Ashley, Whitney, Brooklyn, Britney, Jordan and Logan.

Services under the direction of Broussards Mortuary of Nederland.

Jerry M. Tolar

Jerry M. Tolar, 57, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating will be Brother Teddy Minyard.

Serving as pallbearers are Gene Morrell, Herbert Morrell, Todd Olivier, Edward "Bo" Primrose, Keith Hays and Virgil Cooley. Honorary pallbearers are Marvin Davenport, Jim Hays and Billy McNally.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Jerry was born Aug. 28, 1946 to John Milton and Sybil Gardner Tolar in Woodville. He was a longtime resident of Tyler County and was a truck driver/operator for Tyler County Precinct #3.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Tolar of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Susan Milam of Woodville; daughters and son-in-law, Lynn and Keith Hays of Woodville and Pat Dumesnil of Woodville; sister, Beverly McBride of Bronson; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Tyler County Hospital Foundation, P. O. Drawer 549, Woodville, Tx. 75979.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Robert Grissom Kilgore

Robert "Bob" Grissom Kilgore, 75, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Nov. 7, 2003 at his residence in Woodville.

Born April 19, 1929 in Pottowatonia, OK. to Robert Lee and Mable Grissom Kilgore. He lived in Tyler County for many years. He was a master carpenter and a World War II Marine Veteran.

Mr. Kilgore is survived by his sons, Michael Kilgore, Keith H. Kilgore and Robert Earl Kilgore; sisters, Betty Elfinger and Nancy Kilgore; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Kilgore donated his body to science. Arrangements were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Exier Daniels

Exier "Vickie" Daniels, 87, of Athens, Texas, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003 at her home.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery near Chester. Officiating was Brother John Spanhanks.

Serving as pallbearers were Butch Bammert, T. C. Smith, Curtis Robertson, Glen Cooper, Richard "Kooter" Shaw, and Raymond Shaw. Honorary pallbearer was John Kaler.

Visitation was held Friday, Nov. 14 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Exier was born May 10, 1916 to Carter and Mattie DeWitt Riley in Nacogdoches. She was a former longtime resident of Woodville and had lived in Athens for the past few years. She retired from Jarrots Pharmacy with twenty-seven years of faithful service to the public.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Lee and Roger Shock and Patti and Thomas Smith all of Athens; son and daughter-in-law, Richard Leon and Brenda Robertson of Corpus Christi; step-daughter, Rutha Hartwick of Beaumont; sisters, Louise Perkins of Mobile, AL, Nadine Roberts and Joy Palmer both of Woodville; seven grandchildren, one step-grandchild, twelve great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Daisy Mae Hart

Daisy Mae Hart, 80, passed away Oct. 27, 2003 in Magnolia Manor Nursing Home in Jefferson.

Formerly of Holiday Pines and Woodville Convalescent of Woodville.

She is survived by a son: Howard T. Love of Sedila, Mo.; 3 daughters, Bessie and Junior Dupree of Woodville, Beverly Byrd Gregson of Ore City, and Tammy Aviles of Marshall; 2 sisters, Bonnie Hendrick of Big Lake and Wanda Camp of Trees, LA.; 17 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Howard Love and two brothers, Leonard Ray Fitzgerald and Lawrence Fitzgerald.

Services were under the direction of McGuire Funeral Home of Vivian, LA.

Professor Moye

Professor Moye, 82, of Woodville, Texas, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2003 at V. A. Hospital in Houston.

Services will be Saturday at 12 noon at the Springhill Missionary Baptist Church in Woodville with Rev. Dale Moye officiating and Rev. C. O. Hadnot, Master of Ceremony. A military burial will be at Springhill Community Cemetery, under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

He was a native of Woodville. He lived in Houston for a number of years before returning to Woodville. He was retired from Braniff Airline in Houston and an ordained minister and a U. S. Army Veteran.

Survivors include his wife Olivia Moye of Houston; daughters, Kim Moye Jackson and Cynthia Moye both of Houston; sons, Michael D. Moye of Colonial, Virginia, and Byron Beaty of Houston; sister, Marie Moye of Woodville.

Eddie C. Butler

Eddie C. Butler, 60, of Colmesneil, Texas, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Colmesneil with Rev. Hestor Ardoin officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Zion community Cemetery in Colmesneil under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

He was a native of Colmesneil for many years.

Survivors include a son, Carl Butler of Phoenix, Arizona; sisters, Minnie Collins and Elouise Bean both of Colmesneil, Frankie Butler, Sharon Butler,
Deloris Durham all of Houston; brothers, Michael Butler of Colmesneil, Charles Butler of Diboll, Don Butler of Summerville, North Carolina, Edward Butler of Ridgeville, North Carolina.

**John Berton Jordan**

John Berton "J. B." Jordan, 81, of Spurger, Texas, went to be with the Lord Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003.

Born Sept. 7, 1922 in Spurger, he lived in Tyler County most of his life. He was retired from the United States Air Force as a Master Sgt. and from Ideco Industries as a timekeeper. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Spurger.

He is survived by his son, Eddie Jordan and wife, Linda of Spurger; daughter, Mary Miles and husband, Gary of Woodville; brothers, Newton Jordan and wife, Ina of Fred and Earl Jordan and wife, Ruth of Spurger; sisters, Mary Williams and husband Jimmie and Lottie Sheffield both of Spurger; grandchildren, Troy Miles, Shannon Smith, Mitzi Robinson, Therese Jordan and John "Ed" Jordan and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Spurger with Brother Paul Boughan and Brother Bob Cheek officiating. Burial will follow at Beech Creek Cemetery near Spurger.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Keith Zoch, Jimmy Mott, Ellis Jones, Elmo Gibbs, Billy Jack Jordan, and James Smith.

Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**Gertie May Guidry Kirkland**

Gertie May Guidry Kirkland, 90, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Nov. 10, 2003 at Timberlake Health and Rehab Center in Jasper.

Born May 4, 1913 in Louisiana to Orignac and Clara Badon Guidry, she lived in Tyler County for many years. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughters, Patsy Tatum and husband, Don of Beaumont and Clara Gallier and husband, Vernon of Woodville; grandchildren, Trina Atkinson and husband, Mark of Oklahoma, Curt Tatum and wife, Kris of Beaumont, Brett Tatum and wife, LaDonna of Beaumont, Rusty Gallier and wife, Caron of Houston, Charlotte Martin and husband, Tim of San Antonio, Jim Gallier and wife, Liz of China, Mike Gallier of Tyler and Carrie Janak and husband, Aaron of Houston; eighteen great-grandchildren; and nieces she cared for so much.

A graveside service was held Friday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m. at the Old Shiloh Cemetery near Woodville with Brother Jeff Lowe officiating.

Visitation was held Thursday from 5 - 9 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home.

Services were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

**James R. Gordon**

James R. Gordon, 75, of Silsbee, Texas, passed away Nov. 10, 2003 at his residence.

Born June 25, 1928 in Silsbee, he lived in Silsbee all of his life. He was an operator maintainer for Hardin County, Pct. #2.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Evelyn Gordon of Silsbee; daughters, Vivian Gordon of Silsbee, Emily Jones of Fred, Ann Willis of Spurger and Diane Gordon of Beaumont; son, James Albert Gordon of Silsbee; sister, Rosa Mae Harell of Silsbee; ten grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. at the Chapel in the Pines Pentecostal Church in Fred with Brother Elmer Eddings and Mona Harell Bodle officiating. Burial followed at Franks Branch Cemetery in Fred. Visitation will be held Wednesday at the church.

Services were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
James David Hutto

James David Hutto, 70, of Doucette, Texas, passed away Nov. 12, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born July 19, 1933 in Bronson, to James Albert and Alice Arthur Hutto, he lived in Doucette most of his life. He was a self-employed mechanic who was respected by all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sybil Hutto of Doucette; daughter, Judy Diane Blaylock of Doucette; sons, Adrian Wayne Hutto of Alvin and Aaron Wesley Hutto of Wisconsin; sisters, Lillie Johnson of Livingston and Inez Armstrong of Liberty; brothers, Troy Hutto of Liberty, Paul Hutto of Corrigan and Floyd Hutto of Indian Springs; grandsons, James Robert Blaylock and Devan Wayne Blaylock of Doucette; granddaughters, Alyssa Hutto of Minnesota and Courtney Lynn Hutto of Dallas.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Ken Derouen and Brother John Adams officiating. Burial followed at Macun Cemetery in San Augustine, with Brother Mike Dickerson officiating.

Visitation was held Saturday evening at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers were Myron Lacy, Mark Dickerson, Mervin Dickerson, Gary Don Hutto, Arron Wesley Hutto and Adrian Wayne Hutto.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Harold Austin Tucker

Harold Austin Tucker, 70, of Austin, Texas, passed away Nov. 14, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born July 18, 1933 in Livingston, he lived most of his life in Beaumont before moving to Austin four years ago.

He was a member of Hyde Park Baptist Church and a previous member of Amelia Baptist Church in Beaumont. He retired from Mobil Oil Refinery after 33 years of service. He served on the Board of Directors and Credit Committee of Mobil Oil Federal Credit Union for many years. He was a Steward of the Local O. C. A. W. Labor Union. He was the kindest most generous man we knew and have been blessed to have known him. He will be sorely missed by all of his hunting buddies who he thought of as family.

He is survived by his wife, Joleen Tucker of Austin; daughters, Christi Tucker-Martin and husband, Kerry of Austin and Terri Quick and husband, Dennis of Canyon Lake; sister, Marlene Smith and husband, Jeane of Austin; grandson, Scott Quick of Brenham; granddaughters, Clara Martin of Austin and Natalie Eberwein of San Antonio; one nephew and four nieces.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m. at the Dogwood Hills Baptist Church in Woodville with Dr. Ralph Thompson officiating. Burial followed at Hubert Cemetery in Polk County.

Visitation was held Saturday from 6 - 9 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

Serving as pallbearers were Scott Quick, Rick Smith, Kenny Cropper, Larry Landry, Eddie Martin, and Mike Martin.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were Jeane Smith, Charlie Hubert, Kerry Martin, Dennis Quick, John Wall and Wayne Sheffield.

Services were handled under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Mary Ann Coleman

Mary Ann "Mac" Coleman passed away Nov. 8, 2003 at her residence with her husband, Ellis and, and good friend, Mary L. Johannessen, by her side.

Born Jan. 27, 1937 in Detroit, Michigan, she lived in Tyler County for twenty years. She worked as a motel clerk and as a manager for various convenience stores around Woodville. She had a ready smile and a kind word for all and was loved by all who knew her. She will be missed by all.

She is survived by her husband of 22 years, Ellis M. Acree of Woodville; sister, Jo Ann Mitchell and husband, Bill of Detroit, Michigan; brother, Charles Braggall of El Paso; numerous nieces and nephews.
She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Lilly Wright.
Cremation services were handled by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Lawless A. Bombek

Lawless A. "Lois" Bombek, 79, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away Nov. 13, 2003 at The Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.
Born July 3, 1924 to Robert E. and Ruby Allen Slaughter, she lived in Tyler County for many years. She was a homemaker.
She is survived by her daughter, Janet Wilson and husband, Darrell of Colmesneil; brother, R. E. Slaughter of Mauriceville; grandson, John Savant and wife, Lynda of Warren; granddaughter, Jessica Landry and husband, T. J. Stutes of Groves and five great-grandchildren.
A graveside service was held Monday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m. at the Colmesneil City Cemetery with Bro. Durham officiating.
Visitation was held Sunday evening at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.
Funeral services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Christopher Glen Stephens

Born Aug. 3, 1987 in Beaumont, he lived in Tyler County most of his life. He was a former student at Warren ISD and a Sophomore at Colmesneil ISD. He was active in many school activities and was loved by all who knew him.
He is survived by his father and step-mother, Glen and Bonnie Stephens of Colmesneil; mother, Barbara Stephens of Hull Daisetta; sisters, Leslie Stephens of Vidor, Catherine Wilson of Nederland and Jammie Killen of Vidor; step-brother, Michael Milson of Colmesneil; step-sisters, Brianna Milson and Danielle Knight both of Colmesneil; grandparents, Catherine Powell of Kountze and Elmer and Jackie Williams of Colmesneil; nephews, Cameron and Chance Woodrome of Vidor and Joshua Wilson of Nederland; and a host of other family members and friends.
Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 15, at 11 a.m. at the Katy Baptist Church in Colmesneil with Brother Lance Graham officiating. Burial followed at Colmesneil City Cemetery.
Visitation was held Friday evening at the funeral home.
Serving as pallbearers were Michael Milson, Brandon Sims, Matt Swinney, Trevor Shepherd, Levi Foxworth and Jedidiah Garis. Honorary pallbearer was Russell Minton.
Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Cleda Mae Aaron

Cleda Mae Aaron, 82, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.
Graveside services will be Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 10 a.m. in the Egypt Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating will be Brother Buddy McDaniel.
Visitation was held on Tuesday, Nov. 25 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.
Cleda Mae was born July 12, 1921 to Robert and Sarah Richmond Perkins in Williamsburg, Kentucky. She was formerly of Baytown and had resided for the last few years in Colmesneil. She was a retired nurses-aid and attended Aline Baptist Church in Colmesneil.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Aaron in 1987, daughter, Myrtle Aaron and two of her sons, Herman Aaron, Jr. and Roy Aaron.
She is survived by her sons, Tommy Aaron of Colmesneil and Al Aaron of Crosby; daughter and son-in-law, Edith and William Carnley of Colmesneil; brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Mary Perkins and Charles and Ilene Perkins all of Williamsburg, KY; sisters and brothers-in-law, Della and Tim Meadows and Ella and Wayne Bryant all of Williamsburg, KY; nine grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.
Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.
Herman Washington Bostick

Herman Washington Bostick of Cleveland, Texas, passed away Nov. 19, 2003 at the age of 75.

He was born in Trinity to John W. and Maggie Bostick on Dec. 11, 1927. He was a teacher for over 20 years and was involved in ranching and agriculture.

He is survived by his wife, Cleda Bostick, his two children, Ronnie Bostick and Cindy Henderson and husband, Greg. He has four grandchildren, Jason Henderson, Jonathan Bostick, Curtis Bostick and Shayn Henderson. He also has numerous nieces and nephews and a host of loved ones beyond measure.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 22, at 1 p.m., First Baptist Church, Cleveland. Rev. Larry Weave and Dr. Howell Burkhead conducted the service with interment following, Saturday at 3 p.m., at Camp Ground Cemetery.

Visitation was Friday, Nov. 21, 3 - 9 p.m., Pace-Stancil Funeral Home.

Jim Ted Davis

Graveside services for Jim Ted Davis, 55, of Dam-B, Texas, will be Nov. 26, 2003 at 2 p.m. at Muse Cemetery in Elkhart with Brother Nolan Fox officiating, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

He passed away Nov. 23, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 23, 1948 in Jacksonville, to Archie Walter Davis and Florence Callaway. He was a salesman.

Survived by his wife, Jeanette Davis of Dam-B; children, Lisa Weaver of Doucette, Thomas Walter Davis of Palestine, Pamela Davis of Elkhart, Amy Davis of Palestine and Samantha Campbell of Dam-B; brother, Joe Davis of Woodville and sister, Wanda Ronning of Elkhart and five grandchildren.

Arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Verna Viola Hamm

Services for Viola Hamm, 88, of Town Bluff, Texas, were held Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003 at Fairview Baptist Church, with Brother Doyle Butcher and Brother John Spanhanks officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

She passed away Nov. 19, in Beaumont.

She was born Dec. 31, 1914 in Jonesboro, LA. to Joseph H. Shepherd and Eudora Poole. She was a graduate from French High School in 1932. She was the executive secretary and manager of Pacific Finance Corp. of Beaumont. After retirement in 1958 she moved to Town Bluff and Dam B Lake in Tyler County. She was a member of Fairview Baptist Church and served as church clerk for over 20 years.

She was survived by her husband of 69 years to Leonard "Bo" Hamm of Town Bluff; six nephews; six nieces; twelve great nephews; sixteen great nieces; twenty six great-great nephews; and thirty four great-great nieces.

Pallbearers were Urban Ray Hamm, Zane Spanhanks, Lynn Hamm, James O. Elliott, Johnny Horton, and Randall Lowell.

Arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Errol Maurice Thomason

Graveside service for Errol M. Thomason, 57, of Chester, Texas, were held Nov. 24, 2003 at Mt. Hope Cemetery near Chester with Brother Hails Taylor officiating, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

He passed away Nov. 21, in Conroe.

He was born Dec. 23, 1945 in Houston to William P. Thomason and Helen Mary Janak, he was disabled.

He is survived by his brother, William P. Thomason II of Chester; sisters, Sylvia Gaines of Porter, Helen Hefner of Conroe and Olivia Parnell of Porter and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Mary Marcella Clark

Services for Mary Marcella Clark, 75, of Jasper, Texas, were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 2003 at the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper. Visitation began at 8 a.m. until service time Friday.

Mrs. Clark died Monday, Nov. 24, at Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

A native of Hillister in Tyler County and former resident of New Orleans, LA. she was a long time resident of Jasper. She was a member of The Lunch Bunch and enjoyed talking on the phone and shopping.

Survivors include her husband, Wesley E. Clark of Jasper; son, Randell Gene Russell of Saulier, Miss.; daughter, Phyllis Russel Dreis of Pass Christian, MS; step-son, Wesley Shannon Clark of Seattle, WA.; two step-daughters, Kathy Agere of Evergreen, Col. and Tracy Clark of Clear Lake City; one brother, J. M. Jordan of Jasper; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to Adams Memorial Baptist Church, P. O. Box 1983, Jasper, Texas 75951.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

Truman E. Woods

Funeral services for Truman E. Woods, 86, will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003 at the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Jasper burial followed at the Hancock Cemetery. Visitation began at 8 a.m., Saturday Nov. 29.

A lifelong resident of Jasper, he retired from the U. S. Postal Service after many years serving as a carrier and the Jasper Post Office director of maintenance. A Purple Heart recipient, he was a sergeant in WWII.

Survivors include her husband, Wesley E. Clark of Jasper; son, Randell Gene Russell of Saulier, Miss.; daughter, Phyllis Russel Dreis of Pass Christian, MS; step-son, Wesley Shannon Clark of Seattle, WA.; two step-daughters, Kathy Agere of Evergreen, Col. and Tracy Clark of Clear Lake City; one brother, J. M. Jordan of Jasper; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to Adams Memorial Baptist Church, P. O. Box 1983, Jasper, Texas 75951.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

Sybil Long

Sybil "Sibbie" Long, 87, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003 at Holiday Pines Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Woodville with burial in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating was Brother Johnny Page.

Serving as pallbearers were Joe Lee Brown, Russell Pate, Samuel Pate, Brandon Pate and Joe Kelvin Brown.

Visitation was held on Friday, Nov. 28 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Sybil was born July 24, 1916 to William Penn and Georgia Irene Butler Humble in Big Sandy (Polk County). She was longtime resident of Tyler County and a member of First Baptist Church of Woodville.

She is survived by her son, Joe Lee Brown of Dam-B; grandson and wife, Joe Kelvin and Amanda Brown of Colmesneil; granddaughter and husband, Cassandra and Russell Pate of Colmesneil; great-grandchildren, Samuel Pate, Brandon Pate, Hannah Pate and Rachel Pate.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Herbert T. Larkin

Herbert T. Larkin, 88, of Vidor, Texas, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2003 at Oakwood Manor Nursing Home in Vidor.

Born in Tyler County on Nov. 29, 1915 to Roger and Dollie Larkin. He lived in Warren for the
first 38 years of his life before moving to Vidor were he lived for the past 34 years. He retired from Bethlehem Steel Corporation on Jan. 31, 1982.

He was married to Betty Rae William from Feb. 14, 1964 until her death in June of 2002.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Memorial Funeral Home of Vidor, with burial to follow at Restlawn Memorial Park in Vidor.

Visitation will be from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the funeral home.

Herbert is survived by his two daughters, Wanda Cleveland and Marie Corbell both of Beaumont; step-daughters, Brenda Lane of Deer Park, Nancy Morgan of Victoria, Linda Lakey of Brookeland; sixteen grandchildren and twenty six great-grandchildren and several caring neighbors.

Memorial Funeral Home of Vidor, 1750 Hwy. 12, Vidor, Texas.

Alvis R. Wood

Alvis R. Wood, 76, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Nov. 29, 2003 at the Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Born July 10, 1927 in Winters, to William and Mary Edith Wood, he lived in Woodville for 10 years. He was a carpenter and a WWII Army veteran.

Mr. Wood was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Vernon Wood.

He is survived by his wife, Alma Wood; sons, Charles Wood of Dallas, Michael Wood of Lumberton, Raymond Allen Wood of Mauriceville and Danel Wood of Vidor; a daughter, Deborah Reho of Vidor; brothers, Bill Wood of Alexander, LA., Heston "Pat" Wood of Mt. Vernon, and Allen Wood of Vidor; sisters, Ida Mae Cotten of White Face, Ruth Rowland of Michigan, Virginia Powell and Lavinia Aley both of Carthage; eleven grandchildren; step-children, William Fears and Tony Fears both of Vidor and Darla Campbell of El Paso.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 10 a.m. at the Town Bluff Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Elbert Telford

Elbert J. Telford, 37, died Sunday November 30, 2003 at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas.

Services will be Saturday December 6, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the True Vine Baptist Church in Doucette, Texas. Rev. L. Booker officiating with burial at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville, Texas.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home Chapel, under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

He leaves to cherish his memories: special friend, Kathleen Dill of Woodville; mother, Emma Alice Telford of Woodville; daughters Chassity Telford and Stephanie Bean, both of Woodville, Gallen Telford and Courtney Telford, both of Houston, Tx., Whitney Telford of Dallas, Tx.; sons, Sharod Telford and Jarule Telford, both of Woodville, sisters, Laverne Land, Lisa Telford, Eartha Hadnot, Angela Hart, all of Woodville; Rosie Nzei of Houston, Tx., Brenda Lewis and Chenath Williams, both of Beaumont, Tx.; brothers Tommy Baker of Doucette, Samuel West of St. Louis, Mo. and James Telford of Woodville.

Zelma Williams

Zelma (Gertie) Williams, 66, of Woodville, Texas, died Monday at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Services will be on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Woodville. Rev. R.L. Session officiating. Rev. C.O. Hadnot, pastor, with burial at the Town Bluff Community Cemetery in Town Bluff, Tx., under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville, Tx.

She leaves to cherish her memories: parents, J.T. Spears and Mable Spears, daughters Phyllis Hadnot of Hudson, Tx., Ora Lee, Betty Bronson, Silvia Durffield, all of Woodville, Jeanette Bronson of Lufkin, Tx., stepdaughter Barnette Hadnot and
Gloria Gilder, both of Lufkin, Tx.; sons John Wayne Williams, Jerry Williams, James Williams, Cedrick Williams, all of Woodville; Archie Williams of Kountze, Tx.; sisters Betty Joe Smith, Johnnie Faye Wade, Carolyn Jones, all of Woodville; Mary Lagrand of Dallas, Tx., and Clara Blackmon of Doucette; brothers James Earl Smith, Wilma Ray Smith, Roy Jean Spears, Donnie Spears, all of Woodville, Hollis McDaniel of Houston, Tx.; aunt Mattie Larkin of Jasper, Tx., 31 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Kathryn Morgan Hanks

Kathryn Morgan Hanks, 63, of Colmesneil, Texas, passed away Friday, December 5, 2003 at her residence.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 8 at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Spurger with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery near Colmesneil. Officiating was Reverend Paul Boughan and Reverend Charles Hanks.

Serving as pallbearers were Brian Trunnell, Glenn Morgan, Joe Dacus, Keith Karr, Monroe Morgan, Danny Daniel and Bruce Gravis. Honorary pallbearers were Robert Hanks and Randy Hanks.

Visitation was held Sunday, Dec. 7 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Kathryn was born Dec. 25, 1939 to Alfred and Julia Pavlic Morgan in Jasper. She was a former resident of Orange and a longtime resident of Colmesneil. She had been in real estate sales with Century 21 and Grace Ingle. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Spurger.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Hanks of Colmesneil; parents, Alfred and Julia Morgan of Jasper; son and daughter-in-law, Rev. Charles and Brenda Hanks of Alamogordo, NM; daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Brian Trunnell of Copperas Cove and Cindy and Jeremy Wentreek of Temple; brother, Willie Morgan of Lumberton; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to your local hospice.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Hazel Gardner


Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Lindsey Cemetery near Warren. Officiating was Brother John Spanhanks. The Eastern Star services were conducted by the Spurger Chapter #315 Order of Eastern Star.

Serving as pallbearers were Floyd Inman, Wade Skinner, Harold Davis, Davis Hatton, Harold Lloyd Gardner and Ivison Read.

Visitation was held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Hazel was born Dec. 16, 1913 to Louis and Viola Lindsey Gardner in Warren. She was a lifelong resident of Tyler County and was a retired dispatcher from the Tyler County Sheriff's Department. She was a member of the Spurger Chapter #315 Order of Eastern Star.

She is survived by her nephew, Winston Overstreet of Livingston; and nieces, Louise Sellars of Austin, Maurine Nichols of Woodville, LaRe Calame of Ft. Worth, Merle Jean Thornton of Eagle Lake and Ima Ruth Wright of Katy.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Clifton Todd Elliston

Clifton Todd Elliston, a boilermaker for the Petrochemical Industry for the past twenty years passed away on Dec. 4, 2003.

He was a native Texan who loved to fish and hunt in the Piney Woods and had lived in Colmesneil since 1975.

Survivors include his parents, James R. and Mary C. Ingram of Colmesneil; brother Robby Ingram and wife Alison of Pasadena; sister, Carla Lynn Stanley and husband Glenn of Beaumont; fiancé Latricia "Lynn" McVey and her son, "Billy Jack" McVey of Dickenson; nephew Jacob Ison and niece Michelle Ingram. He will be missed.

Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec.
7, 2003 at Vann Cemetery near Jasper.
Visitation will begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Jasper.
Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

Richard Ray Boyd, Sr.

Richard Ray "Rick" Boyd, Sr. 64, of Sour Lake, Texas, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003 at his residence.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Dec. 2 at Claybar Kelley-Watkins Funeral Home with burial following at Pine Ridge Cemetery in Sour Lake. Reverend Ed Hillyer from Forest Park United Methodist Church officiated.

A native and lifelong resident of Sour Lake, he was a retired tool pusher with Shivers Well Service. Rick was a member of the "Class of 57" Sour Lake High School; former Mayor and City Councilman of Sour Lake and had worked at Sour Lake Bank, Parkdale Bank, and Shivers Well Service. He was also a member of First Baptist Church of Sour Lake.


Survivors include his wife, Juanita Boyd; sons, Richard Ray Boyd, Jr, of Sour Lake, Ernest Randall Boyd and wife Mary Ann of Town Bluff; stepdaughter, Paula Doucet of Bryan; stepson, Jerry Mauboules of Houston; sisters, Teddy Boyd St. Ama of Kemah, and Lucille Lebow Bruce of Deville, LA; grandchildren, Tabitha, RaDonna, Adam, Alan, Arlis and Alec; great grandchildren, Ayla Marie and Jared Allen.

His first wife, Edna James of Orange, also survives him.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Sour Lake Building Fund, P. O. Box 537, Sour Lake, Texas 77659.

Services were under the direction of Claybar Kelley-Watkins Funeral Home of Beaumont.

Julius Lester Best, Jr.

Julius Lester Best, Jr., 55, of Woodville, Texas, passed away, Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003 at his residence.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery near Woodville. Officiating was Dr. Dwayne Freese.

Visitation was held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lester was born July 28, 1948 to Julius Lester, Sr. and Nobe Okun Best in Beaumont. He was a former longtime resident of Pt. Arthur and a 1967 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School. He had lived in Woodville for the past ten years. He was a retired engineer with the Pt. Arthur Fire Department.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Jack A. and Gloria Best of Nederland; and nieces, Mandy Moore, Jennifer Manning and Kerri Landry.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Jimmie Lois Boykin

Jimmie Lois (Mattox) Boykin, 55, of Kountze, Texas, died Friday Dec. 5, 2003 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 12 noon at the Greater Mt. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church in Kountze, with burial at the Trinity Valley District Cemetery in Kountze.

Services under the direction of Coleman's Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

She was a lifelong native of Kountze.

She leaves to cherish her memories daughters, Tammie Gilder and Deborah Mattox both of Kountze, Daphae Mattox of Palmdale, California; sons, Demarcus Mattox of Beaumont, Phillip Coffey and Lel Fredrick Boykin both of Kountze; sister, Effie Joyce Gilder of Austin; uncle, Joe Harris of Corrigan.
Rev. Jesse N. Hanks

Rev. Jesse N. Hanks, 87, of Woodville, Texas, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Woodville, with burial at Kirby Cemetery in Silsbee.

Visitation was held on Monday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home chapel, under the direction of Coleman’s Tyler County Funeral Home in Woodville.

A native of Silsbee, Rev. Hanks lived in Woodville a number of years. Rev. Hank was a Minister of the Gospel for 45 years.

Reverend leaves to cherish his memories, a wife, Sherry Hanks of Woodville; daughters, Deborah Beverly of Beaumont, Shelia Merchant of Overton; sons, Harvey Hanks of Silsbee, Hebert Hanks of Beaumont, Jesse N. Hanks Jr. of Houston; sisters, Rosalie Johnson and Dollie B. Austin both of Houston; brother, Ura Davis of San Diego, CA.; grandchildren, great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mary Frey Auvil White

Mary Frey Auvil White, 48, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Dec. 8, 2003 in Houston.

Born Oct. 14, 1955 in New Orleans, LA. to George and Violet Wartman Auvil, she lived in Houston before moving to Woodville several years ago. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her loving husband, Chester Gilbert White, Sr. of Woodville; daughters, Minnie Brown of Houston and Charity Lynn Frey of Woodville; son, Chester White, Jr. of Houston; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild; sister-in-law and husband Addie and Cloyd Harrison.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Camp Ground Cemetery near Wooville.

Visititation will be held Wednesday from 5 - 9 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home.

Funeral services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Emerson Richey, Sr.

Emerson Richey, Sr., 89, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003 at the Dogwood Trails Manor Nursing Home in Woodville.

Born Aug. 11, 1914 in Reklaw, to John and Nora Craig Richey, he lived in Groves before moving to Woodville. He was retired from Chevron in Port Arthur after 34 years of service. He was a U. S. Army Veteran of World War II, African and European Campaigns. He was a member of the Pine Street Church of Christ.

Mr. Richey is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie Whitton Richey of Woodville; son, Tad Richey currently residing in Saudia Arabia and Thailand; daughter, Melissa Breaux of Groves; step-son, Randy Wells of New Braunfels; step daughter, Stephanie Stanley of San Augustine; granddaughter, Suzanne Ellis of Katy; grandsons, Jason Villareal of Kerrville and Shaun Richey of Thailand; step-granddaughters, Brandy Coleman of San Augustine and Ranea Pomeroy of Dallas; three great-granddaughters, Bree Ann, Alexandria and Caitlyn.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Don Byler officiating. Burial will follow at Magnolia Cemetery.

Visititation will be held Wednesday from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Randy Wells, Dr. Curtis Garner, Mike Breaux, Chris Ellis, Billy Tindel and Eddy Harrison.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Larry Dickerson, Cecil Richey, J. D. Taylor, Ward McCurtain, Bob Birdsall, Brad Prince, J. P. Collier and Stephen.

Funeral services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.
Dorothy Imogene Smith Price

Dorothy Imogene Smith Price, 72, of Warren, Texas, passed away Dec. 8, 2003 at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Born Aug. 23, 1931 in Spurger to Henry and Ruth Best Smith, she lived in Tyler County all of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of Village Mills Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Robert Samuel Price and wife, Shari of Vidor; daughters, Tina Marie Johnson and husband Danny and Paula Jean Swor and husband, Charles all of Warren; brothers, Buck Smith of Kountze and Sammy Smith of Lumberton; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 11 a.m. at the Village Mills Baptist Church under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville. Burial will follow at Village Mills Cemetery.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 5 - 9 at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Milton Winger, Ricky Winger, Mike Brady, Charles Brady, Joe Duke and Jeff Smith.

Funeral services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

James Digby

James Digby, 44, of Rockland, Texas, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. in the Rockland Cemetery.

Visitation was held on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9:30 a.m. until service time at the cemetery.

James was born April 2, 1959 to Doyle and Sharon Nelson Digby in Seminole. He was a longtime resident of Tyler County and was a truck driver.

He is survived by his mother, Sharon Digby of Rockland; brothers, Bobby Digby of Rockland, Bruce Digby of Cuero and Billy Ray Digby of Tennessee Colony; and sister and brother-in-law, Denise and Michael Howard of Rockland.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Sheldon Sheveland

Sheldon Sheveland, 60, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003 at his residence.

Memorial services were held on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Woodville United Methodist Church. Officiating was Reverend Ray Reed.

Sheldon was born July 13, 1943 in Waupaca, Wisconsin. He was a former resident of Round Rock and had lived in Woodville for the past four years. He was a retired engineer from McNeill Consumer Johnson & Johnson Company in Round Rock. He was a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church and a U. S. Air Force veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Sheveland of Woodville; son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Catherine Sheveland of Houston; daughter, Debbie Grivas of Yuma, AZ; and six grandchildren, Nick Sheveland, Michael Sheveland, Stephen Sheveland, Chris Grivas, Tabitha Grivas and Summer Grivas.

Memorials may be made to the Caring Is Sharing, P. O. Box 2233, Woodville, Tx. 75979.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Charles E. Turner

Charles E. Turner, 103, of Hillister, Texas, passed away Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A Rosary was held Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Officiating was Father Egidio Vecchio. Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. in the Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Magnolia Cemetery. Officiating was Brother Ken Derouen and Brother Delbert Turner.

Serving as pallbearers were Steven Kirkpatrick, Travis Mooris, Justin Kirkpatrick, Josh
Kirkpatrick, Jared Kirkpatrick and Chuck Porter.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Charles was born Nov. 25, 1900 to Shedrick and Mary Whitcomb Turner in Humboldt, NE. He was a former resident of Belleville, KS and had lived in Hillister for the past six years. He was a retired security officer from the Nebraska State Prison.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Agnes Turner on Feb. 8, 2003.

He is survived by his daughter, Ramona Kirkpatrick of Warren; grandchildren, Brad and Pamela Kirkpatrick, Greg and Thelma Kirkpatrick and Brenda and Kyle Russell of Warren; twelve great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Danielle Michelle Sheffield

Funeral service for Danielle Michelle Sheffield, 19, of Warrem. Texas. was held Dec. 13, 2003 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Warren with Brother Mark Smith, Brother Ken Cauthen and Brother Joe Saffle officiating, under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.


Danielle passed away Dec. 10, at her home in Warren.

Born July 10, 1984 in Liberty, she lived in Warren most of her life. She was a graduate of Warren High School and the 2002 Warren Homecoming Queen. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Warren.

She is survived by her loving family, parents, Louis and Betty Sheffield; sisters, Misty Bridges of Houston and Amanda Sheffield of Warren; brother, Adam Sheffield of Warren; nephew, Seth Bridges of Houston; grandparents, Gurvis Stthram of Batson, Patsy Nugent of Liberty, Bernice and Eddie Pickett of Warren; and a host of other family members and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Billy Fondren, R. L. Mitchell, Oscar Goins, David Standley, Ken Cauthen and John Sutton.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Laurie Glynell Hicks Redmon

Funeral services for Glynell Redmon, 66, of Spurger, Texas, were held Dec. 12, 2003 at 2 p.m. at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville, with Brother Dennis Whitmire officiating. Burial followed at Turner Branch Cemetery in Spurger.

She passed away Dec. 9, at Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

She was born Jan. 5, 1937 to Laurie Preston Hicks and Annie Lee Strange in Spurger where she lived all her life. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sue Redmon.

Survivors include her husband of 48 years Carl Redmon Sr. of Spurger; son, Carl Redmon Jr. and wife Linda of Silsbee; daughters, Cindy Redmon of Spurger, Juanell Caillier and husband Glenn of Spurger; sisters, Margie Mott of Spurger, Janice Daniels of Woodville and Linda Lee Hollis of Marshall; grandchildren, Joshua Redmon, Stephanie Brown, Robby Redmon, Lucinda Redmon, Lauranda Cailler and Zachary Cailler.

Pallbearers were Willie D. Mock, Marvin Mott, James Gilchrist, Rusty Mott, Charles Hollis, Leonard Hollis and Larry D. Hollis.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Jewel Powell Polk

Jewel Powell Polk, 87, of Woodville, Texas. former longtime Houston resident passed away Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003 at Holiday Pines Manor in Woodville.

Graveside service are Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. in the Resthaven-Earthman’s Funeral Home Directors Cemetery at 13102 N. Freeway in Houston under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, Dec. 16 from
3 - 5 p.m. at the Stringer & Griffin Funereal Home in Woodville.

Jewel was born Feb. 5, 1916 to Zechariah Benjamin and Nettie Pruitt Powell in Groveton. She was retired as the former personal secretary to the president of Conoco Oil Company.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester Polk.

She is survived by several nieces, including Carol Moffett of Kingwood; and nephews.

Memorials may be made to charity of choice.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Effie M. Odom

Effie M. Odom, 86, of Woodville, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Woodville with burial in Fairview Cemetery at Town Bluff.

Officiating was President Gordon McCabe, Brother Governor Leon Crawford and Brother Richard "Dick" Postlethwaite.

Serving as pallbearers were Mark S. Odom, John E. Odom, James Allen Bingham, George Albert Odom, Stephen Odom, Mike Odom, Kirk Odom and Lonnie Odom.

Visitation was held on Thursday, Dec. 18 from 5 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born Sept. 4, 1917 to John Edgar and Nora Lee Crosby Kirkland in Fred. She was a former longtime resident of Daisetta and Woodville. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Woodville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Emery Odom and son, Walder Edward Odom.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, George E. Odom, Jr. and friend, Barbara Peacock of Las Vegas, NV, H. Martin and Mary Odom of Woodville, Jimmie H. and Peggy Odom of Hemphill, and Melvin W. and Barbara Odom of Deville, LA; daughter and son-in-law, Ethel LaNora and Billy Joe Davis of Town Bluff; sister, Delores Martin of Daisetta; brother, Rev. V. W. Kirkland of Orange; fourteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and twelve great-great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Kenneth Castle

Kenneth Castle, 76, passed away December 21, 2003 at his residence in Groves, Texas.

Born Oct. 18, 1927 in Pueblo, CO. to Frank and Esther Spears Castle he lived in Groves for many years. He was a retired Merchant Marine with Gulf Oil and a Korean Army Veteran.

He is survived by his loving family-- daughter, Jewel Courville of Beaumont; granddaughter, Tonya Courville of Beaumont; wife, Ann Castle of Port Arthur; step sons, William Robert Oliver, Jr. of Silsbee and Albert Abbott of Augusta, GA.

Funeral services was held Saturday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Brother Alex Rawls officiating. Cremation service was held after the service with interment of ashes to be held at a later date at Gregory Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Marilyn Wingate Foster

Marilyn Wingate Foster, 56, passed away Dec. 24, 2003 at her residence in Magnolia, Texas.

Born June 22, 1947 in Jasper, to Jay M. and Dorothy Pate Wingate, she lived in Magnolia for many years. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a sister, Jaylynn Wingate.

She is survived by her loving family-- a son, Jay Foster and wife, Tamara of Magnolia; daughter, Rebecca Terkildsen of Montgomery; sisters, Diane Recla of Oregon and Kathy Lamb of Hull; brother, Kyle Wingate of Houston; grandchildren, Nicolette, Charity, and Ella Terkildsen, Randy and Destany Foster and Chloe
Page; step mother, Elaine Wingate Hurst of Nacogdoches.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003 at 11 a.m. at the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville with Brother Ray Reed officiating.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Margie James Peace

Funeral services for Margie James Peace, 76, of Liberty, Texas, was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003, at Allison Funeral Home in Liberty with the Rev. Elbert Reavis and the Rev. Harold Pope officiating. Burial followed at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ebenezer Cemetery in the community of Emily located near Woodville.

Margie succumbed to a long battle with emphysema on Monday.

Margie James Peace was born in Ruleville, Mississippi, on Jan. 8, 1926, to Jacob James and Mary Puce James who immigrated to the United States from Croatia. The family later moved to a small community called ‘Harmony’ near Woodville, where she spent her childhood years. After her marriage to Floyd Peace of Colmesneil, they transferred to Liberty where they have lived and reared their family for more than 54 years.

Peace was a homemaker for most of her life working in the early years of her life at Trinity Drug Store in Liberty and was instrumental in the opening of the old Perry Bros. store. She was of the Baptist faith and was active in Heights Baptist Church in earlier years. She had been a Cub Scout den mother as well as Brownie Scout and Girl Scout den mother. She loved sewing, cooking, playing 42 with friends, gardening, traveling and being with her family. More recently, she enjoyed playing cards with friends at Liberty County Project for Aging.

She was preceded in death by her son, Kenneth W. Peace; her parents; sisters, Frances Millard, Carlena Clement and Mary Millard; and brothers, Jacob James, Victor James and Johnny James.

She is survived by her husband, Floyd Peace; daughter, Glenda Kersh and husband Robert of Hardin; grandson, Robert Kersh and wife Christina of Hardin; granddaughters, Amanda Kersh-Key and husband Joshua of Liberty and Jeanette Lyles of Highlands; great-grandchildren, Travis Kersh and Taylor Kersh of Liberty, Kenny Lyles and Christian Lyles of Highlands; a special friend, Jean Higgins of Dayton; and many other nieces, nephews and friends.

Mary Lou Davis Smith

Mary Lou Davis Smith, 73, of Texas City, Texas, passed away Dec. 27, 2003 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of Colmesneil, she lived in Texas City for many years. She was a homemaker.

She is preceded in death by her husband, J. P. “Smitty” Smith and her parents Lewis and Zona Davis.

She is survived by her sons, Gary Bryant and wife Rose of Hull, Michael Bryant and wife Sherry of Kenefick; daughter, Carole Townsend of Texas City; brothers, Wodrow Davis of Colmesneil and Escar Davis of Beaumont; sisters, Vesta Belle Worthy of Woodville, Faye Primrose of Jasper, Marguerite Wood of Nederland, Iva Lee Wallace of Cushing, and Beatrice Williams of Nederland; 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Bro. Teddy Mac Minyard officiating, burial followed at Davis Cemetery near Colmesneil.

Visitation was held Monday from 4 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Randy Worthy, Jimmy Davis, Robert Allison, Roy Williams, James Carl, and James Ray Wood.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Marilyn Rose Johnson Gaspard

Marilyn Rose Johnson Gaspard, 59, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Dec. 26, 2003 at
the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

Born Nov. 16, 1944 in Jena, LA, to James R. and Margarette Miles Johnson, she lived in Woodville for 20 years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ray Allen Gaspard; mother, Margarette Johnson of Dam-B; daughters, Pamela Ann Kilgore and husband, Richard of Kevil and Joyceen Gaspard of Livingston; brothers, J. C. Johnson and Thomas Johnson both of Port Neches; grandchildren, Ashley Kilgore and Joshua Kilgore of Kevil and Trace Foster of Livingston.

Funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 29, 2003 at 2 p.m. at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Thomas Martin officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery.

Visitation was held Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers were Oscar Vara, Aaron Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Lonnie Gaspard, Justin Kelly, and Kenneth Burchett.

Services were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Winston Charles Padgett

Winston Charles Padgett, 64, of Beaumont, Texas, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital, Beaumont due to complications associated with Lou Gehrig’s disease.

A native of McAllen, and longtime Beaumont area resident, Mr. Padgett retired after thirty-three years of service for the Department of Public Safety Special Agent assigned to the Beaumont, Texas State Intelligence Division. At the time of retirement he was an honorary Texas Ranger. He also retired as a criminal investigator for the Hardin County D. A.’s office. Mr. Padgett served as a United States Army paratrooper and in the military police.

Mr. Padgett enjoyed canoeing, rafting in the Grand Canyon, was a member of the Big Thicket Voyagers Canoe Club, a member of the TNOA and TSTA, a gun collector, and jack-of-all trades and master of most. He was loved and respected by everyone who met him. Daddy, we thank you for all you taught us; even when you didn’t know we were looking.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28 at Broussard’s, 1605 N. Major Drive, Beaumont.

A reception for family and friends followed from 3 until 4:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, Dowlen Road, Beaumont.

A gathering of family and friends was held from 3 until 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27 at the mortuary.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl McWilliams Padgett of Beaumont; son, Clay Rigby and his wife Suzanne of Woodville and their children, Zack and Samantha; daughters, Kare Whitworth and her husband Dennis of Houston and their children, Ashley and Miss Avery and Christine Murphy and her husband Rob of Virginia Beach, Virginia and their children, Max and Keagan; mother, Lorena Mayfield Padgett of Orange; brother, G. P. Padgett and his wife Jo Ann of Orange; and numerous nieces and nephews. His father, George P. Padgett and his brother, Freeman Padgett, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association for Research of Lou Gehrig’s Disease, 5615 Kirby, Houston, Texas 77005.

Arthur A. Dvorak


Graveside memorial services were held on Saturday, Dec. 27 at 2:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Officiating was Father Egidio Vecchio, pastor of Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church in Woodville.

Arthur was born May 14, 1915 to Joseph and Emma Mach Dvorak in South Dakota. He was a former resident of Las Vegas, Nevada and had lived in Woodville for the past seventeen years. He was a retired bell captain from the Sahara Hotel and was a WWII U. S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Florence Dvorak of Woodville; son, Arthur A. "Tony" Dvorak, Jr. of
Glendall Vernon McKee


The cremation was Friday, Dec. 12. Mr. McKee was born Feb. 1, 1934, in McComb, Oklahoma.

Mr. McKee served in the US Army during the Korean War and he was employed in the Electrical Maintenance for Farmland International.

He is survived by his wife, Laurie Patricia Rice McKee; two sons; Rick McKee of Austin and Glen McKee in Dallas; four brothers, Edgar D. McKee and Maxie J. R. McKee both of Oklahoma City, Wavil A. McKee of Holt, Florida and Venny R. McKee of Elva, Alabama; sister, Patricia Kunard of Tecumseh, Oklahoma; and three grandchildren, Amy, Matthew and Hailey.

Services entrusted to Corrigan Funeral Home.

Paul Carl Holzhauer

Paul Carl Holzhauer, 82, of Woodville, Texas, passed away Dec. 30, 2003 at his residence.

Born Dec. 26, 1921 in Massachusetts to Karl and Marie Holzhauer, he lived in Woodville for seventeen years. He was a retired sales man for Finger Furniture and a Navy Veteran. He was a member of the Woodville United Methodist Church and Ivanhoe Mens Club.

Mr. Holzhauer was survived by his loving family; wife of 57 years, Ruth Holzhauer; sons, Paul C. Holzhauer, Jr. of Houston and Robert E. Holzhauer and wife, Susan of Houston; grandchildren, Mary R. Holzhauer, Emily Holzhauer, Paul C. Holzhauer, III, Hannah Dyer-Holzhauer, Mandy Holzhauer, and Bobby Holzhauer all of Houston.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004 at 12 noon at the Riley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ray Reed officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Woodville United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 698 Woodville, Tx. 75979.

Services were held under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Tyler County.

Faye Dell Kirkland

Faye Dell Kirkland, 76, of Doucette, Texas, passed away Dec. 30, 2003 at the Tyler County Hospital.

Born May 13, 1927 in Waxahachie, to Marion and Lillie Temple Shaw, she lived in Tyler County for many years. She was retired from Keller Industries.

She is survived by her loving family; son, Johnny Dees of Doucette; daughter, Jeanie Faye Hunter of Doucette; brother W. P. Shaw of Lancaster; sister, Gladys Huddle of Waxahachie; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral service for Mrs. Kirkland was held Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Shiloh Church with Brother V. L. Durham officiating. Burial followed at Kirkland Cemetery near Woodville.

Visitation was held Friday evening at Riley Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were J. T. Winters, Durwood Ling, Dewayne Ling, Leroy Hunter, Jerry Townsend and Jerry Simmons.

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