

OBITUARIES

Reverend R. J. Williams

Reverend R. J. Williams, age 62, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, passed away Sunday, September 22, 1991, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. He was born in Eagle Lake

on November 1, 1927, to Light and Jimmie Williams. He was the third of four children.

He received his elementary and secondary education at E.H. Henry in Eagle Lake.

Blaine Brocaw

March 17, 1916 - September 26, 1991

Blaine Brocaw, age 75, of Eagle Lake, passed away Thursday, September 26, 1991, at 5:42 a.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital following a brief illness.

A native of Fontana, Kansas, he was born March 17, 1916, to Roy Blaine Brocaw Sr. and Swannie Mable Shinkle Brocaw.

He was an Army Veteran of WWII, proudly serving his country for eight years in the European "Battle of the Bulge" and later in the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of the First Methodist Church, Fontana, Kansas.

As a resident of Eagle Lake in the early 1950s, Blaine, his father Roy, and brother Robert, constructed and sold several residences in this city.

They also built and operated the original Dairy (Mart) Delite Drive-In Restaurant on East Main Street.

He returned to Eagle Lake in 1977 upon his retirement.

Survivors include his sister, Mrs. H.C. "Freda" Johnson, Eagle Lake; Robert and Mary Brocaw, Stillwater, Oklahoma; nieces and nephews, Phyl-

is and Gayle Thomas, Judith Anne Jarvis, and Bruce Sr. and Franc Ann Johnson, all of Eagle Lake; numerous great-nieces and nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Graveside services and interment were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 28, from the Eagle Lake Masonic Cemetery with Rev. Larry Bailey, Pastor, Eagle Lake United Methodist Church officiating.

The family named as honorary pallbearers, Jack Dannels, Carl Seasholtz Jr., Tom Sherrick, Michael Blaine Thomas, Bruce Johnson Jr. and Charles Wayne Allen.

Because of Mr. Brocaw's love for children, the family has requested memorials be made to "My Friend's House," c/o Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 335, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Mr. Brocaw will long be remembered as a simple, quiet man with a strong devotion to his loving family. He will be missed by all.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Eagle Lake. At the age of eight years old, he united with the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and was baptized by the late Reverend W.L. Gibbs, Sr. He moved to Houston at the age of thirty-one and united with the New Pleasant Green Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend E.E. Gibbs.

On June 6, 1948, Reverend Williams married the former Miss Ora Bell Price. To this union four children were born. This wife preceded him in death. On February 13, 1988, he married Miss Eddie Marie Shropshire and to this union came two children.

In 1959, Reverend Williams confessed his calling to the Ministry under the Pastorate of the late Reverend S. Perkins.

In September 1962, he was appointed Assistant Pastor of the Rising Star Baptist Church in Eagle Lake under the leadership of the late Reverend A.C. Collins.

In 1965, he was called to Pastor Mt. Olive Baptist Church in El Campo. There he served as Pastor for 10 years. In 1975, he was the organizer and founder of Grove Street Missionary Baptist Church in Houston.

In 1982, he was called to Pastor his home church, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as Pastor until his demise.

Reverend Williams, along with his many Pastoral duties found time to serve as Junior Moderator and President of the Sunday School and BTU

Congress of the Twentieth Century District Association, he was a member of the United Southern Baptist General Association of Texas, Southwestern Association of Texas, Southwestern Baptist Pastors and Ministers Fellowship, and National Missionary Baptist Convention of America.

Reverend Williams was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy on January 26, 1946. He continued his education at E.H. Henry High School; attended Barber College in San Antonio; attended Wharton County Junior College; received a B.S. degree from Texas Southern University, a Doctorate degree in Theology from Trinity College, and many other certificates and awards from several Seminaries and Theological Schools.

Reverend Williams was unquestionably a man of God. As God's shepherd, he was given power to proclaim His word. Reverend Williams was an instrument of peace for the Lord. To many hearts he provided comfort through the word of God and encouragement with his words of wisdom. His heart overflowed with the love of God which allowed him to reach out, touch and enrich the lives of all who were blessed to know him.

The role as a father was fulfilled by him to the utmost. He provided much love, compassion, encouragement, guidance and inspiration to his children. During impressionable stages of their lives, he was there to assist in shaping them spiritually, emotionally

and intellectually. He taught them daily the love of Christ and how they must always keep Him first and foremost in their lives.

Being comforted are his wife, Eddie Marie Williams; five children, Alex Jerome Williams, Beverly J. Thornton, Geraldine Cotton, Albert O'Brien Williams and Royce Lynn Williams; he reared and loved dearly an additional child, Elvis DeWayne Hargrove; he loved and touched the lives of two others, Cruz Gonzalez and Reverend James Callie; one daughter-in-law, Martha Williams; one mother-in-law, Irene McAfee; three grandchildren, Derrick Williams, Lisa Williams and Sherra Thornton; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Light Williams and A.J. Williams; three sisters, Eddie Mae Austin, Bernice Maxie and Willie Light Malone; one aunt, Geneva Brown; nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

A Wake was held at the Friendship Baptist Church on Friday, September 27, 7-9 p.m.

Funeral services were held at the Church Saturday, September 28, at 11 a.m. Interment was at the Veterans' Cemetery in Houston at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 30.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Mann's Funeral Home of Eagle Lake.

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

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Fred M. Owens

March 27, 1944 - September 29, 1991

Fred M. Owens, age 47, of Eagle Lake, passed away suddenly at 8:42 p.m. Sunday, September 29, 1991, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Born March 27, 1944, in Princess Anne, Maryland, to Joseph Edward Owens and Mildred Frances Bounds Owens, he had been a resident of Eagle Lake for over 25 years.

He married Gladys Marie Alley in Eagle Lake on May 21, 1966, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake.

"Freddie" came to Eagle Lake working construction as a metal worker and helped in the construction of local rice dryers. In 1969, he joined his late father-in-law, Wylie W. Alley, in the oil field as a driller for many years until his health failed.

Survivors include his devoted wife, Gladys Marie Owens and his children, Stephanie, Michele and Joey

Owens all of Eagle Lake; a grandson, Clinton Edward Henry, Eagle Lake; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Larry O'Neal, North Carolina; brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Wanda Owens, Florida; as well as nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 2, at 3 p.m. from the Dufany Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake with Rev. David Mann, First Baptist Church, officiating.

Graveside service and interment followed in the Alley family cemetery near Alleyton.

Pallbearers scheduled were Fred Hargrove, Johnnie Darnell, Larry Sosa, Don Bob Ward, Cody Breeding and Wesley Simpson. Honorary pallbearers were John Perry, J.B. Rogers, Leethe Edridge and Emil Vasut.

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Historical Commission hears 'Cotton Trails' program

The quarterly meeting of the Colorado County Historical Commission was held Sept. 19 at the First Baptist Church in Columbus. Hosts for the meeting were Raymond and Mary McCauland, Paulette Fessler, Lucille Lawrence, Ruby Paschall, Mildred Campbell and James and Pauline Keesey.

Historical preservation chairman, Bill Stein, reported that local interviews have been recorded on tape and have been transcribed.

Ernest Mae Seaholm, history appreciation chairman, stated that her committee has taken pictures of some cemetery markers and plans to continue. Also a capsule Colorado County history presentation by this committee is offered to interested groups.

Randa Simmons, historical marker and research committee chairman, informed the membership that there has been a very good response to the sale of bricks for Colorado County's great wall.

Her committee has also taken pictures of all historical markers throughout the county. The deadline for filing marker applications in Austin is Nov. 1, 1991. She stressed that all

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