

# OBITUARIES

## Evelyn D. Briscoe

Oct. 22, 1934 - Jan. 4, 1993

Evelyn D. Briscoe, age 58, of Victoria, passed away Monday, January 4, 1993, at 4:04 p.m., at the Citizens Memorial Hospital of Victoria following a sudden illness.

She was native of Yoakum, born on October 22, 1934, to Louie W. Layton and Evelyn Williford Layton.

On May 26, 1950, she married James Ervin Briscoe in Columbus. She had been a resident of Victoria since 1965 where she managed the Christopher Inn for over 20 years. She was also a member of the North Gate Church of God in Victoria.

Survivors include her husband; mother, Evelyn Layton of Rock Island; seven daughters, Jimmie Dale Sturm of Port Lavaca, Jeannie Barletta, Janet Castillo, Janell Briscoe Reha and Debbie Briscoe, all of Victoria, Jackie Stockstill of Corpus Christi, and Kandi Briscoe of DeLeon; son, Ervin "Bubba" Briscoe of Midfield; sisters, Dorothy Lois Crawford of Livingston, Bette Dean Thomas of Shepherd, Donna Ray Williams of Houston, Jan Joy Korts of Rock Island, and Cheryl Fay Ellison of Livingston; brothers, Farrell Dalton Layton of Rock Island, Royce W. Layton of Rosenberg, and Robert G. Layton of Sheridan; 15 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her father; a grandson, James Robert Bass and an infant sister, Nona Joy Layton.

Funeral services were to be held 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 6, from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake with Rev. Russell Kopp, Pastor of the North Gate Church of God officiating. Interment was to follow in the Cheatham Cemetery in Sheridan.

Named as pallbearers were Jessie Allen, Michael Aiken, Christopher Castillo, Brad Myers, Robert Briscoe and Royce Layton Jr.

A faithful servant of her Lord, dedicated wife, mother, sister and daughter. She will be remembered and missed by all the lives she touched.

The arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## William Penfield Cooper

August 16, 1929 - December 19, 1992

William Penfield Cooper, age 63, of Vista, Calif., passed away December 19, 1992, at Westlake Medical Center in Westlake Village, Ca.

He was born in Texas on August 16, 1929, to William P. and Elsie Penfield Cooper.

He had lived in California since 1947 and was a manager with Teledyne Corp. From 1947 to 1963 he served with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Survivors include his daughter, Victoria C. Caughlin of Malibu, Ca.; son William P. Cooper Jr. of Las Vegas, Nev.; sisters Carolyn Gundlach of Houston, Margaret Neighbors of San Antonio, Elsie Hagenlocker of Fredericksburg, Va., and Mary J. Franklin of San Francisco, Ca.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, December 23, at 10 a.m., at the Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island with Rev. Robert Cressy officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Heritage House News

By Gladys Owens, Activity Director

Beulah Smith was honored on her birthday Jan. 1. Family members served cake and punch to residents and staff. We thank them for inviting us.

Other residents that will be celebrating birthdays this month are Charles Naiser, Ruth Wines, Mamie Cotton, Mary Dunn, Gladys Jones and Gretchen Lewis.

Our Catholic residents received Holy Communion Friday.

Jessie Banks delivered fruit to our facility from the Busy Bee Home Economics Club. They never forget us for the holidays. Thank you all.

Now that the holidays are behind us, things will slow down as they tend to do every year. We hope we can change the trend and stay as busy now as through the holiday season with many donations, new activities and lots of visitors.

Please think about being a volunteer. Call 234-3591 and ask for Gladys.

Our worship service was conducted by Rev. Sandy Kimbrow of the Lissie United Methodist Church Sunday evening.

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## Nettie Carter

December 18, 1915 - January 3, 1993

Nettie Carter, age 77 of Bodias, passed away Sunday, January 3, 1993, in Palestine Memorial Hospital.

She was born December 18, 1915, in Orange.

She was married to Marion A. Carter and resided for the past 17 years in Bodias.

Survivors include her husband; daughters Janie Carroll of Adair, Ok., and Nancy Brown of Schulerburg; sisters, Blanche Freeman of Bodias, Vivian Berry of Tomball, Joyce Armstrong of Alvin and Neval Dean Wollam of Edna; five grandchildren and one great grandson.

Funeral services were to be Tuesday, January 5, at 2 p.m. in the Bodias Baptist Church. Interment followed in the Concord Cemetery in Grimes County with Rev. Jerald Brown officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Madisonville Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were to be Jerry Cole, Trey Poe, Frank Davidson, Tommy Wollam, Brett Carroll, Garland Anderson and Leroy (Bubba) Summers.

Charles Sterling and Bill Carroll were named honorary pallbearers.

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## Stephen A. Laake

September 11, 1974 - January 1, 1993

Stephen A. Laake, age 18, of Columbus, died Friday, January 1, 1993, in a traffic accident.

He was born September 11, 1974, in Columbus, the son of Paul F. and Agnes Schneider Laake.

He was affiliated with St. Anthony Catholic Church and a member of the Future Farmers of America at Columbus High School, National Honor Society, Who's Who of American High School Students and Spanish Club.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Reinhardt and Adela Schneider.

Survivors include his parents; a sister, Paula Laake of Columbus; a brother, Michael Laake of Columbus; and grandparents, Paul J. and Angela Laake of Nada.

A rosary was recited at Henneke Funeral Home on Jan. 3. Services were held Jan. 4 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus with the Rev. Jesse Eures officiating.

Burial followed at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Kevin Little, Kevin Ruethe, Jason Templeton, James Janik, Keith Potter, Doug Noska, Eric Dvorak and Curt Hahn.

Honorary pallbearers were David Kalus, James, Richard and Robert Kroboth, Thomas, Warren and Stanley Zimmerman, James Montemayor, Mike Johnson, Larry Stephens, members of the Future Farmers of America of Columbus and all students of the Columbus High School senior class of 1993.

Memorials may be made to the Future Farmers of America of Columbus High School or the Knights of Columbus Memorial Fund.

Henneke Funeral Home, Columbus, was in charge of arrangements.

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## Cecilia Matura Venghaus

December 22, 1909 - January 1, 1993

Cecilia Matura Venghaus, age 83, formerly of Rock Island, died Friday, January 1, 1993, in a Victoria hospital.

She was born on December 22, 1909, in New Taiton, the daughter of Francis and Eva Peta Matura.

She was married to Mandus Venghaus and a member of the Full Gospel Church of Rock Island.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; a son, Eugene Venghaus; four brothers; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Thelma Lynn of Blooming and Jewel Trojak of Yoakum; three sons, Raywood and Claude Venghaus, both of Columbus, and Vernon Venghaus of Alvin; a brother, Edward Matura of El Campo; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 3 at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with Brother Emil Burger officiating.

Burial followed at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Jim and Brett Gano, Steven, Byron and Joey Venghaus and Brad LeMay.

Henneke Funeral Home, Columbus, was in charge of arrangements.

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