

# OBITUARIES

## Barbara Ann Richter Harborth

July 30, 1941 - May 16, 1993

Barbara Ann Richter Harborth, 51, of Eagle Lake passed away Sunday, May 16, 1993, in Eagle Lake Community Hospital following an extended illness.



She was born in East Bernard July 30, 1941, to Leroy and Annie Stavino Richter.

She graduated from Wallis High School in 1959 and married Edward Harborth in Wallis on October 9, 1960. They resided in Eagle Lake.

She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. She was a member and director of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce; past president of the Pilot Club; past president of Financial Women International and recently inducted into their hall of fame. She was vice president and head of operations for First National Bank at the time of her death.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Audrey Lynn, and a brother, Leroy John Richter.

Survivors include her husband; and brother-in-law, Anna and Melvin Horelica of East Bernard; granddaughter Lindsey Diane Sommer; mother-in-law, Gussie Harborth of Eagle Lake; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Vigil services were held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 17, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Funeral services under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home were held in the church at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, with Rev. Eddie Winkler officiating. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Pallbearers were Bill Harrison Jr., Travis Wagenhoft, Melvin Stancik, Dwayne Horelica, Billy Minks, Larry Uhlig and Charlie Williams.

Memorials may be made to the Pilot Club, P.O. Box 412, Eagle Lake, TX 77434, or the charity of your choice.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Anna Mae Harrison Schulenburg

February 18, 1902 - May 14, 1993

Anna Mae Harrison Schulenburg, 91, of Columbus passed away May 14, 1993, at Columbus Community Hospital.

She was born February 18, 1902, to Dr. and Mrs. R. Henry Harrison in Alleyton.

She attended public schools in Columbus and graduated from the San Marcos Baptist Academy.

She was baptized in and was a member of The First Baptist Church in Columbus.

She was a lifelong resident of Colorado County and an avid fisherman, spending many hours with her husband and friends fishing in the ponds on the family ranch.

One of her greatest pleasures was giving to others whether they were family, friends or mere acquaintances.

Her "children" were her nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

Mrs. Schulenburg was preceded in death in 1980 by her husband, Louis Herman Schulenburg, a prominent Colorado County cattleman, and a brother, Robert Dittman Harrison of Houston, in 1975.

Survivors include her brother and sister-in-law, William H. and Rosanne Harrison of Eagle Lake; three nephews and their wives, Dittman W. and Cherry Harrison of Alleyton, Robert A. and Julie Harrison of Wimberley, William H. Jr. and Margo Harrison of Eagle Lake; four nieces, Priscilla Harrison Clardy and husband Will of Renton, Wash., Rosanne Harrison Pollard and husband Gerald of Austin, Bettie Harrison Hankamer and husband Earl of Houston, Randa

Harrison Simmons and husband Jim of Columbus; 22 grandnieces and grandnephews; and nine great grandnieces and great grandnephews.

Graveside services were held May 16 at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery with Rev. Sammy Carr officiating. Henke Funeral Home Inc., Columbus, was in charge of arrangements.

Honorary pallbearers were nephews and nephews-in-law, Will Clardy, Dit Harrison, Robert Harrison, Bill Harrison Jr., Jim Simmons, Earl Hankamer and Gerald Pollard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Columbus Community Hospital or The First Baptist Church of Columbus.

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Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were Sidney Frey, Jerry Wills, Ross Obenhaus, Gary Obenhaus, Norman Clark and Bill Wilkerson.

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## Mrs. H.T. Tommie Neiswender

July 10, 1904 - May 17, 1993

Mrs. H.T. Tommie Neiswender, 88, of Eagle Lake, passed away Monday, May 17, 1993, in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

She was born July 10, 1904, in Oakland, to Thomas James and Mattie Emma Woodruff.

She owned and operated a snack bar adjacent to the Eagle Lake school for many years. Her husband, Doc, worked for the Postal Service. She was a faithful member of the United Methodist Church, Sunshine Sunday School Class; O.E.S., Friendship Club and Civic Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister, Hazel Havens, and brother, J. Dick Woodruff.

Survivors include her niece, Shelby Pierce of Corpus Christi; great nephew, Joe Pierce of Richmond; and great grandnieces, Monica Pierce of Richmond.

Funeral services were to be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, in the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Bailey officiating.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home. Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery.

Scheduled to serve as pallbearers were Joe Pierce, Ralph Truly, Frank Higgins, Pete Canaris, Butch Estlinbaum, Darrell Estlinbaum and Gary Obenhaus.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake.

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## Maxine O. Dutcher

March 4, 1906 — May 15, 1993

Maxine O. Dutcher, 87, of Columbus died May 15, 1993, at her residence. She was born March 4, 1906, in Gowrie, Iowa, the daughter of Samuel and Ida Fish Graham.

Dutcher was a housewife and affiliated with Epworth Methodist Church of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, William D. Killion, August 3, 1947, and Howard H. Dutcher, March 22, 1979.

Survivors include a son, William R. Killion of Columbus; two sisters, Verle Lawson and Mary Knight, both of Gowrie, Iowa; a brother, Carl Graham of Iowa; and six grandchildren, William H., Timothy P., Michael,

Shylia, Jennifer and Kevin Killion. Services were held May 20 at Bruce Funeral Home in Fort Dodge, Iowa, with the Rev. LaVonne Kaase officiating.

Burial followed at Otho Cemetery in Otho, Iowa.

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## William Howard Weaver

October 31, 1919 — May 16, 1993

William Howard Weaver, 73, of Columbus died May 16, 1993.

He was born Oct. 31, 1919, in Houston, the son of William Walter and Della Weaver.

Weaver owned and operated the Western Auto Store in Columbus from 1966 to his retirement in 1986. Prior to 1966, he was a dairy farmer in Fayette County. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of VFW Post No. 6113 and American Legion Post No. 383 in Columbus.

Funeral services were held May 18 at Henke Funeral Home in Columbus with the Rev. Sammy Carr officiating.

Weaver was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and two brothers. Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Thelma Weaver; a daughter and son-in-law, Nettie and Frank Joe Cernosek of Schulenburg; two sons and a

daughters-in-law, Gary and Cherry Weaver and Walter and Judy Weaver, all of Columbus; a sister, Ruth DeLean Mayes of Conroe; six grandchildren, Craig and Courtney Cernosek of Schulenburg, David, Casey, Kevin and Matthew Weaver, all of Columbus.

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Burial followed at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery.

Pallbearers were nephews, Roger, Brian and Scott Swernam, Kenneth Weaver, James and Elton Mayes and Mike Chevalier.

Honorary pallbearers were members of VFW Post No. 6113 and American Legion Post No. 383 of Columbus.

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## HERITAGE HOUSE NEWS

By Mary Ellen Wiseman, Activity Director



Heritage House Photo

Last week was Nursing Home Week. The Eagle Lake Middle School band came out to perform for us. The residents really enjoyed it.

The band members who came were Julia Villarreal, Briana Moreida, Dee Ann Meehan, Corrie Ruiz, Nicole Teague, Natalie Noska, Jennifer Miller, Tiffany Castro, Chianti Pratt,

Janieshia Fry, Jaynelle Carroll and Christy Aldridge.

The youth of today are such an encouragement and great blessing to the residents of Heritage House.

I am looking for young volunteers for the summer. For information about volunteering, call Mary Ellen at 234-3591.

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## Lewis E. Semora

December 11, 1915 - May 16, 1993

Lewis E. Semora, 77, of Eagle Lake, passed away Sunday May 16, 1993, at 10 p.m. in Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

He was born in Yoakum to Oscar and Lillie Lorene Moore Semora on December 11, 1915.

Semora had lived in Eagle Lake since 1936. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II then returned to this city where he worked for Farmers Equipment Co. and City Motors.

He opened S&W Auto Parts in partnership with Jim Wood. Later he opened Main Auto Supply of Eagle Lake which he operated until his retirement in 1986.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Bernice Semora and Molly Nolen and brother, Noah Semora.

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# Eagle Lake fifth grade students commended by Air Control Board

The Texas Air Control Board (TACB) announced that five Eagle Lake Middle School fifth grade students and their teachers are winners in the Texas Tree Challenge.

Kristin Bolin and Stephanie Braden with their teacher Jeanne Young assisted by Alannah Mozisek, won in the creative writing contest. Kristin won for her essay "What Trees Can Teach Us About Our Environment" and Stephanie won for her essay "How Trees and Animals Help Each Other Survive."

The Texas Tree Challenge is a joint project of the TACB and the Texas Young Lawyers Association, which focuses on helping students learn the importance of trees to the environment. The creative writing contest was set up as part of the challenge with 10 categories. Students submitted essays, songs, poems and stories on the tree theme.

Steve Martin, TYLA president noted that over 500 teachers across the state participated and over 500 trees have been planted in the Tree Challenge.

At Eagle Lake Middle School, the fifth grade classes had planted a tree in a special ceremony March 26. The classes gathered around their tree on the school's front lawn Friday, May 14 for the presentation of the awards to the winning students and teacher.

Betty Rogers of the TACB gave framed certificates to each essay winner, their teacher and her assistant. She also gave the classes posters and information on caring for their tree.

Malcolm Thomas, of the school maintenance department, was also recognized for his assistance in planting and caring for the tree.

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Members get a medal and certificate at the chapter level. Winners at state level are presented a check for \$100 from the National FFA Foundation.

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# CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

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## First Baptist Church Dorcas Class

The Dorcas Class of First Baptist Church met at the home of Catherine Clipson May 9. Johnnie Powers worked the opening prayer.

Following the business session, class teacher Elizabeth Boothe brought a devotional message concerning some of the reasons to be thankful. Among those were salvation, families, friends and health. One verse of scripture read was Philippians 4:6, "Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers." Elizabeth closed the meeting with prayer.

The group then gathered at the dining room table for fellowship and refreshments. The hostess served sandwiches, chips and chocolate dessert with tea and coffee.

The next meeting is scheduled to be June 14 in the home of Johnnie Powers.

## Civic Garden Club

The Civic Garden Club of Eagle Lake met May 10 for a noon luncheon and business meeting in the home of Becky Anderson. There were 20 members attending.

Following a delicious salad lunch, incoming president, Becky Anderson, opened the meeting. Sandy Thomson reported for treasurer Margo Harrison

the accounting for the April sales. She noted there are still tee shirts and tote bags available for sale at \$10.50 for the four planters at the city square. Continuation of the care around the square will be done.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 1993-94. The new officers will be President Becky Anderson, First Vice President Linda Balas, second Vice President Penny Henke, Secretary Anna Gertson and Reporter Maxine Griffin.

Committees are Town Square, Becky Anderson and Sandy Thomson; Harrison Park, Sandra Rodgers; trees, Beverly Taylor; and social, Vicki Powers.

The outgoing officers were commended for their fine service and accomplishments.

The Sept. meeting will be held at Evelyn Thomas' home.

## Brast family hold reunion

Descendants of the late Aldolph and Theodore Brast held their 15th annual reunion at the Lux Camphouse in Sealy on Sunday, May 2. After getting acquainted, the group enjoyed a covered dish lunch provided by all.

Present were Hattie Peschka, Elaine and Leroy Brast, Lucinda Lilley and daughter, Alexis, David Brast, Victor Brast and Weldon Brast with granddaughter, Kathryn Golden of Sealy.

Monty and Robert Lee Brast with son, Russell and a guest and Michel Ray Hill came from Wharton; Annie May Schmidt came from Eagle Lake; and Kenneth and Delores Vasina came from Houston.

Marcus and Tillie Brast came from Wallis; Edmund and Alice Marcinkiewicz and children, John, Frank, Emma and guest, Brian, came from Bellville; and Elsa Marie Hoff and daughter, Dorothy Friedel, came from Waller.

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## Stallman, Till named outstanding Older Texans

Lil Stallman, nominated by the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce, and Rudy Till Jr., nominated by the Nada/Garwood Extension Homemakers, were named the 1993 Outstanding Older Texans at the fair in May.

Mrs. Stallman and her husband, the late Wilton Stallman, had three children and five grandchildren. She has been active in church, school and civic events for over 40 years.

She started the Magnolia Belles program for the Magnolia Homes Tour and opened radio station KULM. She did the fund drive for the new hospital.

She is active in American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, Columbus Music Club, Chamber of Commerce, Theatre Group, Magnolia

Homes Tour, St. Anthony Catholic Church and Catholic Daughters. She was Chamber Woman of the Year in 1961 and Beta Sigma Phi Outstanding Woman in 1988.

Lil says, "You get out of life what you put into it."

Rudy Till married Lucille Bitner in 1946. They have seven children and 17 grandchildren.

He is a charter member of the Nada Knights of Columbus. He is also in St. Joseph Society, Garwood Volunteer Fire Dept., Catholic State League, Nocturnal Adoration Society and Eucharistic Adoration Society, holding offices in these groups.

Till has served as 4-H leader, on the Colorado Fayette Pecan Committee, and helps raise money for community projects. He finds time to visit

shut-ins and takes them communion. He believes in doing what is right and helping where he can.

"Children learn from the example their parents give toward service to the church and community," Rudy said.

Over 80 entries were in the exhibit part of the fair. The top two finishers in each category were:

Art grand champion and reserve champion was Thelma Moore of Columbus.

Baked goods grand champion was Alvin Otto and reserve champion was Esther Kubesch of Weimar.

Canned goods grand champion was Claudia Machu and reserve champion was Bernice Heinsch, both of Frelsburg.

Crafts grand champion was Claudia Johnson and reserve was Madeline Sweet both of Columbus.

Floriculture grand champion was Ora Tesch of Sheridan and reserve champion was Juanita Rabel of Weimar.

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## Jodi Sebesta wins regional photo awards

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