

OBITUARIES

Josephine Spacek Marik

November 18, 1900 - November 14, 1994

Josephine Spacek Marik, 94, of East Bernard died November 14, 1994, in the El Campo Memorial Hospital.

She was born November 18, 1900, in Preodor, Austria, to Franz and Anna Pastyrk Spacek. She and her parents, along with seven brother and sisters, came from Breclav, Moravia to arrive

in Galveston in 1904. The family settled in Frydek then, after the death of her father, the family purchased a farm in Bellville. She attended the Tyler Business College. After her schooling in Tyler, she went to work in El Campo at Horecka's Department Store. In 1925 she came to East Bernard and worked

in the Robinowitz Otto Store. She married John L. Marik in 1927. She was the owner and operator of Marik's Clarice Shoppe for ten years in East Bernard and for five years in El Campo. She was best known as an artist. She studied at Wharton County Junior College and at the Museum of Fine

Arts in Houston for a number of years. She also studied at the Institute of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. From her years as an artist, she leaves behind many canvases filled with great memories for the children she instructed in East Bernard. She was a charter member of the Catholic Daughters of America in East Bernard, the Christian Mothers Rosary Confraternity and a lifetime member of the KJZT.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1975; three sons, C. Frank, Marc John and Mark Marik; and two grandchildren, Melinda Engstrom and Glenda Preiser.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, J. Eugene and Pati Marik of East Bernard; daughter and sons-in-law Clarice and James R. Simpson of Houston; Inez and Jackson Boggs of Wharton; 14 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; 88 nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Wake services were held November 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Cross Catholic Church School officiated by Rev. Gerry Cernoch and assisted by Rev. Frank Monaghan, CSB, and Rev. Neal Antle of Houston.

Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, November 16, at 10 a.m. at the Holy Cross Church School, officiated by Rev. Gerry Cernoch. Interment followed at the Holy Cross Cemetery, East Bernard.

Memorials may be made to the Holy Cross Church Building Fund, Box 280, East Bernard, Texas 77435. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Staff Sergeant Roger Matthews

August 6, 1950 - November 14, 1994

Roger Matthews, 44, of Eagle Lake, died November 14, 1994. He was born August 6, 1950, to Louis McShan and Lorea Matthews Thomas.

He confessed to Christ at an early age. He graduated from Eagle Lake High School in May of 1968 where he participated in band. He also attended Wharton County Junior College. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army, retiring after 20 years of service and attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Frank Matthews. Survivors include his wife Margaret; mother, Lorea Thomas of Eagle Lake; father, Louis McShan of Abilene; stepfather, Royce McMillian of Eagle Lake; grandmother, Florence Matthews of Eagle Lake; two sisters, Lola Mae Hemphill of Richmond and Otha J. Smith of Elgin; two brothers, Oscar and Henry Thomas of Eagle Lake; one aunt, uncles and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Memorial service was held on Saturday, November 12, at 1 p.m. in White Cloud Baptist Church, Eagle Lake, with Rev. Obie Rhodes officiating. Funeral services were under the direction of Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Rosendo Sanchez

August 30, 1912 - November 23, 1994

Rosendo Sanchez, 82, of Eagle Lake, passed away Wednesday, November 23, 1994, at Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

He was born August 30, 1912, in Laling to Severo and Ramona Galindo Sanchez.

He had been a resident of Eagle Lake for most of his life. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and was a veteran of WW II, having served honorably with the Army Air Corps.

Survivors include one brother, Anciento Sanchez of Houston; and a host of nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held Saturday, November 26, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Eddie Winkler officiating. Following cremation, his ashes were interred in the Urm Garden of Lakeside Cemetery with communal service at 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 30.

Dulany Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Willie Seals Sr.

December 25, 1911 - November 16, 1994

Willie Seals, Sr., 82, died November 16, 1994 at the Veterans Hospital in Houston.

He was born December 25, 1911, to Lucinda and Jim Seals in Centerville, Mississippi.

He attended public schools and later entered the Armed Forces. In 1980, the Seals moved to California then moved back home in 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Ellis L. Seals; two children, Deborah Lynn Seals of Boston, Mass.; and Willie Seals Jr., of Columbus; four stepdaughters, Emily Y. Vinson of Columbus, Ruby E. Spears and Sandra Hurd of Menlo Park, Calif.; and Eddie E. Johnson of Boston, Mass.; one

brother, George Seals of Los Angeles, Calif.; one sister, Jimmie Thompson of Columbus; one daughter-in-law, Sheri L. Seals of Sacramento, Calif.; seven grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren and 11 step-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 23, at noon in New Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church in Columbus with Rev. G. W. Clark officiating.

Burial followed in the Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus. Ben Davis Funeral Home Inc. of Columbus was in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Ben E. Vinson,

William and Robert Wright, Ivory Collins, Larry Alley, Gregory Denley, John Glenn Johnson and Limmie Evans.

Honorary pallbearers were Clay S., Campbell and Virg Denley, Elvin Lee Ervin, Lloyd Mosby, John L. and Edward L., Johnson, and Lawrence Wilson. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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Environment" says the Texas State Dept. of Health...

August 16, 1946

Four prominent Texas Baptist students of Baylor University are expected in Eagle Lake during the weekend to begin a youth revival at the First Baptist Church on Sunday morning... Last Sunday, Leonard Walker was riding his horse in Eagle Lake, and when attempting to dismount, his foot caught in the stirrup. While extricating it, he turned the ankle of the foot on the ground, breaking the bone. We join with his many friends in the hope that the injury will soon mend and he will be up and about again...

Mrs. Griff Thomas Jr. entertained on Tuesday morning with a coffee honoring her daughter-in-law Mrs. James Ray Thomas on the occasion of her birthday...

Mr. & Mrs. Fred G. Frnka are in receipt of advices from their son, 1st Lt. Ernest Frnka, that after a 14 day trip across the Atlantic his ship reached Bremerhaven on August 5th...

Gus J. Strauss of Hallettsville, candidate for the office of State Senator from the 15th Senatorial District, was a visitor at the American Legion V-J Day celebration...

Mrs. Jack White and children arrived from Jacksonville, Florida, to visit their parents and grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Martin and family...

Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Ney and little daughter Cynthia of Eagle Pass were in Eagle Lake visiting his parents, Mr. & Mrs. N.C. Ney, this week...

Robert Finney received his discharge from the United States Army on July 25 after 18 months duty spent in the United States. He has returned to his home here... Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ware and children has as guests Sam Ware Jr. and Miss Elois Ware of Arcadia, Louisiana...

Jimmy Mathis left Thursday for Alvin where he is now serving as clerk for the Santa Fe Railroad at that station...

Little Miss Karen Hodde underwent an operation at Laughlin Hospital this week for the removal of her tonsils.

In the "I heard a good line" category... "If the primates we came from had known politicians would come out of the gene pool, they would have stayed up in the trees and written evolution off as a bad idea." — Babylon 5 (a television series)



Mr. & Mrs. Alfredo Puga

HOBY selects Sara Mann for honor

By Rebecca Burrow, Raider Review staff

Rice High School recently selected their Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY) recipient. The competition was open only to sophomores through their English classes. HOBY is conducted in every state across the nation and has been in existence since 1958.

HOBY Foundation has four main objectives. The number one priority is to seek out potential leadership in high school sophomores. It encourages students in their quest for self-development and self-discrimination. HOBY introduces today's young leaders to today's recognized leaders on a variety of current critical topics. Furthermore, it provides exposure and opportunity to explore America's incentive system and democratic process.

The HOBY recipient was selected based on three essays in response to personal questions dealing with leadership, sensitivity, concerns for others and a desire to learn and share knowledge.

Rice High School announces this year's HOBY winner is Sara Mann. She is the daughter to Rev. David and Claudia Mann of Eagle Lake.

Amateur ballroom dancers organize

The U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association has announced that a chapter for ballroom dancers is being formed in the Houston area. Bill Ellis of Houston has been named coordinator of the chapter.

Those interested in membership may contact Ellis at 713-440-6789. Membership is open to singles as well as couples. Beginners are welcome and will be helped to get started.



Happy Sweet 16 Rhonda Love, Mom, Miguel, Joseph, Michelle & the Manciaz Family

Garcia, Puga wed in San Antonio ceremony

Veronica Garcia of Eagle Lake became the bride of Alfredo Puga of Ft. Bragg, N.C., on Nov. 12 in San Antonio.

The bride is the daughter of Antonio and Rosa Garcia of Eagle Lake. She graduated from Rice High School and attended Blinn College and the University of Texas at San Antonio. The groom is the son of Jose Alfredo Puga and Maria Luisa Cardenas.

He graduated from Rice High School and is an administrative specialist in the U.S. Army, currently stationed at Ft. Bragg.

The couple exchanged their marriage vows in an afternoon ceremony at the Sheraton Gunter Hotel. The priest of St. Joseph Catholic Church in downtown San Antonio officiated.

Marta Garcia of San Antonio, the bride's sister, attended her as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Claudia Garcia, Patricia Lares, Hayde Garcia and Judith Lares. Genevieve Sosa carried rice bags and Jessica Lares of Eagle Lake was the flower girl.

The bride was escorted by her father. Omar Israel Puga of Dallas, the groom's brother served as his best man.

Groomsmen were Sergio Castaneda, Alfredo Lozano, Jose Antonio Garcia and Osvaldo Silva. Richard Munoz of Dallas was the ring bearer.

A dinner reception was hosted by the bride's parents for approximately 250 guests following the ceremony. The couple will reside at Ft. Bragg where the groom is stationed.

The bride plans to continue her studies at N.C. State University.

Eagle Lake Middle School announces honor roll

The honor roll for the second six weeks at Eagle Lake Middle School has been released.

Fourth grade: Amanda Burrow, Krista Canna, Abbey Cunningham, Rubin Leal, Javier Lopez, Sandra Rodriguez, Sandra Villalobos.

Fifth grade: Jennifer Bissell, Jessica Buckner, Erica Garcia, Joseph Harlin, Cleo Johnson, Rebecca Lopez, Corissa Mathis, Stephanie Somerlatte, Jacqueline Thomas, Herbert Waller, Deedra Wesemann, Kayce Wilkerson, Jay Young.

Sixth grade: Adam Baird, Samantha Bluntson, Danny Butrago, Curt Collewey, Anastasia Connor, Barbara Cooper, Adrian Flores, Stephanie Jackson, Johana Lopez, Rhonda Peroni, Andrew Powers, Christopher Rodriguez, Marisela Rodriguez, Anthony Salinas, Paul Valles, Leslie Waddell, Cynthia Webb.

Seventh grade: Stephanie Braden, Melissa Buckner, Tabitha Connor, Amelia Fearing, Vanessa Gonzales, Kimberly Lott, Shaniqua Phillips.

Moody, Rita Morales, Jamesangela Phillips.

Eighth grade: Rebal Canaris, Jennifer Christ, Kasey Eubanks, Valerie Galvan, Cori Gertson, Ralph Gertson, Lori Grigar, Michele Gutierrez, Annalee Kuchler, Kurt Rodgers, Joe Romo, Dawn Schwenn, Susana Silva, Russell Thomas, Tierra Wright.

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Linda Da Ponte, DDS, an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon recently opened her practice at The Dental Clinic, 1506 N. Alabama Rd. Her hours are Tuesday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

She is a graduate of the University of Texas Dental Branch at the Houston Medical Center. Dr. Da Ponte spent four years in residency training at the University of Texas Dental Branch. She is presently in private practice in the Anderson Dental Group in Sugar Land as well as teaching oral surgery at the University of Texas Dental Branch as an associate professor. Her husband is an oral surgeon — they have twins, a boy and girl, two years old.



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