

# OBITUARIES

## Louis Arlin 'Cotton' Miller

September 15, 1937 — April 23, 1995

Louis Arlin (Cotton) Miller, 57, of Garwood died April 23, 1995, at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. He was born September 15, 1937, in Victoria, the son of Louis Frank "Cotton" and Lorena Julia Hahn Miller. Miller was a lifetime resident of

Garwood and was affiliated with Lehrer Memorial Methodist Church. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth "Betsy" Bostick on June 16, 1961. Miller was self employed as a rice farmer, rancher and custom hay baler. He was a member of the Garwood

Lions Club and served in the Air Force.

Miller was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his wife, Betsy Miller of Garwood; mother, Lorena Miller of Garwood; a daughter, Mary Ann Miller of Wharton; a son, Richard Arlin Miller of College Station; and a sister and brother-in-law, Rose Ann and William Carpenter of Garwood.

Funeral services were held April 26 at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with the Rev. Larry Bailey officiating.

Burial followed at Lehrer Memorial Cemetery in Garwood. Pallbearers were Mark Wied, Bobby Hunt, Larry Smidovic, Randy Waligura, Doug Potter, Scott Daugherty, George Koenig and Gene Choat.

Honorary pallbearers were E.L. Wied, E.H. Stienke, Howard Lopries, Jerry Zbranek, Jim Dunge, Frank Kasmirsky, Leonard Kubena, Selmy Pence, Billy Hefner, Jerry Labay and Bill Carpenter.

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

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Walter 'Jim' Willms

August 19, 1907 — April 26, 1995

Walter "Jim" Willms, 87, of Columbus died April 26, 1995, at his residence.

He was born August 19, 1907, in Fritzon, Indiana, the son of Frederick J. and Minnie Shuckman Willms.

Willms was a graduate of Columbus High School and a resident of Columbus for 70 years.

He was united in marriage with Ella Dippel on August 23, 1937.

Willms was self employed as a rancher.

He was a member of Colorado County Farm Bureau and past member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus. He also served on the Columbus School Board and Columbus Hospital Board for many years.

Willms was affiliated with St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, three sisters and an infant daughter and grandson.

Survivors include his wife, Ella Willms of Columbus; three sons and daughters-in-law, Fritz and Janis Willms of Columbus, Walter and Ruth Willms of Indianapolis, Ind., and Bill and Frances Willms of Long Beach, Calif.; a sister, Ada Hamilton of Columbus; a brother, Norman Willms of Los Fresnos; five grand-

children; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 29 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus with the Rev. John Hunsicker officiating.

Burial followed at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus. Pallbearers were Ronnie Wick,

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Maurice Willis, John Willms, Charles Dippel, Gordon Heitschel and Cord Willms.

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

Funeral services were held May 1 at St. Mary's Church in Nada with Monsignor Emilian Folyon and the Rev. Greg Korenek officiating.

Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery in Nada.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Shawn Schoellmann, Kenneth Hyek, Brian Hyek, Philip Urbanovsky, Phil Dornak and Larry Pavlu.

Honorary pallbearers were his granddaughters, Denise Urbanovsky, Jan Dornak, Vicki Pavlu, Lori Hyek and Tammy Kirk.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Ludwig Schoellmann

July 30, 1907 - April 28, 1995

Ludwig Schoellmann, 87, of Nada died April 28, 1995.

He was born July 30, 1907, in Nada, the son of Frank and Emma Weigel Schoellmann.

Schoellmann was self employed as owner of Schoellmann's Grocery in Nada and affiliated with the Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Vic Hyek of Nada; a son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Jean Schoellmann of Houston; two sisters, Annie Henneke of Nada and Regina Buxkemper of Columbus; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 28, at 6 p.m. from Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Houston with Rev. James Punch officiating.

Interment followed in the Paradise Cemetery South.

Pallbearers were Prince McDowell, Ollie Williams Jr., Goldstein, Adolphus and Vince Davis, Robert and Preston Hemphill Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Deacons of the church, Robert Jr., Ronald, George and Lonnie Hemphill, and Harold and Woody Steen.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

In the presentation of the award by Garwood Postmaster Sandra A. Frnka, Smidovec was cited for the excel-

lent manner in which he does his job, his commitment to the service of his rural customers, and his all-around attitude to his co-workers and responsibilities.

"Jerry never lets a problem become an excuse," stated Postmaster Frnka. "He is a team player and when things get hectic, he just rolls up his sleeves and gets to it. During the recent flooding in Jan., he had several low water crossings on his route that were flooded. He serviced all but three boxes during that time which went beyond the call of duty. That is the difference between making a contribution and making a commitment. Employees like Jerry make my job easier and coming to work a pleasure."

Smidovec is a 14 year employee with the postal service. Eight years were served as rural carrier relief; the last six as the regular carrier. The recipient of several "safe driver awards", he is also a volunteer with the Garwood Fire Dept. and Ambulance.

Present at the ceremony was his wife, Dory, his parents and several family members, retired Garwood Postmaster Herbert Popp, clerk Ester Popp; carrier Jim Drlik, clerk Patsy Smith and Leroy Frnka.

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## James Hemphill Jr.

November 22, 1928 - April 26, 1995

James Hemphill Jr., 66, passed away on April 26, 1995.

He was born on November 22, 1928, to James and Martha Hemphill Sr. As a young child, he confessed a hope in Christ and joined the White Cloud Baptist Church.

He attended E.H. Henry High School and upon graduating, went to Tyler College. He received a bachelor's degree from Florida N&L College, then a masters from Prairie View and also his superintendent's degree.

In 1955, he met and married Deal Jackson in Maragel, Miss. He was a loving and caring husband and father. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted wife; four children, Ronald

Jackson, Arnel Hemphill, Bidgett Butler and Debra Hemphill, all of Houston; three brothers, Presion Sr., Garland and Robert Hemphill Sr.; four sisters, Francis Teague, Pansy Parker, Myrtle McHenry and Annie Thompson; an uncle, Arnonus Hemphill; two aunts; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 28, at 6 p.m. from Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Houston with Rev. James Punch officiating.

Interment followed in the Paradise Cemetery South.

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Honorary pallbearers were Deacons of the church, Robert Jr., Ronald, George and Lonnie Hemphill, and Harold and Woody Steen.

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## Smidovec receives achievement award

Garwood rural carrier, Jerry Smidovec Jr., was presented a special achievement award for his outstanding performance and dedication. This award is the highest recognition given to a craft employee by the U.S. Postal Service.

In the presentation of the award by Garwood Postmaster Sandra A. Frnka, Smidovec was cited for the excel-

# VOTE AGAINST TAX DISTRICT

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital, after a continuing drop in patients, loss of revenue and increased cost of operation, asked Memorial Hospital to join, lease or buy the ELCH. After a study in the latter part of 1994, Memorial Hospital determined the ELCH could not feasibly operate as a self supporting Health Care Service, an Ambulatory Health Center or a Short Stay Hospital. They recommended Hospital Service in Colorado Co. should be a county wide issue.

The ELCH patient total fell from 3846 in 1990 to 2208 in 1994. According to said study the ELCH lost \$358,853 in 1992, \$611,876 in 1993 and \$771,497 in 1994. It also stated the ELCH share of Colorado County inpatient market fell to 15%.

Garwood provided ELCH with 4.9% in 1992 and 8.2% of the total patients in 1993. Tax dollars will not assure more patients in the hospital.

I do not think the taxpayer should subsidize the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, as there are ample hospitals available.

In April the 6, 1995 issue of the Headlight, the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Administration stated as reasons for the Tax District "The Hospital's net revenue

of \$3.5 million would largely be lost outside the community and the Hospital's payroll of \$2 million would be lost to the community's economy. Of course there was the loss of an excellent emergency service, which would mean the likelihood some lives would not have the chance to be saved."

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IN THE EVENT GARWOOD AND SHERIDAN WITHDRAW FROM THE HOSPITAL, ALL OF THE TAXES WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID BY EAGLE LAKE, NOT AT 20 CENTS BUT DOUBLE OR TRIPLE THAT AMOUNT.

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