

# OBITUARIES

## Pauline 'Polly' (Caroline Schneider) Behrens Ervin Wayne Davis

December 31, 1906 - January 24, 1996

Pauline Behrens, 89, formerly of Columbus, past resident of Clairmont Retirement Home and Plungerville Care Center, passed away January 24, 1996.

She was born December 31, 1906, the youngest of 11 siblings. She married Alvin "Al" Louis Behrens on July 1, 1933, in Lordsburg, New Mexico, while he was employed in Arizona with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

Because the telephone company she worked for hired only single female operators and because of their devotion for each other, they kept their marriage a secret for five years.

During this time, she was a telephone operator in La Grange.

Following those years, they lived in Yukon for 11 years, Eagle Lake 16 years, and 23 years in Columbus. She was an active member of the Lutheran Church and Eastern Star in Yukon, Eagle Lake and Columbus.

Earlier in life, she was an active leader in youth civic organizations. She did volunteer work at the Columbus Hospital, had a strong faith in God and



Pauline 'Polly' Behrens.

lived a giving life. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years and her brothers and sisters.

She is survived by three sons and a daughter, Ben Farrell Behrens and John Almond Behrens both of Austin, James Edward Behrens of Warren, Virginia, and Mary Lyn Behrens Casebeer-Snyder of Austin; daughter-

in-law, Carol; grandson, Eric James Behrens; granddaughters, Karla Behrens and Terra Almond Behrens, all of Warren, Virginia; son-in-law, Bryan Chandler "Chan" Snyder, and granddaughter, Amanda Faith Casebeer of Austin.

A memorial service and reception were held Friday January 26, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus with Rev. Robert Schlotz officiating.

Graveside services were held at the Masonic Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Services were under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home, Columbus.

Serving as pallbearers were John and James Behrens, Chan Snyder, Gilbert Kiel and Buddy Zapala. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Austin.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Ervin Wayne Davis, 36, of Houston, passed away January 24, 1996, at 1:15 p.m.

He was born August 7, 1959, in Eagle Lake.

He grew up in Eagle Lake and moved to Houston where he attended Houston public schools. He was a graduate of the Job Corps Center.

Davis was preceded in death by his mother, Ruby L. Davis of Eagle Lake, and brother, Earnest Wayne Davis of Delton.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Davis of Houston; sister, Sharon Davis Barrow and husband Louis of Eagle Lake; brother, Ronald Eugene Davis and wife Harriet of Houston; grandmother, Lucille Roy of Eagle Lake; a host of uncles, loving nieces and nephews; Kenneth, Georgina, Mitchell, Dynisha, Ahmad, Janique, Daisha and Ronald Davis Jr. and Ashley Carroll; and grandchild, Dre'ven La'Marc Morris.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 29, 1996, at 2 p.m. from Ben Davis Funeral Home.

Interment followed in Eagle Lake Community Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Active and honorary pallbearers were family and friends.

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## Delton G. Hollmann Sr. February 29, 1924 - January 24, 1996

Delton G. Hollmann Sr., 71, of Bernardo, passed away January 2, 1996 at Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Weimar.

He was born February 29, 1924, to Henry and Meta Luedeker Hollmann in Bernardo.

On September 18, 1945, he married Annie Laake. Before his retirement, he was a metal fabricator, employed by Smith Industries.

A WWII Navy veteran, he was affiliated with St. Roch Catholic Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus Mentz and Columbus American Legion Post #383.

He was a former member of Bernardo School Board for several years, former member of St. Roch Church Council in Mentz and former treasurer of AARP.

Survivors include his wife of Bernardo; sons and daughters-in-law, Delton G. Jr. and Janet Hollmann of Columbus, Larry M. and Mary Elizabeth Hollmann of Brownsville, Michael G. and Pam Hollmann of Bernardo; and seven grandchildren.

On Friday, January 26, a Vigil service was held at 7 p.m. followed by a Knights of Columbus Rosary at Henneke Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 27, at 10 a.m. from St. Roch Catholic Church with Father Wayne Flag officiating.

Burial followed in the St. Roch Catholic Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Laake, Kevin Kretschmer, Mark Stanek, Lester Richter Jr., Eric Braden and Ernest Richter Jr.

Named honorary pallbearers were Mary Jane, Joseph, Anita, Beth, Brett, Lyndsay and Taylor Hollmann.

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## Bertha Ann Spanihel December 16, 1901 - January 24, 1996

Bertha Ann Mikulenska Spanihel, 94, of Eagle Lake, passed away Wednesday, January 24, 1996, at her residence following a massive stroke. She had been in good health, limited only by poor eyesight.

Bertha was born near Hallettsville on December 16, 1901, one of nine children of Joseph and Antonia Kosciuszko Mikulenska.

She had four sisters and four brothers, all of whom are deceased except the youngest sister, Toni Mikulenska Wingender of Karnes City.

Bertha grew up on a farm before coming to Eagle Lake as the bride of Rudolph "Rudy" Spanihel after their wedding on November 28, 1922, in Keokh. He preceded her in death on February 26, 1992.

Bertha was a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She made a loving home for her husband and three generations of Spanihel children.

For the last 40-plus years she has been known as "Ammaw" to countless youth because they were always welcome in her home when they came to visit with her grandchildren or great-grandchildren.

As the family reminisced, a few memories were dominant: Ammaw baking kolaches, putting up crock pickles, tending her flowers and playing games with the children. Her love and care were more precious to her family than anything money could buy.

Bertha was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and her faith was exemplified in all she did. She was a life-long member of the Altar Society and worked faithfully in it until her eyesight caused her to limit her driving and activities. She was also a member of the K.I.Z.Z.

Bertha is survived by her children, Grace Marie Spanihel, Leon Joseph "Sonny" and Charlyne Spanihel, all of Eagle Lake, and Delores and John Dullahan of Orange; seven grandchildren and their spouses loved Ammaw with a love that was unmeasured; Joe Mike and Diane Spanihel, Cynthia and Edward Sunderman, all of Eagle Lake, Teresa and Frank Briscoe of Mentz, Cathleen Dullahan of New York, Mary Joe and Art Spiller of Sugar Land, Stephen and Vivian Spanihel of Garwood and Shawn and Lisa Spanihel of Hallettsville.

Twinkling lights in Ammaw's world were the 11 great-grandchildren, Stacey, Michelle, Lauren, Jessica and Danielle Spanihel, Chad and Kurt Sunderman, Adam, Stephanie and Justin Briscoe, and Caitlin Grace Dullahan-Bates of New York.

Also surviving are Mrs. Toni Wingender of Karnes City and a large family of nieces, nephews and cousins.

The Vigil was held at 7 p.m. Friday, from Dulaney Funeral Home chapel led by Father Eddie Winkler after which grandchildren Teresa Briscoe and Cathleen Dullahan paid loving tributes to Ammaw.

The Christian Mothers Rosary followed at 7:30 p.m. led by Nancy Nelson, Lis Kana and Shirley Wilkerson. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, January 27, from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church with Rev. Father Eddie Winkler presiding. Family members served in the capacity of lay ministers.

Adam Briscoe was Lector; Justin Briscoe was an altar boy; Mary Jo Spiller presented the Petitions; Offertory Gift Bearers were Stacey, Michelle and Lauren Spanihel and Stephanie Briscoe; Kurt Sunderman served as a Eucharistic Minister; Jessica and Danielle Spanihel cantored; Cynthia Sunderman cantored the Psalm; Teresa Briscoe joined Cynthia and members from Saint Anthony School in the choir.

Dr. Raymond Thomas paid loving tribute to Bertha in a beautiful eulogy. He has had a special place in his heart for her from the time he came to Eagle Lake as a boy until the present when he looked over her health and medical welfare. He fondly remembered visiting his classmate Sonny's home every Thursday — her kolache day.

Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery of Eagle Lake, where she was laid to rest beside her beloved Rudolph, her devoted husband for 70 years.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Joe Mike, Stephen and Shawn Spanihel, Edward Sunderman, Frank Briscoe, Art Spiller and great-grandchildren, Chad Sunderman.

Bertha, Ammaw — will be missed by all her family and a host of friends and relatives, but her code of values and strong faith will live on, carried by the family she loved so dearly.

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Bible Verse of the Week "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." — Psalms 51:10 Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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# RAIDER REVIEW

## 'Top Flight' performs

By Robyn Rucka

Rice High School received a special treat on Wednesday, Jan. 17. The students were dismissed from their last period class 50 minutes early for an assembly presented by the United States Air Force.

This meeting featured the excellent Air Force Band, "Top Flight". The band, containing six members of the Air Force, came with hopes of persuading students to "Aim High", but their dominant purpose of the rally was to urge students to stay in school and get an education, and to stay drug free.

"Top Flight" began their performance with the remixed version of "Let

Freedom Ring". They also played several popular, contemporary songs which proved to please the student body. The singers of the group involved the crowd by singing individually to several students and to Dr. Curtis Miles.

They ended the program with a song preaching about the uselessness of drugs.

"Top Flight" came to Rice High School displaying their positive message through their music.

The success of the program was confirmed with the student's approval and interest in the United States Air Force Band.



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If you bottle feed your baby, caution should be used in the amount of sweetened liquids you give him. This can cause a dental problem known as "nursing bottle mouth". Mothers often give their babies bottles with milk or juice during the day. But this should not be used as a pacifier or to help control behavior, especially at night.

As soon as your child begins to develop teeth they become susceptible to decay. A thick, sticky, colorless film of bacteria called plaque is constantly forming in the mouth. Plaque likes any food with sugar in it. When a baby is given sweetened liquids the plaque multiplies and forms acid that attacks the

tooth enamel. This is the first step in tooth decay.

During the day, saliva helps to wash away some of the sweet liquid surrounding teeth. But at bedtime or during naps, the saliva flow slows down. The longer the liquid is allowed to pool around the child's teeth, the greater the potential harm. If your child needs a bottle between feedings, give him a bottle of cool water.

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