

OBITUARIES

Annie Belota

December 29, 1897 - June 5, 1996

Annie Belota, 98, of West Point, passed away June 5, 1996, at Care Inn Nursing Home in La Grange.

She was born in Plum to John and Annie Korenek Matocha.

She and John Belota were married on November 16, 1916. She was affiliated with Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and a member of KJZT and the Altar Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son and two infant children, five sisters and five brothers.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Edward and Betty Baca of La Grange, and Agnes and David Hengst of Eagle Lake; son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Annie Belota of Plum; daughter-in-law, Lydia Belota of Frelsburg; 12 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 7, at 10 a.m. from Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Plum with

Father Jerome Stryk officiating. Interment followed in the Plum Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Koening-Peel Funeral Home, La Grange.

The family requests memorials be made to the Plum Catholic Church. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Shelia 'Tweety' Rena Foster

July 13, 1967 - May 31, 1996

Miss Shelia Rena Foster, 28, was born to Authur and Marcell Foster on July 13, 1967, in Colorado County.

She attended Rice High School, and at an early age united with White Cloud Baptist Church.

On May 31, 1996, the angel of silence invaded her life and she entered into eternity.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Authur Foster Jr., in 1993.

She leaves to cherish her memory her parents; one daughter, Latonya Foster; two sisters, Rosharon and Ethel Lee; grandmother, Earleen Upson; great-great grandmother, Bessie Williams; aunts, uncles, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 5, at 11 a.m. from White Cloud Baptist Church with Rev. Obie Rhodes, Pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in the Rising Star Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Arrangements were under the direction of Ben Davis Funeral Home, Columbus.

Serving as pallbearers were Rodney Parker, Raymond, Malcolm, Oliver and Edward Thomas and Donald R. Spears.

Honorary pallbearers were Jesse and Cordis Upson, Joe L. Norman, Jimmie and Fredrick Foster.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Vencie Jean Yeager Hadley

December 26, 1927 - June 7, 1996

Vencie Jean Yeager Hadley, 68, of Bay City, passed away June 7, 1996, at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston.

She was born on December 26, 1927, in Bay City to George B. and Vencie Shriver Yeager.

She was a member of the Methodist Church and a lifelong resident of the Bay City area.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband, Alvin L. Hadley in 1989.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Dwight and Susan Hadley of Eagle Lake; three daughters, Kathy Richey, Janice Nesbitt and Georgann Hadley, all of Bay City; a sister, Janice Yeager Sailor of Monarch, Montana; a brother and sister-in-law, George and Dorothy Yeager of Bay City; seven grandchildren, Brian and Russell Hadley of Eagle Lake, Larry and Christi Harrison of Cedar Lane, Crystal and Fredrick "Pokey" Pierce of Blessing, Danni Richey, Amanda Nesbitt and Kaycee Castleberry of Bay City; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 4 p.m. Monday, June 10, at Hawley Cemetery in Blessing with Rev. Karl Choate officiating.

Pallbearers were Roger "Tiger" Schneider, Nat Bustos, Gayle Holton, Bob Andrews, Berry Montezou and Clyde Hauff.

Arrangements were under the direction of Taylor Brothers Funeral Home in Bay City.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 11, 1996, at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

He was born August 13, 1913, in Norfolk, Arkansas, to Oscar S. and Maude Parnell Janow.

Janow and Lillian Irene Bibbes were united in marriage in Nowata, Oklahoma, on February 13, 1934.

He had been a resident of our area for many years following his retirement. He retired in 1975 as plant superintendent for Superior Oil Company after 33 years of service.

Janow was a member of the Baptist Church and had been active in Masonry and O.E.S.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his first wife, Irene, on June 25, 1983.

A.H. 'Hoot' Janow

August 13, 1913 - June 11, 1996

Survivors include his devoted wife of many years, Joyce Mathews, Denby Janow of Oak Grove; sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald H. and Betty Janow of San Antonio and James A. and Mary Janow of Kountz; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and an extended family of three step-children, seven step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services and interment were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 1996 from Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake with Rev. David Mann, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake officiating.

The family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Erasmio 'Milo' Saenz, Jr.

August 6, 1929 - May 29, 1996

Erasmio "Milo" Saenz Jr., 66, of Bay City, passed away May 29, 1996, at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

He was born August 6, 1929, in Palto Blanco to Erasmio Sr. and Eulalia Arispe Saenz.

Saenz served in the US Army Air Force during WWII.

He had been a resident of Bay City since 1955.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Daniel Saenz and Gilbert Ray Saenz; and one brother, Ruben Saenz.

Survivors include his wife, Candida Soto Saenz of Bay City; three daughters, JoAnn Saenz Cruz of Markham, Dora Saenz Contreras of Florida, and Gloria Lopez of Van Vleck;

Also, three sons, Luis Soto of Katy, Joe Erasmio Saenz of Bay City and David Saenz of Corpus Christi; three sisters, Romanita Quintanilla of San Marcos, Tina Livanog of San Diego, Calif., and Beneidol Miendola of Friendswood;

Also, one brother, Lorenzo Saenz of Corpus Christi; 17 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 31, 1996, at Taylor Bros. Funeral Chapel with Rev. Dan Villareal officiating.

Burial followed at Roselawn Memorial Park in Van Vleck.

Serving as pallbearers were Ruben Garcia, Joe and Max Cruz, Cande Cantu, and Louis and Colony Soto.

Arrangements were under the direction of Taylor Bros. Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Edna Taylor

September 24, 1909 - June 9, 1996

Edna Irma Taylor, 86 of Holiday Lakes near Angleton, passed away Sunday, June 9, 1996, in an Angleton Nursing Home following an extended illness.

She was born September 24, 1909, in Colorado County to Henry and Ida Irma Hoffman Hodde.

Edna had been a resident of Holiday Lakes for the past 20 years and was a former resident of Angleton.

She married Fred Maurice Taylor on October 29, 1937, in Hempstead. She was formerly a distributor for the Brazosport Facts newspaper and had been a saleslady with Avon for 10 years until her retirement in 1992.

Taylor was a member of the Angleton Missionary Baptist Church in Angleton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and three brothers.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Roy and JoAnn Taylor of Wharton; sister, Sophie Zoller of Eagle Lake; brothers, Dallas Hodde of Eagle Lake and Ben Hodde of Simonet; and one granddaughter.

Following cremation, a memorial graveside service and interment were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday June 12, at the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake with Rev. Orville Roberts officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wharton Funeral Home.

If desiring, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1249, Wharton, TX 77488 or The East Wharton County Heart Association, P.O. Box 226, Hungerford, TX 77488.

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Clarence 'Heavy' Williams Jr.

June 21, 1951 - June 3, 1996

Clarence "Heavy" Williams Jr., 44, passed away June 3, 1996.

He was born June 21, 1951, to Clarence and Eva Mae Williams in Colorado County.

He attended Riverside High and graduated from Columbus High School.

At an early age, he was united with St. Paul United Methodist Church and later re-dedicated his life to Christ at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers, Ernest and Herman Williams.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Gloria Williams; his mother, four sons, Barry, Gerald, Derold Williams and Tracy Caldwell; one brother, Larry Williams; an uncle, Willie Dilworth; an aunt, Helen Williams; two great aunts, Louise Jackson and Georgia Lee Evans; and a host of nieces, relatives, and friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 7, at 11 a.m. from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints with Kenneth Turner, President, officiating.

Interment followed in the Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus.

Ben Davis Funeral Home, Columbus, was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Willie Jackson, Jerry Perrino, Willie Stovall Jr., Ernest Preston, James Washington, Tommie Lee Evans and Willie Walker.

Honorary pallbearers were family and friends.

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Bette Lou Wornat

August 30, 1937 - June 9, 1996

Bette Lou Wornat, 58, of Ramsey, passed away June 9, 1996, at her residence.

She was born August 30, 1937, in Tennessee to Maurice and Florence Waddell Goodson.

She and Marvin Wornat were married on November 23, 1961.

She was a lifetime resident of the Eagle Lake and Ramsey area.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Marvin Wornat Jr.; and a grandson, Drayton Noska.

Survivors include her husband; daughters and son-in-laws, Evelyn and Robert Pospisil of Simonet, Neida Grayless of Richmond, Teresa Wornat of Eagle Lake and Renee and Craig Noska of Columbus; and grandchildren, Franklin and Misty Pospisil, Lacy Grayless and Dalton Noska.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 11, at 10 a.m. from Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with Rev.

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Burial followed at Roselawn Memorial Park in Van Vleck.

Serving as pallbearers were Ruben Garcia, Joe and Max Cruz, Cande Cantu, and Louis and Colony Soto.

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Matula, Taylor exchange wedding vows

Historic Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Nada was the setting for the marriage of Miss Shannon Denise Matula and Mr. Dan Stephens Taylor Jr. on February 24, 1996. They were united in a candle light ceremony at six o'clock p.m.

Monsignor Victor Schmidtzky officiated with Brandon Bensch and Jared Korenek serving as altar attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenhart Matula of Eagle Lake are the parents of the bride. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe G. Skuca Sr. of Nada and Mrs. Elsie Matula of Eagle Lake and the late Mr. Lenhart Matula.

The bride's parents as well as grandparents were wed in Nada at Saint Mary's Church.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stephens Taylor Sr. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lester Roberts of Harper and the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stafford Taylor of Eagle Lake.

Organist, Mrs. Carol Ripper, played an interlude of wedding music prior to the ceremony accompanied by Mrs. Samantha Labay, soloist.

The beautiful, old sanctuary was aglow with candlelight as guests entered. The doors were framed by a white trellis archway, which featured magnolias, tulles, doves and wedding bells, a creation of Mrs. Joe Skuca, the bride's grandmother.

The central aisle was lavishly decorated with gold hurricane lamps entwined with greenery and gold lams. Four large baskets holding ferns flanked the altar with a pair of gold six stemmed candelabras; two large decorated double heart candelabras also filled the altar. The candelabras, along with the Unity candle and satin kneeling bench were decorated with greenery and gold ribbon.

Escorted by her father and given by both her parents, the bride chose a fairy tale tulle sequined and beaded Alencon lace gown by Demetrios. The ornately beaded gown featured a silhouette bodice with a sweetheart décolletage and sleeves falling to a pointed cuff.

The traditional gown had seven layers of tulle floating from the dropped waist bodice with sequined and beaded lace appliques sweeping into a circular cathedral train. Her fingertip veil of imported white illusion sparkled with iridescent sequins and beads and was held by a jeweled tiara.

As part of the bride's tradition, she wore something old, her engagement and wedding bands which were designed especially for her using gold and diamonds from both the groom's grandmothers and the groom's mother's rings; something new, the bride's gown; something borrowed, a heart pendant belonging to her mother; something blue, a ribbon from her Zeta Tau Alpha sisters. Her father completed the tradition by placing a sixpence in her shoe from the year of her birth.

She carried a bouquet beautifully designed by Anna of Kathleen's Florist. The heart shaped bouquet featured an arrangement of white freesias, rhombulacs, strophonitis, white wax lilies, lilacs and green roses with playful fly streamers cascading from the heart shape.

The maid of honor was Miss Len Marie Matula, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Tess Balas, sister of the groom; Misses Stacey Anderson, Lara Dupre and Michelle Wemhauer, cousins of the bride and Mrs. Michelle Higginbotham, Miss Melissa Schubert and Miss Robin Verner.

The bridesmaids wore teal shantung evening suits designed by Nora. The jackets had a wrapped portrait collar with pearl and rhinestone buttons and the skirts were long and fitted with shoes dyed to match. Pearl drop earrings with matching necklace completed the elegant suits.

They carried a heart trimmed with gold lame ribbon, tulles, iridescent baby's breath and pearls. Floor length streamers of gold lame and white satin ribbon with strands of pearls cascaded to the floor.

The groom's table was decorated with a shimmering teal pleated cloth accented with a heavy gold rope. At one end of the table, bride and groom were placed along with wedding attendants amid glowing six-tier candles and miniature champagne goblets.

The bride and groom danced their first dance as a married couple to "I'll Still Be Loving You" by Restless Heart under a large double round grapevine centerpiece suspended from the ceiling at the center of the dance floor.

It was decorated with greenery, gold star garland, magnolias, gold lams, white tulles, and hundreds of white twinkling lights. Swags of gold lame and tulle fell from the center of the centerpiece. Four long strands of greenery illuminated with white lights were draped away from the center of the ball. Guests danced through the evening to a wide variety of music from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s.

A memorable part of the evening occurred when the bride's ZTA sisters, Melissa Schubert, Michelle Wemhauer, Robin Verner, Jennifer Jones and Sheryl Dively surrounded her in a circle and serenaded her with the ZTA song.

Shannon and Stephen departed for their honeymoon amid showers of rice in a shiny limousine destined for Houston for their wedding night.

The following morning, the couple flew to Corpus San Lucas for a week of swimming, snorkeling and boating. The honeymoon was a gift from the groom's grandmother.

The couple is at home in Houston where the bride is an account executive with the Houston Chronicle and the groom is a security manager at the Spiegel Store in Sealy.

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