

OBITUARIES

Mary Rose Salinas Almanza

April 14, 1951 - September 26, 1996

Mary Rose Salinas Almanza, 45, of Eagle Lake, passed away Thursday, September 26, 1996, at 12:35 p.m. in Brockmeyer Hospital, Austin, from injuries received in an automobile accident on Wednesday, September 25, near Eagle Lake.

She was born on April 14, 1951, in El Campo to Francisco and Guadalupe Castillo Salinas.

Mary Rose had resided in Eagle Lake most of her life and was a graduate of Rice High School in the Class of 1971. She worked at Spaniel and Son for many years and recently was an employee of D&S Grocery of Eagle Lake and McDonald's of Columbus.

She married Lupe Almanza in Eagle Lake on June 23, 1973.

A devoted mother, sister, employee and friend, she will long be remembered and missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Felix and Faustino Salinas and a grandson, Micha Nelson Almanza-Melendez.



Survivors include her ex-husband, Lupe; fiancé, Matthew Willis; a daughter, Kandiann Almanza; son, Christopher John Almanza, all of Eagle Lake; sisters, Lupe Gonzales, Mary Rodriguez, Delphina Gonzales, Patsy Posada, Janie Sosa, Olga Belman, Frances Villalobos and Ruth Ann Ortega of Eagle Lake and Erlinda

Olguin of San Luis Potosi, Mexico; brothers, Joe Salinas of Eagle Lake and Pete Salinas of Houston.

A Rosary was held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home, Eagle Lake, led by Mrs. Elinda Salinas Olguin.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 29, from Friendship Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. John Smith and Rev. E. Shorter officiating.

Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery.

Dulany Funeral Home, Eagle Lake, was in charge of arrangements.

Palbearers were her nephews Jimmy and Gary Sosa, Daniel, Henry and Johnnie Gonzales, Felix Salinas and Steve Almanza III.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Mary Rose Almanza Fund, c/o First National Bank of Eagle Lake.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Cynthia Renee Balas Bullard

July 20, 1971 - September 25, 1996

The hearts of so many were saddened on September 25, 1996, when Renee Balas Bullard lost her life due to complications of Lupus following the birth of her son.

Renee was born on July 20, 1971 to Steve and Linda Thomas Balas in Corpus Christi. She grew up in Eagle Lake among many loving relatives and friends.

She attended grade school in Eagle Lake and graduated from Rice High School in Altair in May 1989.

Renee was an ambitious and motivated young girl who succeeded throughout school in both academics and extra-curricular activities. She was an honor roll student, head twirler in the band, cheerleader, class officer, voted most beautiful of her senior class, on the student council and in many other activities and received many honors.

Renee attended Texas A&M University where she completed her pre-pharmacy studies and then graduated from Pharmacy School with a BS in pharmacy from The University of Texas in Austin in December 1994.

She was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority at Texas A&M and a member of Kappa Epsilon Pharmacy Fraternity at The University of Texas.

She met her wonderful husband on a ski trip in Colorado and they were married two years later on May 29, 1993, at The United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake.

To this union a blessing was given on August 16, 1996, when their son, Trevor Thomas Bullard, was born. Trevor was 12 weeks early, weighing only two pounds, eight ounces but is up to four pounds and doing wonderfully.

Renee became ill with meningitis on August 14, 1996, and the baby was delivered by C-Section to ease the complications. Renee fought long and hard with such courage to overcome further complications but lost her battle on September 25, 1996.

Renee was employed as a pharmacist for Walgreen's Drug Store in San Antonio where she and her husband lived.

Renee's life was cut short, but she lived to the fullest from her earliest years. She loved life and people and brought so much fun and laughter to all who knew her.

She will be so deeply missed, but her lovely spirit and contagious smile will be remembered forever by all.

Survivors include her loving husband, Steven Bullard, and infant son, Trevor Thomas Bullard, of San Antonio; her parents, Steve and Linda Balas; brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Tess Balas of Eagle Lake; grandparents, Jimmie and Evelyn Thomas of Eagle Lake, Ruth and Louis Balas of Jacksonville, and Joe and Bill Reilly of Smithville.

Memorials may be made to United Methodist Church, 609 Melody Lane, Eagle Lake, TX 77434; or, The Lupus Foundation of America, 3730 Kirby Dr. Suite #720, Houston, TX; or, Rice Medical Foundation, P.O. Box 277, Eagle Lake, TX 77434.

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ville; mother-in-law, Janice Walker, father-in-law, Gordon Bullard; grandparents-in-law, Ruth Bullard of Montgomery and Ruby Cantwell of Florence; great grandmother, Mrs. Lora Thomas of Eagle Lake; loving aunts, uncles, cousins and her special "two-mama," Debbie Curtis of Wisconsin.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 28, at 3 p.m. from Eagle Lake United Methodist Church with Rev. Barry Bauerschlag officiating.

Interment followed in the Masonic Cemetery, Eagle Lake. Dulany Funeral Home, Eagle Lake, was in charge of arrangements.

Palbearers were Kevin Bendy, Billy, Robby and Ronnie Cook, Scott Immel, Steven Meinecke, Stephen Taylor and Bryan Wiese.

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Audrey Jean 'Bootsie' Kanak

March 10, 1938 - September 24, 1996

Audrey Jean "Bootsie" Kanak, 58, of East Bernard, passed away Tuesday, September 24, 1996, in Houston following an extended illness.

She was born March 10, 1938, in Rock Island to Eugene and Pearl Oppermann Kotka.

"Bootsie" was a graduate of Rock Island High School and the Lillie Jolly School of Nursing at Memorial Hospital in Houston.

She married Jody Kanak in East Bernard on April 9, 1961. He preceded her in death on November 5, 1995.

A former resident of Rock Island, she had lived in East Bernard since 1961.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Al Haedde and Allison and Scott Mazoch of East Bernard; sisters, Earlene Botard of Sheridan, Eldoris Stock of Hillsboro, and Billie Jean Mayes of Rock Island; and four grandchildren, Ashley and Amber Haedde and Cameron and Clay Mazoch.

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 26, at 4 p.m. from the First United Methodist Church in East Bernard with the Revs. Michael Holcomb and Thomas Hill officiating.

Burial followed in the Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in East Bernard.

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Sam Garza Jr.

December 11, 1966 - September 21, 1996

Sam Garza Jr., 29, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, September 21, 1996, from injuries received in an automobile accident.

He was born in East Bernard to Sam H. and Amalia Garza on December 11, 1966.

Sam was a misad-combined Governmental Narcotic Task Force Agent and was also the commander of the Mission Police Department S.W.A.T. Team.

He was involved with many organizations including F.O.P. of Mission and the Texas Narcotic Officers Association.

Before his death, he had applied for a job with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). A letter from the FBI, acknowledging his acceptance, arrived the day after his burial.

Sam will be dearly missed by his family, friends and colleagues and all those whose life he touched.

Preceded in death by his parents, Sam is survived by his sisters, Stella

Garza (his twin), and Norma Linda Garza, both of McAllen; his fiancée, Vianey Flores, who he truly loved; several aunts including Mary Cavazos, Hope Martinez and Josie Clark from Eagle Lake; uncles and cousins.

A Rosary was held September 23, at 7 p.m. at Virgil Wilson Mortuary.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 24, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in McAllen.

Burial followed at Valley Memorial Gardens, McAllen. Virgil Wilson Mortuary, McAllen, was in charge of arrangements.

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By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

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