

OBITUARIES

Ruth Clayborne Cummings

February 23, 1933 - September 28, 1996

Ruth Clayborne Cummings, 63, of Columbus, passed away September 28, 1996.

She was born February 23, 1933, in Colorado County to Pryor and Ida Mae Junious Clayborne.

She attended public school and graduated from Columbus Colored High School in 1951. She went on to attend Prairie View College, graduating in 1956 with a B.S. She would later return and earn a Master's Degree in Elementary Education in 1979. She taught in the Columbus Independent School District with great dedication for 27 years before taking disability retirement in 1988.

She confessed hope in Christ at an early age and remained faithful through her long illness.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant sister, Laura Mae; and brothers, Amos and Raymond

"Joe Louis" Clayborne.

She leaves to mourn and cherish her memory her daughter Debra; son, Darwin Keith; granddaughter, Karlyn; brothers, James, Fred and Wilbert Clayborne of Houston and Robert Clayborne of La Vista, Nebraska; sisters, Ora Lee Smith and Alice Faye Drake of Columbus, Verla Clayborne of Houston, and Ola Mae "Patty" Brown of Diamond Bar, California; sister-in-law, Joyce Woods Clayborne of Columbus; niece, Vickie Drake of Columbus; nephews, Carl Clayborne of Houston, Robert Charles Scott of La Vista, Nebraska, and Larry Woods of Columbus; a host of other nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 2, at 11 a.m. from St. Paul United Methodist Church in Columbus with Rev. Eugene Thomas officiating.

Interment followed in Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus. Arrangements were under the direction of Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Serving as pallbearers were Larry, Jon and Eric Woods, Michael Coleman, John Glen Johnson and William Wright.

Honorary pallbearers were Carl Clayborne, Joe Denley, Elvin Ervin, John Axel and Limmie Evans.

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Dora T. 'Aunt Dora' Larsen

July 12, 1897 - October 1, 1996

Dora T. 'Aunt Dora' Larsen, 99, of Eagle Lake, passed away Tuesday, October 1, 1996, at 9:30 p.m. at the Heritage House Nursing Home in Eagle Lake.

She was born July 12, 1897, in Beaverville, Iowa, to James Edward and Margaret Nash Davidson.

While an infant, her family moved to Pearl and, after losing their home in the storm of 1900, they came to Chesterville.

Dora Larsen attended local schools, then college, earning her degree in nursing.

A distinguished career as a registered nurse followed.

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T. Earle Hamilton

June 10, 1905 - October 2, 1996

T. Earle Hamilton, 91, passed away October 2, 1996 at the Columbus Care Center.

He was born June 10, 1905, in Savannah, Georgia, to John David and Katie C. Langford Hamilton.

On August 2, 1933, he married Juanita Adams.

Hamilton was a retired college professor from Texas Tech University and a member of First United Methodist Church of Columbus and Columbus Caladonia Lodge #68 A.F. & A.M.

He had been a resident of Columbus since 1978.

Survivors include his wife of Columbus; daughter, Helen C. Hamilton Anthony of Montrose, New York;

sons, Earle Hartwell Hamilton of Cedar Park and Charles Lee Hamilton of Houston; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 5, at 2 p.m. from Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with Rev. Jim Tomlinson officiating.

Interment followed in Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island.

Henneke Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were John Saul, James and Frank Howell, Kurt Seidel, Harold Stirt and Tom Hamilton.

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Lester Vern 'L.V.' Powell

October 6, 1914 - October 4, 1996

Lester Vern "L.V." Powell, 81, of Eagle Lake, passed away Friday, 7:36 a.m. on October 4, 1996, at Rice District Community Hospital.

He was born October 6, 1914, in Eagle Lake to Medley Powell and Mary Sewell Woods.

He had been a lifetime resident of our area and a graduate of E.H. Henry High School and a member of Providence Baptist Church.

L.V. worked as a cowboy early in his life and later went to work for the

Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Joel Cash, Maynard Ripper, Joe Herbert McCreary, Buck and Danny Hartman, Phillip Stevens, Clark Powers and Phillip Steinbeck.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Rice District Community Hospital Auxiliary "Pink Ladies".

Memorials may be made to Rice District Community Hospital Auxiliary, P.O. Box 277, Eagle Lake, TX 77434.

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