

OBITUARIES

Edna Tate Estlinbaum

July 26, 1920 - April 17, 1997

Edna Tate Estlinbaum, 76, of Sheridan, passed away at 10:55 a.m. Thursday, April 17, 1997, at Columbus Community Hospital following a sudden illness.

She was born July 26, 1920, in Yoakum to Ell Roy and Clara Raska Tate.

Edna was a lifelong resident of this area. She attended and graduated from Sweet Home Schools and was dedicated to her career as a teacher's aide at the Sheridan Elementary School for the past 16 years, working until her health began failing in December 1996.

Mrs. Estlinbaum, a member of the Rock Island United Methodist Church, was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ervin Estlinbaum (1978); and sisters, Lola Merle Hartman, Cybil Edgar, Gladys Larson and Leona Wood.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, William "Butch" and Judy Estlinbaum of Sheridan; sisters, Lucille Morgan and Estelle Sayre of Houston; brothers, R.B. Tate of Cuero, Wayne Tate of Yoakum and Billy Tate of Edna; three grandchildren, Darrell Estlinbaum of Sheridan, Melinda Kazmir and husband, Joseph, of Rock Island, and Jennifer Beck and her husband, Travis, of Sheridan; four

great-grandchildren, Katrina, Joseph Jr. and Dakota Kazmir of Rock Island, and Melissa Ann Beck of Sheridan; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 19, at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. Ken Sellers Jr., pastor of the Rock Island United Methodist Church, officiating.

Following cremation, interment will be in the Masonic Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Selma German Mathis

April 19, 1930 - April 18, 1997

Selma German Mathis, 66, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 3:15 p.m. Friday, April 18, 1997, at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

She was born on April 19, 1930, in Weimar to Hans and Selma Lamkin German.

Selma was a lifelong resident of Colorado County and a graduate of Eagle Lake High School with the Class of 1946.

She and James A. Mathis were married at the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake on January 12, 1947.

Prior to retirement, Mrs. Mathis worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Eagle Lake for over 10 years.

She was a member and Past Worth Matron of Eagle Lake O.E.S. Chapter and a member and faithful servant of the First Baptist Church.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, she will be long remembered and missed by all.

Survivors include her husband James A. Mathis Sr. of Eagle Lake; daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly Jo and Marvin Duddleston of Eagle Lake, Sarah F. and James Lee Turner of Leander, Patti Ann and Joe Bauhs of Richmond, and Linda Faye Waddell of Columbus; son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Shelia Mathis Jr. of Eagle Lake; sister and brother-in-law,

Oleo and Arthur Franke of Victoria; brothers and sisters-in-law, Hans Leon and Faye German of LaPorte and Lester Roy and Barbara German of San Antonio; 13 grandchildren, Jeff Marquart of California, Jaime Marquart of Massachusetts, Lori Duddleston of New Orleans, Jessica and Bryan Turner of Leander, Ashley and Bryana Bauhs of Richmond, Jason, Sharla, John Jack and Nolan Waddell of Columbus and Brent and Brandon Mathis of Eagle Lake and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 21, at 11 a.m., from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. David Mann,

pastor of First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating.

Interment followed in the Masonic Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake.

Serving as pallbearers were Walter Lee Bauer, William H. Harrison Jr., Clark Powers, Charles Spalinger, Melvin J. Stancik and Travis Wegenhoft.

Named honorary pallbearers were the Deacons of First Baptist Church. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 339, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434-0339.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Mattie Pearl Butler Kohleffel

May 3, 1921 - April 16, 1997

Mattie Pearl Butler Kohleffel, 75, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 10:25 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at the Alvin Convalescent Center in Alvin.

She was born May 3, 1921, in Oakland, Colorado County, to Jesse Thomas and Alma Pearl Morton Bulter.

Mrs. Kohleffel was a resident of Eagle Lake for most of her life. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake where she was baptized in 1953.

A devoted mother, grandmother and sister, she had resided at the Alvin Convalescent Center for almost a

year. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Loueva and Norman L. Clark Jr. of Alvin; sisters, Lola Dinoble of Sweeny and Peggy Sims of Yorktown; grandchildren, Caroline Clark of Dallas, Jason Clark, currently attending Texas A&M, Louis Sides and wife, Glenna, of Eagle Lake; great-grandchildren, Gina and Amber Sides of Eagle Lake; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Graveside services and interment were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April

19, at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake with Rev. David Mann, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating.

A very special eulogy was presented by her granddaughter, Caroline Clark.

Serving as pallbearers were Plas Lee Butler, J.W. Shaver, David Lawthorpe, Charles Dinoble and Emil and Cecil Ulbrich.

The family requests memorials be made to Alvin Convalescent Center, 416 N. Shirley Street, Alvin, Texas 77511; or Hospice, Vitas Health Care Corp., 211 E. Parkwood, Suite #211, Friendswood, Texas 775476.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Simon B. Landry Jr.

August 24, 1918 - April 16, 1997

Simon B. Landry Jr., 78, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 9:04 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at Memorial Southwest Hospital in Houston.

He was born August 24, 1918, in Donaldsonville, Louisiana, to Simon Bernard and Lucille Sanchez Landry Sr.

Mr. Landry retired in 1980 from a distinguished career with Shell Oil Company's Production Division after 40 years of service.

He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church of the Nativity in Eagle Lake and a veteran of WWII, having served with the US Army's

Quartermaster Corps in Normandy, Northern France, and Air Offensive of Europe.

He was awarded the American Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal.

Following the war, he married Leona Gold in Eagle Lake on January 22, 1947.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 50 years, Leona "Lonie" Landry of Eagle Lake; son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Cathy Landry of Missouri City; brothers, Walter Landry of New Orleans and Billy Landry of Luling; grandchildren, Adam and Sarah Landry of Missouri City; nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Vigil service was held at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 17, in the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home, Eagle Lake.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, April 18, from the Parish of the Nativity, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary, with Rev. Father Eddie Winkler officiating.

Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery, Eagle Lake.

The flag presentation ceremony under the auspices of W. Cherry-M. Perry American Legion Post #108 represented by Fred R. Frnka.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake.

Serving as pallbearers were Richard Smith, Larry Varley, Paul and E.J. Eskine, John Brasher and Gary Glaiser.

The family requests memorials be made to either the Parish of the Nativity, 310 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434; or Rice Medical Center Auxiliary, P.O. Box 277, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Gayle Wesley Thomas

July 17, 1936 - April 20, 1997

Gayle Wesley Thomas, 60, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 6:44 p.m. Sunday, April 20, 1997, at Rice Medical Center following a sudden illness.

He was born July 17, 1936, in Wharton County to Harold Wesley and Inez Charlene Obenhaus Thomas.

Gayle was a lifelong resident of this area, living in Eagle Lake most of his life. He was a graduate of Eagle Lake High School with the Class of 1954.

He received his B.S. degree from Texas A&I University in 1958.

Gayle was a fourth generation rice farmer and rancher in the Eagle Lake area and a member of the Colley Memorial Methodist Church, now known as Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, for almost 50 years.

schlag, pastor of Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, officiating.

Personal reflections and eulogy were presented by his uncle, Dr. Raymond R. Thomas of Eagle Lake.

Interment followed in the Masonic Cemetery, Eagle Lake.

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

Serving as pallbearers were Ross and Gary Obenhaus, Billy Cook, Michael and Gary Rucka and Louis Epps.

Named honorary pallbearers were Johnny Kaluza, Lonnie Sommerlatte, Robert L. Cook Jr., Robby Cook, Jack Dannels, Mike V. Duarte and Herbert Kavazos.

The family request memorials be made to the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, 609 Melody Lane, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434; or to your favorite charity.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

He was a member of the Colorado County Farm Bureau; coached Little League baseball and was an avid hunter and sportsman.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Gayle is survived by his wife, Phyllis Johnson Thomas of Eagle Lake; a daughter, Gayle Lynn Thomas; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Sherry Thomas of Eagle Lake; and granddaughters, Jessica, Lindsey, Katlyn and Mallory Thomas of Eagle Lake.

He is also survived by his sister, Donna Lou Kelly of Houston; mother-in-law, Mrs. H.C. "Freda" Johnson of Eagle Lake; brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Franc Ann Johnson of Eagle Lake; sister-in-law, Judith Jarvis of Leavenworth, Kansas; nephews, Thomas Kelly and wife, Victoria, of Houston, Timothy Kelly of Carizo Springs; Trenton Kelly of Houston, Bruce Johnson Jr. and wife, Roberta, of Eagle Lake, and Paul Jarvis of Leavenworth, Kansas; niece, Kelly Jarvis of Denton; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 23, at 11 a.m., from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. Barry Bauer-

Fiddlers Frolics is April 24-27

Plans are underway for one of the best events in Texas: the Texas State Championship Fiddlers Frolics April 24-27 at the Hallettsville Knights of Columbus Hall.

A big jam session kicks off the Frolics on Thursday night.

The Cajun Fun Night begins Friday night with Nashville/Cajun recording artist Joel Sonnier, Frenchie Burke and Keith Junot.

There'll be plenty of crawfish, gumbos and more available.

On Saturday morning, there's a Fun Run and more Cajun/Country music on the outside.

A jackpot barbecue cook-off, bean cook-off and judging of the Best Tasting Sausage in Texas Contest on the outside.

Inside the hall is the start of the Fiddling Competition with the best fiddlers in Texas competing for the title of Texas State Champion Fiddler.

Saturday night there will be a big dance with local favorite, Texas Unlimited Band.

Sunday morning another barbecue cook-off begins and inside the hall a select fiddler will be inducted into the Texas Fiddlers Hall of Fame.

Soon after the induction, the final competition begins with 20 of the best fiddlers battling it out for the title of champion.

On the outside, there will be a live concert with the Emotions and Robert Earl Keene.

For more information, call 512-798-2311 or 798-2662; or e-mail: arj09286@cvtv.net

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To those who have supported the organization year after year, and to those who are new supporters this year, we ask for your continued support!

Crime Stoppers is anxious to use its funds for information anyone can provide to the Eagle Lake Police Department that leads to the arrest and conviction of someone involved in committing a crime. You will remain ANONYMOUS!

A portion of the benefit funds will be used to purchase items for the Eagle Lake Police Department which the City budget does not allow for.

Crime Stoppers will also utilize the funds to sponsor a Gang Awareness Through Education program on May 15 at the Eagle Lake Primary School and Red Ribbon Drug Program Week in October.

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