

OBITUARIES

Myrtle Kohleffel Arnett

June 6, 1903 - July 12, 1997

Myrtle Kohleffel Arnett, 94, passed away Saturday, July 12, 1997. She was born June 6, 1903, in Columbus and raised in Eagle Lake by her parents, Margaret and William Kohleffel.

She lived in South Houston and Pasadena for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Willie Mill and Gladys Treby; and brothers, Raymond R. Kohleffel and Alvin W. Kohleffel.

She is survived by daughter, Doris Jean and husband John Parker, nieces Dorothy Kohleffel Cassidy and Virginia Mill Bauer of Eagle Lake, Margaret Treby Martin of Bay City, Kathryn Treby Hardin of Waterwood, and Terry Lynn Kohleffel of Columbus; nephews, Raymond Lee Kohleffel of Eagle Lake, James Treby of Port Lavaca and Harry Lee Treby of Fairchild; great-nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Mon-

day, July 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Alta Vista Baptist Church, 3115 Lafferty in Pasadena with Rev. Sonny Steed, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pasadena, officiating.

Interment followed at 4 p.m. at Lakeside Cemetery, Eagle Lake, with Rev. David Mann of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Pasadena Funeral Chapel. Serving as pallbearers were Raymond L. and Allen Kohleffel, E.A. Searle, J.T. Thomason, Eugene Lee and James Treby.

Named honorary pallbearers were Harry Treby, Walter Lee Bauer, Jimmy Rinehard and Clyde Cowey.

In lieu of the usual remembrances, donations may be made to the charity of your choice or the American Heart Association.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Meta Herm Drymalla

July 3, 1912 - July 11, 1997

Meta Herm Drymalla, 85, of Columbus, passed away July 11, 1997. She was born July 3, 1912, in Carmine to Richard and Martha Duesterhoft Herm.

She and Urban Drymalla were wed on April 14, 1931.

She was a housewife, member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and was a resident of Columbus for 53 years.

Meta was preceded in death by her parents; her husband (May 6, 1973); and sisters, Florine Hardy and Mable Lee Koehler.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Ruby Lois and Charles Lambert of Houston and Glorine and Claude Venghaus of Columbus; brother, Adelbert Herm of Sealy; grandsons, Kenneth and Gary Wayne Lambert, Steven and Byron Venghaus; great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Kristy, David, Lori and Heather Lambert, and Alyson, Courtney and Dillian Venghaus; and great-great grandchildren,

Cassidy Lambert.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 13, at 4 p.m. from Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with Father Frank Fidgeon officiating.

Burial followed in St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery, Columbus.

Arrangements directed by Henneke Funeral Home, Columbus.

Pallbearers were Ken, Gary and David Lambert, Steven and Byron Venghaus and Leroy Drymalla. Honorary pallbearers were Ray and Vernon Venghaus, J.L. and Johnny Drymalla, Reuben Henneke, Al Wynn, Buddy Polanski and Robert Stickle.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Harold W. Hohlt

May 6, 1918 - July 11, 1997

Harold W. Hohlt, 79, of Columbus, passed away July 11, 1997, in the Columbus Community Hospital.

Henry Lee 'Slim' Gilcrease

April 2, 1920 - July 9, 1997

Henry Lee "Slim" Gilcrease of Columbus passed away Wednesday, July 9, 1997.

He was born April 2, 1920, in Columbus, the only child of Charlie and Leeiva Gillis Gilcrease.

He joined St. Paul United Methodist Church at an early age and, over the years, served as chairperson of the trustees, a member of the Senior Choir, janitor, member of "Life in the Spirit" prayer group and other positions.

"Slim", as he was called, served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945, earning six service awards.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife of 30 years, Bertha, of San Francisco, California; two daughters from a previous marriage, Diane Smith and Elizabeth Gilcrease of San Francisco; grandsons, Kevin and Jason Smith of

San Francisco; one great-granddaughter, Imari Smith of San Francisco; an uncle, Herbert Gilcrease of Columbus and many cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 12, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Columbus, with Rev. Bernice Wells, Pastor, officiating. Interment followed in Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus.

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

Pallbearers were George Bratcher, Raymond Bell, Willie Glenn, Robert Woods, William Wright, David Wayne Carter, Elmer L. Irving, Ivory Collins and Raymond Dillard.

Named honorary pallbearers were the United Methodist Church Men.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Adolf Hollas

July 21, 1903 - July 8, 1997

Adolf Hollas, 93, of Eagle Lake passed away at 11:25 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at the Heritage House Nursing Home in Eagle Lake.

He was born July 21, 1903, near Weimar and was the last survivor of six children born to Rudolf and Julia Skrobaneck Hollas.

Mr. Hollas was a lifelong resident of Colorado County, raised near Weimar and attending local schools.

He and Edna Munke of Ammansville, daughter of Charles and Sophia Feitsam Munke, were united in marriage June 3, 1929, in Weimar. They moved to Eagle Lake in 1936 where Mr. Hollas worked as a beverage salesman and butcher.

He was a member of the Roman Catholic Parish of the Nativity in Eagle Lake, Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council #4843 and Christopher Columbus Local Assembly

#2971 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his devoted wife of 66 years, Edna Hollas, in 1995; a son, Cleudus Hollas; sister, Matilda Hollas; and his brothers, Richard, Reinhard, Henry and Otto Hollas.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Willie Noska of Eagle Lake; daughter-in-law, Marilyn Hollas of Bay City; grandchildren, Edna Rosprim of East Bernard, Julia Petty and husband, Charles, of Coppell, Veronica Dibern and husband, Wayne, of Bay City, Celeste Pustka and husband, Mark, of Austin, Yvonne Bodenburg and husband, Gerald, of Dickinson, and Christopher Hollas and wife, Brittany, of Edna; step-grandchildren, Doyle Noska and wife, Gae Anne, Billy Noska and wife, Sharon, Clarence Noska and wife, Linda, Tommy Noska and wife, Patricia, Sherrill Noska and wife, Tammy, and Jimmy Noska and wife, Carol; great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Haley and Zachary Dibern of Bay City, Christen Pustka of Austin, Justin Bodenburg of Dickinson, and Cale and Hunter Hollas of Edna; step great-grandchildren, Dustin Noska and wife, Deanna; and Melissa, Brandon, John, Amanda, Kimberly, Brittany, Caleb, Christopher, Joseph, John and Joshua Noska; step-great-grandchildren, Cory, Haley and Dane Noska; step-sister, Lydia White of San Antonio; sister-in-law, Della Hollas of Bryan; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A vigil service was held Thursday, July 10, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home led by Robert Guerra. Funeral services were held Friday, July 11, at 2 p.m. from the Roman Catholic Parish of the Nativity, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary, in Eagle Lake with Rev. Father Eddie Winkler officiating.

Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Arrangements were directed by Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake. Pallbearers were Wayne Dibern, Gerald Bodenburg, Mark Pustka, Christopher, Kenneth, Wilburn, Mark and Edward Hollas, Charles Petty and Bill Stiles.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Bertha C. Johnson

February 12, 1912 - July 13, 1997

Bertha C. Johnson, 87, of Altair, passed away July 13, 1997, at the Columbus Community Hospital.

She was born February 12, 1912, in Austin to Pat and Annie Elstner Cain.

Bertha and Charles E. Johnson were married on August 15, 1933. She was a housewife and had been a resident of the Altair area for 60 years.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, Magnolia Homes Tour, sponsor of Stafford Opera House, Association of Miraculous Metal and a life member of Ducks Unlimited.

She was preceded in death by her husband (Feb. 5, 1972) and parents.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia "Tish" and Don McAlister of Altair; sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Michael and Nicola Johnson of Austin, and Joseph

Edwin and Bonnie Johnson of Kerrville; sister, Anna Marie Houston of Austin; her brother, Joseph Pat Cain of Houston; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 15, at 2 p.m. from St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus with Father Frank Fidgeon officiating.

Burial followed in St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery, Columbus.

Arrangements were directed by Henneke Funeral Home, Columbus.

Pallbearers were Howard Elstner Houston, James and John McAlister, Zack and Joe Cain Johnson and David Turner.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony Catholic School Trust Fund or St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Richard C. Schmidt

October 14, 1919 - July 12, 1997

Richard C. Schmidt, 76, of Columbus, passed away July 12, 1997, at Memorial City Hospital in Houston.

He was born October 14, 1919, in Nottawa to Fred and Hulda Bauer Schmidt.

Schmidt was district clerk for 12 years, a Colorado County Justice of the Peace for 22 years for Precinct 1 and Municipal Judge.

He had been a resident of Columbus all of his life.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Columbus, Columbus American Legion Post #383, Columbus VFW Post #6113, a past Lions Club Member and a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II.

He joined the Army in 1941 and served as a corporal in the 36th Division. He was wounded in the European Theater. Schmidt received the American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct, European African Middle Eastern Ribbon with two bronze stars and a Purple Heart medal.

He served 50 years as a member of the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department and was its commander for one year. Schmidt served as the Columbus Cemetery Association secretary for 40 years, was a Sergeant in the Army National Guard, Red Cross service officer for 10 years, a member of the Columbus Golf Club, taking first place in a tournament.

He opened a Shell Service Station at the intersection of Hwys. 90 and 71 and was a new car salesman for several years for Jerry Parker Chevrolet.

Schmidt was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert.

Survivors include his daughter, Carol Jean Webb of Columbus; granddaughter, Sheryl Lynn Jowers and husband, Daniel, of Bertram; great-grandson, Cody Leaman Jowers; sisters and brothers-in-law, Annie and Nathan Collins of Webster, Wisconsin, and Irene and Robert Wristen of Columbus; brother and sister-in-law, Toxie and Lavine Schmidt of Houma, Louisiana; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 15, at 10 a.m. from First Baptist Church in Columbus with Rev. Sammy Carr officiating.

Burial followed in Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery, Columbus.

Arrangements were under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home, Columbus.

Pallbearers were Dr. Cecil Marburger, Jerry Mikeska, Ernest "Bub" Baumgart, Jimmy Seymour, Sam Trammell and John Allen Nesvadba. Honorary pallbearers were Dick Klipple and John Zwiegel.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



NEW ARRIVALS

Jessy Joy Maertz

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Maertz of Columbus, announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, born at 1:32 p.m. July 2, 1997, at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

Jessy Joy weighed eight pounds, six ounces. She was welcomed home by her sister, Carly Carol, 2-1/2.

Maternal grandparents are Walter and Jeannie Meitzen of Chesterville. Paternal grandmother is Georgie Ann Maertz of Alleyton.

Great grandparents are Harold and

Wanda Butler of Paris and Pearl Meitzen of Eagle Lake.

Her mother is the former Johnna Carol Griffith of Chesterville.

Andrew Lee Segura

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Allen Segura of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their third child, a son, born at 6 a.m. July 7, 1997, at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Andrew Lee weighed six pounds, 13 ounces, and measured 19-1/2 inches at birth.

The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

He was welcomed home by Gary Allen Segura II, 4 years old, and Matthew Israel Segura, 16 months.

Maternal grandparents are Alex Ramirez and Mary Ramirez Munoz of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Faustino Segura Jr. of Rosenberg and Sylvia Segura of Groesbeck.

His mother is the former Shelly Renee Ramirez of Eagle Lake.

Lauren Nicole Wiese

Mr. and Mrs. David Wiese of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, born at 10:02 a.m. on July 11, 1997, at the Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Lauren Nicole weighed in at eight pounds, four ounces, and measured 21-1/2 inches at birth.

The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

She was welcomed home by MacKenzie Elizabeth, 17 months old.

Maternal grandparents are Jossie and Milton Blount of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Donnie and Anna Mae Wiese of Eagle Lake. Great grandparents are Marie Cooper and Howard and Carol Wiese.

Her mother is the former Sheryl Blount of Eagle Lake.

Carl A. Gordy

August 23, 1922 — July 11, 1997

Services for Carl A. Gordy were held on July 14, 1997, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus, Texas. He was born August 23, 1922, in Abbeville, Louisiana, to William St. Clair and Eugenia Buras Gordy. He died in Columbus, Texas, on July 11, 1997.

He came to Texas at an early age and lived in Columbus before moving to Eagle Lake, where he grew up. After high school graduation, he enlisted in the Navy Air Corp and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was wounded while on duty in the PBV Squadron and was awarded a Purple Heart, Air Medal and other battle ribbons before returning to the states in June 1943.

In November 1943, he married Joyce Willrodt in St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus. He graduated from Texas A&M College in the Class of 1949.

Carl was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Council #2971 and a member of the 4th degree Knights of Columbus Assembly #1136. He was also a past member of the Columbus Noon Lions Club.

Officiating at the services were Rev. Frank Fidgeon of San Antonio, Rev. Tim Kosler of Schulenburg and Rev. Eddie Winkler of Eagle Lake. His grandchildren served as Pallbearers, Lec-



tors, Altar Servers and Gift Bearers.

Surviving are his wife, his daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and O.K. Smith of Corpus Christi, Mary K. and Ervin Hefley of Columbus, Claudia and George Hinckley of Lockhart and Patti and George Schindler Jr. of Columbus; sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Vicki Gordy of Columbus and Tim and Debbie Gordy of Austin. Also surviving are his sister, Billy Jean and her husband, Tom Collie, of Richardson and 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home of Columbus, Texas.

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLIC REVIVAL: FM 102 S, Matthews, 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion). Rev. R.L. Carter.

EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST: Rev. Clifford Roser. FIRST BAPTIST: N. Lake at E. Prairie, Eagle Lake. Rev. David Mann.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST: 405 S. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. Earl Shorter, Jr., Pastor, 234-5795.

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PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Guadalupe Sanctuary; Guadalupe Terrace Addition; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary; 310 N. Stevenson; 7 a.m. (Español), 9 a.m., 11 a.m., Father Eddie Winkler.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada, 758-3218. Rev. Joseph Koebel, Pastor.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL: 306 E. Stockbridge.

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ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Sellers Jr., Lay-Pastor. UNITED METHODIST: Barry Bauerschlag, Pastor, 200 W. Prairie; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State St., Eagle Lake.

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VINE OF THE LORD: Paul Aguilar, Interim.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 West St., Sealy; Marshall Crosby, Branch Pres.

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