

OBITUARIES

Willie Mae 'Nootie' Cotton Carter

June 11, 1931 - July 23, 1997

Willie Mae "Nootie" Cotton Carter, passed away July 23, 1997.

She was born June 11, 1931, in Matthews to Johnny and Mamie Cotton.

Willie Mae confessed Christ at an early age and united with the New Home Baptist Church.

She was united in matrimony to Reed Carter Jr. and, unto this union, no children were born.

Willie Mae was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents, Alex and Hallie Hawkins; and two brothers, "Sir" Lloyd Cotton and Marshall Lee "Bubba" Harris.

She leaves to cherish her memory

two daughters, Sandra F. Johnson and Sheryl A. Cotton; two sons, Wayne E. and Johnny D. Cotton; one sister, Jessie Bell Harris; a half-sister, Lena Austin; a half-brother, Jimmy Green; eight grandchildren, Carla, Lakeisha and Vanessa Johnson, Shonta, Monique and Justice Cotton, Jeremy Lopez and "Lil" John; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, great-nieces, nephews, great-nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 26, at 1 p.m. from New Home Baptist Church in Garwood with Rev. Kenneth Wicks officiating. Burial followed in Union Hill

Cemetery in Matthews.

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

Pallbearers were Bufford Wiltner, Terrence and Audrey Carter Jr., Horace Mann, Robert Pratt, Bobby Brumfield, Harold Boone and John Hester Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Wayne and Johnny Cotton, Carl and Joe Johnson, Reed Carter Sr., Audrey Carter Sr., Booker T. Dabney and Derrick Wiltner.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

William A. Kuchar

May 20, 1919 - July 27, 1997

William A. Kuchar, 78, a longtime resident and former mayor of Columbus, passed away July 27, 1997, at Columbus Community Hospital.

Born to John Anton and Agnes Kuchar on May 20, 1919, he was an active member of the community for many years.

After 34 years of affiliation with the Colorado County Savings Association, Mr. Kuchar retired as Executive Vice-President and Manager.

Prior to this, he worked for the Colorado County Agricultural Conservation Service and served Colorado County as its deputy and chief deputy clerk.

During World War II, he was a member of the United States Army.

Mr. Kuchar was mayor of Columbus from 1973-1979 and on the City Council for a total of 12 years.

A member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, he served as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 2971.

Mr. Kuchar also held positions in the community as Post Commander and Adjutant of American Legion Post 383 and President of the Columbus Rotary Club.

He was also an associate member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas and a life member of Magnolia Homes Tour Inc.

The Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce, of which he was a longstanding member, named him Citizen of the Year in 1990.

In that same year, the Older Texan Task Force selected him as Outstanding Older Texan.

Mr. Kuchar was a member of the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years, serving as its secretary-treasurer for 20 years.

He helped organize and served as director of Columbus Crime Stoppers, served on the Columbus Community Hospital Board of Directors, was an honorary member of the FFA, and served on the Board of Directors of Life Savings Bank in Austin as well as on the Board of Directors of the Texas

Saving and Loan League.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Agnes Tenger Kuchar.

Survivors include his wife, Gertrude Kuchar; his children, William Kuchar Jr. of Houston, Shirley Kuchar Rosson of Katy and Michael Kuchar of Columbus; children through marriage, Sue Naumann Nichols of Marble Falls, LeRoy Naumann of Georgia and Alice Naumann Craighead of S. Carolina; a total of 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A rosary was held at 7 p.m. July 28, 1997. Funeral services were held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, at 10 a.m., July 29, 1997, followed by interment at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery.

Services directed by Henneke Funeral Home, Columbus.

Pallbearers were Dwight Mazac; Robert Thomas; James Seymour; Chris Stein and grandsons, William Kuchar III, Brandt Rosson, Brian Nichols and Blake Craighead.

Honorary pallbearers were John Meisner, Roy Heffley, Lonnie Coleman and members and retirees of Columbus Volunteer Fire Department.

Memorials may be made to the Columbus Community Hospital Renovation Fund in lieu of flowers.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Virga M. Huebel

September 1, 1930 - July 21, 1997

Virga M. Huebel, 66, of Columbus, passed away July 21, 1997, at Memorial City Hospital in Houston.

He was born September 1, 1930, in Halstead (Fayette County) to Emil and Ellie Braun Huebel Sr.

Mr. Huebel was a retired heavy equipment operator.

He married Gertrude Sulzmann on December 2, 1950, and was a lifetime resident of Columbus.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and Herman Sons Lodge #10 of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents, half-brother and son, Glenn Huebel, in 1968.

Survivors include his wife of Columbus; sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Deborah Huebel of Katy and Ronnie and Sherry Huebel of La Grange; sister, Mae Dell Solansky of Alleton; grandchildren, Kimberly and Kenneth Huebel of Katy and Alexandria and Breanna Huebel of La Grange; sisters-in-law, Ora Nell Kalkhake of Brenham, Mildred Kalkhake of Shelby and Lillian Barron of Metairie, Louisiana; and sister-in-law, Gladys, and her husband, Edward Allcorn of Houston; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 24, at 2 p.m. from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus with Pastor Robert Schlott officiating.

Interment followed in Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus.

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

Pallbearers were Jim Janak, Allen Kahlden, Wilbert Kalkhake Jr., Raymond Schultz, Thomas Wavra and Elmer Wienken.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Dorothy Korthauer Smith

September 27, 1907 - July 24, 1997

Dorothy Korthauer Smith, 89, passed away Thursday, July 24, 1997, at her home.

She was born September 27, 1907, in Eagle Lake.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband of 55 years, Earl Wayne Smith of Corpus Christi; a daughter, Barbara Cooke Newman of Corpus Christi; two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday July 28, at 2 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, July 29, at 2 p.m. at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Cage-Mills Funeral Directors Everhart Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

'Kids Check' '97 at Outlet Center

Saturday, Aug. 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Sealy Outlet Center will host "Kids Check," an annual community project to promote the health and safety of our children.

The event will include magic acts; face painting; clown acts by the "Funny You Should Ask" clown; a fire safety and truck tour by Sealy Fire Department; finger printing by Austin County 911; and ambulance tours and CPR demonstration by Austin County EMS; children's karaoke songs; a fishing pond by Austin County 4-H; a moonwalk and much more.

Several stores will offer merchandise and certificates, such as Lion (See Kids, Page 10)

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to succeed Barry Williamson on the Texas Railroad Commission.

Holzheuser, who has represented House District 30 since 1985, said last month he would seek the commission post only if Williamson did not seek re-election. Williamson has announced for attorney general.

State Settles With Testing Firm
Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and lawyers for a now-defunct emissions testing firm settled a 1995 lawsuit last week.

Taxpayers will have to pay \$140 million settlement. The money will come from the state's general fund beginning Aug. 31 with a \$70 million payment.

Tejas Testing Technologies, which spent millions of dollars setting up inspection stations in designated urban areas, filed the lawsuit after the state curtailed the firm's seven-year auto emissions testing program.

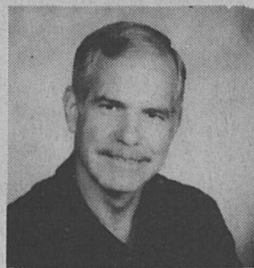
Federal officials had ordered the program, but state lawmakers killed Tejas' contract after drivers complained about the cost. The state then established another testing program.

Life Sentences for Drug Makers
People who manufacture methamphetamine, also known as speed, could be sentenced to prison for life under a proposal by U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Dallas.

The freshman congressman said he will introduce legislation within the next few weeks that would impose a mandatory life sentence for anyone found guilty of manufacturing the drug. Currently the minimum sentence is five years in prison.

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