

# OBITUARIES

## James D. Gertson Sr.

February 6, 1930 - March 1, 1998

## Annie Moeckel

September 18, 1908 - February 20, 1998

James D. Gertson Sr., 68, of Eagle Lake, passed away March 1, 1998, at his residence following a courageous struggle with cancer.

He was born February 6, 1930, in Lissie, Wharton County, to Alfred Andy and Valesta Guthman Gertson.

James was a lifelong resident of our area, raised in Lissie and attending school there. He graduated from Eagle Lake High School with the Class of 1947 and was voted "Most Outstanding" student of that class.

He was also a member of Grace Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake.

He served his country honorably during the Korean War with the U.S. Army from 1951 until his discharge in

1956.

James and Una Mae Lichey, daughter of Rudolph and Mary Lorfing Lichey, were married in Columbus on January 3, 1954.

Gertson, or "Legs" to his friends, led a distinguished life with a career in agriculture and rice farming in the area until his health began to fail last year.

His devotion to family, agriculture and community will be long remembered and missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife in 1993; a son, James D. Gertson Jr., in 1994; and his sister, Mrs. Bernice Kochwelp, in 1992.

Survivors include his daughter, and son-in-law, Beverly and J.P. Kre-

nek of Garwood; son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Donna Gertson of Eagle Lake; brother and sister-in-law, JoAnn and Ralph Gertson Sr. of Eagle Lake; grandchildren, Kris and Cindy Gertson of Wharton, Jennifer and Nicole Krenek of Garwood, Mike Ryan and Joshua Everett Gertson and Tiffany Crane Jones and husband, Scot, all of Eagle Lake; sister-in-law, Evelyn Rau of Columbus; brother-in-law, Mickey Kochwelp of Eagle Lake; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 3, at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. Barry Bauerschlag of Eagle Lake and Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Churches officiating.

Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake. The flag presentation was under the auspices of American Legion Post #108 of Eagle Lake.

Dulany Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Ralph Jr., Gayle, Darrell and Andy Gertson; Frank Tate; Kenneth Austin; Tommy Guthman; and Jimmy Knebel.

Honorary pallbearers were B.J. and Harold Lloyd Williams; Frank Bowen; Melvin L. Sunderman; Jerry Eworitt; Darrell Rau; Dennis Knebel; Hospice Care Givers-Lisa, Kay, Jennifer and Alice; and "The Deer Camp Family".

The family requests memorials be given to Columbia Gulf Coast Medical Center Hospice, 1102 N. Mechanic, El Campo, Texas 77437.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Annie Moeckel, 89, of Columbus, passed away February 20, 1998, at Memorial City Hospital, Houston.

She was born September 18, 1908, in Fayetteville to John D. and Annie Krenek Meyer.

Annie and Adam P. Moeckel were married January 15, 1930.

She was a housewife and member of St. Roch's Catholic Church in Mentz and a resident of Bernard for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband on March 4, 1988; a brother, Johnnie Meyer; a

sister, Mary Moeckel; and four grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughters, Gladys Schriefer of Houston, Earline Kulhanek of Alleyton, Lillie Brune of Cave Creek, Arizona, and Helen Berger of Columbus; sons, Clarence Adam Moeckel of Weimar, Adam P. Moeckel Jr. of Alleyton and Richard Moeckel of Bernardo; her sister, Louise Girndt of Columbus; 21 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 21, at 2 p.m. at St. Roch's Catholic Church in Mentz

with Father Wayne Flagg officiating. Burial followed at St. Roch's Catholic Cemetery.

Henneke Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Serving as pallbearers were BoBo Brune; David, Danny and Alfred Kulhanek; Leonard and David Schriefer; Monte Moeckel; and Kirk Berger.

Honorary pallbearers were Kenny Berger; and Joshua, Caleb, Jordan and Jeremy Moeckel.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Max Rogers

June 6, 1922 - February 23, 1998

Max Rogers, 75, of Columbus, passed away February 23, 1998, at Columbus Community Hospital.

He was born June 6, 1922, in Douglas, Texas, to Joseph B. and O. Dee Hamby Rogers.

Max and Virginia Montgomery were married December 11, 1945.

A resident of Columbus for the past 37 years, he was an oil field gauger for M.J. Brannon Drilling & Oil Co. and a life member of Caladonia Masonic Lodge #68 A.F. & A.M. Columbus, life member of Columbus V.F.W. Post #6113 and American Legion Post #383, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of Purple Heart, past member of the Evening

Lions Club, All State Team of V.F.W. for three times, past member of Eastern Star and 1996 Citizen of the Year in Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Roy Rogers; brothers, Lane, Clyde and June Rogers; and a sister, Elsie Pfeifer.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia of Columbus; his son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Susan Rogers of Columbus; daughter-in-law, Pam Cernoch of New Ulm; granddaughters, Christina Rogers of New Ulm and Tracy Rogers of Nacogdoches; grandson, Timothy Melvin of Florida; great-granddaughter, Destiny Melvin of Florida; brother, Arthur Rogers of

Tyler; sisters, Maxine Pyle of Houston and Audrey Word of Conroe; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 26, at 2 p.m. at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with Rev. Robert Schlott officiating.

Burial followed at New Ulm Cemetery.

Henneke Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Masonic pallbearers were P.L. Butler, H.F. Halcom, Mike Story, Gary Sutton, Bill Sweat and Stephen Moore.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Willie Tyler

September 27, 1928 - February 25, 1998

Willie Tyler, 69, of Eagle Lake, passed away Wednesday, February 25, 1998.

He was born September 27, 1928 in Richmond.

He is survived by his wife, Zara

Tyler of Eagle Lake; three children, Brenda, Sammy and Charles; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 3, at 11 a.m. from Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church in Thompson,

Texas, with Rev. R. Taylor officiating.

Burial followed in Tyler Jones Cemetery in Tyler.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Local auctioneer attends NAA winter seminar

Joe H. McCreary of J.H. McCreary Auction Co. in Eagle Lake was among the auctioneers from throughout the U.S. and Canada who attended the 1998 National Auctioneers Association (NAA) Winter Seminar, held Feb. 8-11 in Point Clear, Alabama.

NAA conducted a variety of workshops, roundtable discussions and

idea sessions during the Winter Seminar. Among the subjects discussed were absolute auctions, working with the farmland investor, antique malls and auction houses, auction security and much more.

The increasing complexity of today's business makes educational programs like these indispensable.

The Winter Seminar is one of two educational gatherings the NAA hosts each year. The additional gathering is the annual convention, at which there are numerous educational workshops and presentations, an annual meeting featuring election of members of the Board of Directors, a trade show, banquets and the International Auctioneer Championship. The 1998 convention will be July 14-18 in Oklahoma City.

NAA, along with state associations, strives to improve the auction industry through professionalism, continuing education and improved communication. Its headquarters are in Overland Park, Kansas.

## Personnel updates...

By Roxanne M. Walker



Laulita Deville recently joined the Rice Medical Center staff as a computer operator on an as-needed basis.

She currently resides in Eagle Lake with her family.



Tysha Tyler recently joined the RMC staff as a phlebotomist in the laboratory. She was presented with a certificate of participation for successfully completing phlebotomy at WCJC in Dec. 1997.

She currently resides in Eagle Lake with her family.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Tysha and Laulita on joining our staff and becoming team players in "Our Family".

### UPGRADING, IMPROVING AND FACE LIFTING!

...that's what RMC is all about these days. The hospital has examined its position in the community over the last few months and has improved existing services, added new services and improved its physical appearance. The renovation of the outside of the hospital was made possible by generous citizens in the community. The call was made by personal letters to assist in a face lift for the hospital.

Patrons within the community came forward and generously donated the funds to complete the long overdue project. The Rice Medical Foundation, Hospital District, Hospital Executive Board Members, medical staff and all employees would like to extend a sincere

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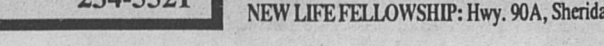
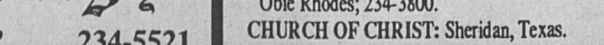
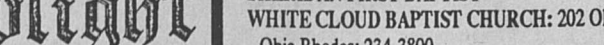
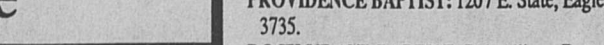
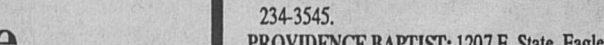
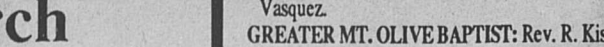
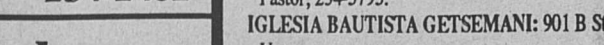
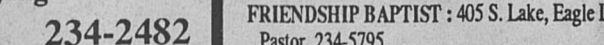
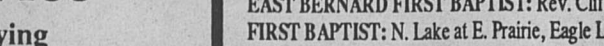
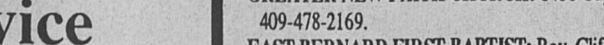
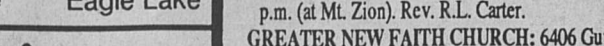
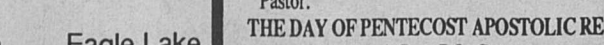
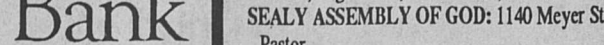
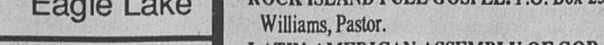
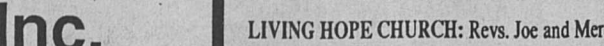
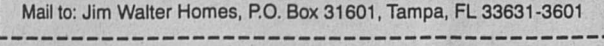
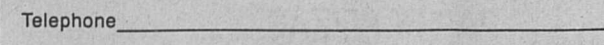
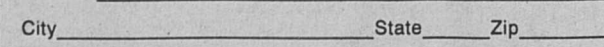
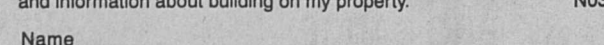
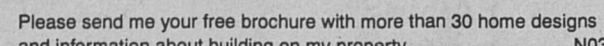
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