

OBITUARIES

George Roswell Burke Jr.

September 4, 1920 - September 1, 1998

George Roswell Burke Jr., 77, of Eagle Lake, passed away Tuesday, September 1, 1998, at 1:47 p.m. at Methodist Hospital of Southern California, in Arcadia, Los Angeles, County, California.

He, his wife and daughter, Elizabeth, had returned from vacationing in Hawaii and were with family in California to celebrate his birthday when Mr. Burke took suddenly ill.

He was born September 4, 1920, in Bay City, Matagorda County, to George R. and Frances (Poole) Burke Sr.

George was raised in Bay City where he graduated from Bay City High School.

He earned an Associate of Arts Degree from Schreiner Institute and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Texas, followed by post graduate work.

He had been an Eagle Lake resident since 1946.

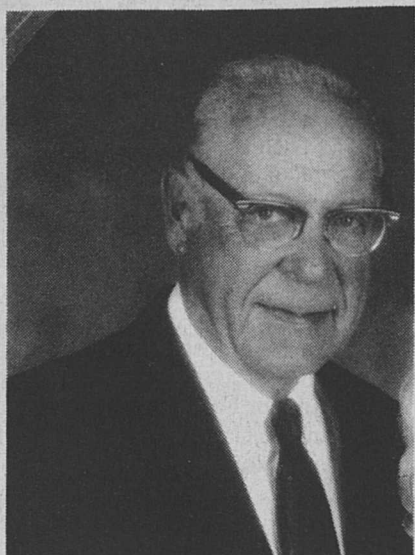
George married Marian Storey Smith on June 1, 1946, in Redlands, California.

George was one of the original founders and past president of the Altair Dryer and past director and president of the Bay City Rice Drying Company.

Mr. Burke had been engaged in farming rice, grain sorghums and soybeans in Wharton and Matagorda Counties along with other interests in farming operations in Colorado and Brazoria Counties.

He was a member of the Denevang Farmers Cooperatives Society, Modern Farmers Coop of El Campo, Matagorda County Farmers Coop of Bay City, LCRA Farm and Ranch Improvement Council for over a decade, Texas Rice Improvement Association and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association for over 40 years.

George was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake



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Mary Frances Stapleton Girndt

September 30, 1916 - August 27, 1998

Mary Frances Stapleton Girndt, 81, of Columbus, passed away Thursday morning, August 27, 1998, at Columbus Community Hospital.

A fifth generation Texan, she was born at her grandparents' home in the Lone Oak community September 30, 1916, the daughter of Robert F. and Emma Lenora (Nora Scheller) Stapleton.

She graduated from Columbus High School in 1933.

On July 12, 1935, she married Gilbert Girndt.

Mrs. Girndt was a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

She and her husband owned and operated Girndt's Bar in downtown Columbus until they retired in 1983.

Mrs. Girndt enjoyed poetry, genealogy and the Houston Astros.

She was a loving wife, devoted mother and loyal friend.

A rosary was recited Friday, August 28, in the Chapel of Henneke Funeral Home.

Services were held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church Saturday,

August 29, with Father Dan Kahlich officiating.

Soloist Stephen Girndt was accompanied by organist Mary Kay Heffley.

Interment followed at the Catholic Cemetery in Columbus.

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

Mrs. Girndt will be sadly missed by her husband; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Gilda and Michael Busch of Houston, Patrice and Roque Castillo of Katy, Jolynn Rogers of Houston and Dana Tully of Hudson, Wisconsin; a brother, Mike Stapleton

and longtime companion, Darlene Peterson of La Vegas, Nevada; three grandchildren, Lisa Castillo, Melinda Tumley and husband, Rob Stacy, and Mark Tully; other relatives and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Gerard Broton, Leonard Girndt Jr., Chuck Klauber, Dennis and Gregory Petrosky, and John Rogers.

To honor her memory, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1-800-342-2383.

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Annie Rucka

June 10, 1905 - August 31, 1998

Annie Rucka, 93, of El Campo, passed away Monday, August 31, 1998.

She was born June 10, 1905, in Shiner to John and Mary Svoboda Roznovsky.

She was a homemaker and member of the Catholic Church and K.J.Z.T.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Louis Rucka; sisters, Mary Roznovsky, Agnes Spurr, Tracy Welfel, Albina Rucka, Adela Staff and Carrie Kutach; and a brother, Albert Roznovsky.

Survivors include a son, Eugene J. Rucka of El Campo; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A rosary was held Wednesday, September 2, at 7 p.m. at Triska Funeral Home in El Campo.

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 4, at 10 a.m. from St. Philip's Catholic Church with Rev. Thu Nguyen and Deacon Jarrell Nohavitzka officiating.

Entombment followed at the Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Triska Funeral Home of El Campo was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Craig Rucka; Dwayne and Keith Klatt; Steven Weinheimer; and Steven and Jeff Socha.

Honorary pallbearers were nieces

and nephews, Cheryl and Ryon Korenek, Melissa Weinheimer and Elmer Ermis.

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ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Kiera Jean and Kyela Nacole Cosby

Announcing the Cosby twins! Daughters of Lori and Darren Cosby were born at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton Monday, August 31, 1998, at 6:10 p.m.

Kiera Jean weighed three pounds, 13 ounces, and measured 17 inches at birth.

Kyela Nacole weighed four pounds, one ounce, and measured 16 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Linda and Harry Davis of North Zulch and Roy and Maxine Baker of Anchorage, Alaska.

Maternal great-grandparents are

Bonnie and Ole Olsen of North Zulch and Nelda and Hume Baker of Sheridan.

Paternal grandparents are Nicki and Terry Mayberry of Port Lavaca and Gayle and Storm Cosby of Lavaca.

Paternal great-grandparents are Lorena Schiller of Madisonville and Rebecca and Robert Davis of Laneville.

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Paul and Sharon Marsalia of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born Monday, August 31, 1998, at 12:37 a.m. in the Katy Medical Center.

Cameron Alysse Marsalia weighed

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Bible Verse of the Week

"Preserve me, O God; for in thee do I put my trust."

— Psalms 16:1

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