

OBITUARIES

Abbie Lee Adams

January 24, 1908 - July 4, 1999

Abbie Lee Adams, 91, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 8:42 a.m. Sunday, July 4, 1999 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

She was born January 24, 1908 in Brown Chapel in Lavaca County to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Simmons.

A lifelong resident of the area, she was a member and faithful servant of the Church of God of Oakland.

She united with the church at a very early age under the pastorage of H.H. Watkins and worked up until her health failed her as Church Secretary and Mother of the Church.

She was married to Lite Stevens. To this union, three children were born.

She then married James Adams and one child was born, Shellie.

A loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother, she will be long remembered and missed by all whose lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband; three children, James, Gracie B. and Junior; grand-

daughter, Pauline King; and great grandson, Clarence Spruill.

Survivors include a son, Shellie Adams of Houston; grandchildren, Clara R. Lee, Rosie Spruill, James, June, Gracie M. and Charlie Lewis, Linda Sattiewhite, Karen G., Nicole, Aaron, Shellie R., Leola, Dino and Zena Adams; 26 great-grandchildren; a host of great-great grandchildren; nieces; nephews; other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 10, at 1 p.m. from the Church of God in Christ in Oakland with Rev. Charles Phillip, Pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in Brown Chapel Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake. Friends may call after 12 noon Friday, July 9.

Scheduled pallbearers are James S. Lewis, Jerome McAfee, Xavier Smith, Ira Cotton, Billie King and James Lewis.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Rita Lavon Hemphill Thibodeaux

October 15, 1956 - June 17, 1999

Rita Lavon Hemphill Thibodeaux, of Eagle Lake, passed away Thursday, June 17, 1999.

Rita Lavon Hemphill was born to Preston and Rosie Amos Hemphill on October 15, 1956 in Eagle Lake.

She confessed Christ at an early age at White Cloud Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Obie



Rhodes. She worked with the Baptist Young People Union, Jr. Mission and the choir. Her favorite song was "Precious Lord".

Rita later moved to Houston and united with Mt. Carmel in 1987 under the leadership of Rev. Burnside. There, she worked as an usher until 1992.

Rita was a 1975 graduate of Rice High School and attended Houston Community College in Business.

Rita was employed at Wayland Hancock Insurance, Southern Life Insurance (Now Reliable) and Eagle Lake Insurance Associates.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Rosie Amos; and grandparents, Frank and Erma Amos and James and Martha Hemphill.

Rita leaves to cherish her memory, a husband, Wilbert Thibodeaux Jr.; a daughter, Renesha Thibodeaux; a son, Wilbert Thibodeaux III; her father, Preston Hemphill Sr.; one sister, Melva Hemphill of Houston; five brothers, Preston Hemphill Jr. and wife, Betty of Vacaville, Calif., Michael Hemphill of Columbus, Craig Hemphill of Wharton, Ar Raheen Connors of Houston, and Renaldo Hemphill of Elm Grove; a nephew she raised, Brian Hemphill; Ms. Doris Jean Strait, a favorite mother figure; aunts and uncles, Francis Teague, Mr. McHenry and Ann and Bobby Thompson of Dallas, Pam and Charles Parker of

San Jose, Calif., Dale Hemphill of Houston, Willie B. (Robert) of Rosenberg, Dorothy Amos of Houston and Jerline Amos Binkley of Altair; five uncles and aunts, Garland and Darlene Hemphill, Robert and Betty Hemphill of Dallas, Milton Amos of Houston, Frankie De and Dorothy Amos of Sealy, Ernest and Gale Amos of Missouri City; two great aunts, Jennie B. Hemphill and Mr. Tyne Hemphill; God-Brother, Aaron Burton of Lissie; very dedicated and loving in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Thibodeaux; and a host of nieces; nephews; relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 26, at 11 a.m. from the White Cloud Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Obie Rhodes, Pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in Williams Paradise Cemetery in Vox Populi.

Arrangements were under the direction of Lakeside Mortuary in Eagle Lake.

Pallbearers were Ollie Williams Jr.; Gregory, Robert Jr. and Tilford Hemphill; Dave Curry; Rev. Goldenstone Davis; Rev. Demetria Cotton; Victor Davis; David Johnson; Rev. Prince McDowell; and Kenneth Cavit.

Honorary pallbearers were Preston Jr., Renaldo, Brian, Michael and Craig Hemphill; Ar Raheen Connors; Frankie Dee and Ernest Amos; and Clarence Davidson Jr.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Sister Ida Mae Gant

March 19, 1924 - June 28, 1999

During the evening of June 28, 1999 Ida Mae Gant was called to eternal rest where she will join the other Saints of God.

On March 19, 1924, Ida Mae was born to Alice Fitzgerald and Richard Rogers.

At an early age, she confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized at Mt. Mariah Baptist Church. She loved her church and was a faithful servant until her untimely passing, under the pas-

torage of the Rev. Jones, Rev. I.H. Woodfolk and Rev. Larry Davies.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to James Gant.

In her lifetime of working in the church, she served as a Tribe Leader, Secretary of Mission, Senior Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent of Sunday School, Sunday School Secretary and Senior Choir.

She was known and liked by her relatives, citizens of the community, and members of many religious organizations. She always enjoyed serving the Lord and giving her time wherever needed. She was an inspiration to mankind.

Ida Mae loved her family, church, her pastor and his wife, and made her presence known in a spiritual manner whenever in service.

She will truly be missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, mother, father and step-mother, whom she loved as a mother, Alice Fitzgerald; Richard and Estell Rogers; two sons, Larry Jackson and James Barry Gant; a grandchild, Tammy Jackson; one sister and brother-in-law, Betty Lou and Robert Matthews; and one brother, Nathaniel Hardison.

Survivors include five daughters, Betty Banks and Yvonne Jackson of Columbus, Catherine Roy of Alleyton, Linda Flemons of Houston and Alice Williams of Eagle Lake; two sons, Patrick Gant of Alleyton and Joseph Wayne Gant of Houston; 16 grandchildren, Charlotte and John Carr, Alfred, Dana, Sonya, Veronica, Curtis, Rosalyn, Myi-Eisha, and Derrick Johnson, Pamela Ellis, Brandy Roy, Deon and Kevin Williams, Joseph James "J.J." Gant and Ebony Williams; 20 great-grandchildren; two sisters and two brothers-in-law, Darcy and Edward Hanna, Pauline and Sylvester Newman; and two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Rudolph and Ella Mae Rogers and Eddie and Clotile Rogers of Houston; two loving and devoted nephews who she loved as her own, Wilbert and Joselyn Matthews and Isaac and Vera Matthews; one niece; six nephews; two God Children, Christal and Britney Melveaux and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 3 at 1 p.m., from Mt. Mariah Baptist Church in Alleyton with Rev. Larry Davies, Pastor officiating. Burial followed at Alleyton Cemetery in Alleyton. Arrangements were under the direction of Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were John Carr, Michael Freeman, Isaac and Wilbert Matthews, Sylvester Newman and James Lee Roy.

Honorary pallbearers were Edward Hanna, Joseph James "J.J." Gant, Alfred, Curtis, Derrick, Dominick, Terrance and Terrell Jackson, Rudolph and Eddie Rogers, Deon and Kevin Williams.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Sister Emma Isreal

On December 25, 1903, in Seguin, Emma Isreal was born to Margie Ann and John Woods.

She was united in marriage to Lorenza Isreal on October 21, 1922. She attended the Seguin School.

She confessed religion at an early age at Pentecostal Church of Christ.

After she married, she joined White Cloud Baptist Church where she was an active member, serving as President of the Mission Board until her health failed.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Mary Lee, Liza, Rose and Ida; and brothers, L.V., Lewis and Eugene.

Survivors include one daughter, Gerline Thomas of Austin; one step-son, Stanley Howard and wife of Kendleton; grandchildren, Emma Lee Wauls of Garwood, Robert Isreal, James, Henry and Jimmy Kuykendall

of Austin and Marcus York of Eagle Lake; eight great-grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces; nephews; relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 1, at 11 a.m. from White Cloud Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Obie Rhodes, Pastor, officiating.

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

Pallbearers were Eric Isreal; Johnell Dogins; Malcolm Thomas; Victor and Clarence Davis; Royce Ashton and Kendrick Pippins.

Honorary pallbearers were family and friends.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Raymond H. Waddell

Raymond H. Waddell, 80, of Eagle Lake, passed away Tuesday, July 6, 1999 at his residence.

Services were pending as of press time.

A full obituary will follow in next

week's *Headlight*.

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

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Lucille C. Baumgarten

May 3, 1917 - June 28, 1999

Lucille C. Baumgarten, 82, of Garwood, passed away Wednesday, June 28, 1999.

She was born May 3, 1917 in Moulton to Ed and Annie Genzer Lobpries.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wilson Paul Baumgarten Sr.; and a sister, Ella Blackburn.

Survivors include her sons, Kenneth and W. Paul Baumgarten Jr. of Garwood; sisters, Lydia Laake of Columbus, Elaine Steinmann of Schulenburg, Elaine Meyers of La Grange and Helen Green of El Campo; brothers, Victor Lobpries of El Campo and Fritz Lobpries of La Grange; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A Parish Rosary was held Thursday, July 1, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 1, at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Joe Koebel officiating.

Burial followed at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Triska Funeral Home, El Campo.

Pallbearers were Gerald Green; Clay Coffman; David Blackburn; Doug and Brad Baumgarten; and James Janda.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund or the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLIC REVIVAL: FM 102 S, Matthews, 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion). Rev. R.L. Carter.
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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard.
CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary: 308 N. Stevenson Eagle Lake; 7 a.m. (Español), 9 a.m., 11 a.m., Rev. Eddie Winkler, 310 N. Stevenson, 409-234-2842.
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada, 758-3218. Rev. Joseph Koebel, Pastor.
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GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, 234-3381; Rev. Clements Richards.
LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. Worship.
Rev. Paul A. Lynn, Pastor.
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368.
VINE OF THE LORD: Rev. Paul Aguilar, 1300 E. State, Eagle Lake; 234-7543.
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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 West St., Sealy; Marshall Crosby, Branch Pres.
CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus. Lynn Wilson, Minister.
THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Non-denominational Christian Fellowship; 217 Main, Sealy. Frank Lucas, Pastor. 885-7873.

HERITAGE HOUSE NEWS

By Linda Tillman
Activity Director

May 7: Residents attended a Senior Bash in Bay City along with other nursing homes from surrounding areas. They had lots of fun playing games, singing, and dancing. All the activities were followed by a picnic lunch and door prizes.

May 9: Heritage House honored two of our lady residents on Mother's Day. The oldest and youngest mother. Each one was given a corsage and cake with all the trimmings and tea. All our mothers celebrated Mother's Day together.

May 10: Nursing Home Week (See HH News, Page 5)

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