

OBITUARIES

Ellana Irene Johnson Ragland

February 12, 1958 - November 27, 1999

Ellana Irene Johnson Ragland, 41, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away Saturday, November 27, 1999 at her residence.

She was born February 12, 1958 in Eagle Lake to Ralph and Jeanette Causey Johnson.

Ellana attended Eagle Lake

schools and graduated in 1976 from Rice High School with honors.

She earned a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from University of Texas at Austin, completed Law School at George Mason University in Virginia and maintained a private law practice until her death.

Lover of the arts, novice sailor, extraordinary parent, competent attorney, loving and generous mother, wife, daughter, sister, aunt and friend, she was known for her strong faith in God, patience, kindness, generosity, energy, consistency, humor and optimism. She celebrated her life and family daily and was loved by many and will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jeanette Causey Johnson; brother, Russell Keith Johnson; grandparents, Charles and Ida Isenhower Causey, Albert Johnson; Bobby Taylor Mahon and Lothlen B. Mahon.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald Ragland, of Alexandria, Virginia; daughter, Molly Irene Jepsen of Alexandria, Virginia; father and mother, Ralph and Bobby Johnson of Eagle Lake; brother, Bryan Johnson of Victoria; sister, Joy Engelbrecht of Wallis; nephews, Todd Mathews of Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and Eric Johnson of Victoria; grandmother, Jennie Irene Johnson of Abingdon, Illinois; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service was held in Alexandria, Virginia, December 3.

A local memorial service was held at the Lissie United Methodist Church December 5, 1999.

Following cremation, her ashes were divided and scattered in Virginia and Texas, as she requested.

Her Texas relatives request memorials be made to Lissie United Methodist Church and/or the Eula and David Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake; two places Ellana always visited when she was here.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Bible Verse of the Week

"No one knows the date and hour when the end will be, not even the angels, nor God's Son, only the Father knows." — Matthew 24:36
Submitted by Neddy Phillips

Hazel Daniels Williams

October 4, 1932 - November 25, 1999

Hazel Daniels Williams, of Eagle Lake, departed this life at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, November 25, 1999 at the Heritage House in Eagle Lake.

She was born October 4, 1932 in Wharton County to Lt. Daniels and Elizabeth Lemons Daniels Simpson.

Hazel grew up in Elm Grove and the Eldridge Community and later moved to Eagle Lake with her parents. She attended school in Matthews and Eagle Lake.

She was united in marriage to Odine Hawkins. To this union, one daughter was born.

In later years, she married Henry Williams Jr.

Hazel accepted Christ at an early age, was baptized by Rev. N. Boulden and united with the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Eldridge.

After moving to Eagle Lake, she united with Union Baptist No. 2, now Providence Baptist Church, Rev. Coby Shorter Jr., pastor. Hazel served as the Bible Band President for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Odine and Henry; and a daughter.

Survivors include her dear sister and brother-in-law, Luester and John Henry Austin of Eagle Lake; a brother, Johnnie Johnson of Ferris, California; a special aunt, Annie Malone of Eagle Lake; and a special sister-in-law, Lina Mae Johnson of Seattle, Washington.

Other family members include three aunts, Thelma La Monte of Fort Worth, Lena Mae Hurd of Houston and Blanche Allen of Victoria; three uncles, Zachary Williams of Washington, D.C., Jody Daniels of San Antonio and Euwell Daniels of Dallas; one sister-in-law, Ethel B. Farmby of Wharton; one brother-in-law, Lee Williams of Eagle Lake; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 1, at 12 p.m. from Providence Baptist Church with Rev. Coby Shorter Jr., pastor, officiating. Interment followed at Elm Grove Community Cemetery.

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

Serving as pallbearers were

Donald and Keith Austin; Marlon and Cory Robinson; and Shawn and Johnnie Johnson Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were John

Henry Austin, Roosevelt Carson Jr., Gerald Robinson and Harcell and Robert Montgomery Jr.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss



ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Meagan Raye Gonzales

Lorena and Juan Gonzales of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born at 1:58 p.m. November 22, 1999 at Rice Medical Center.

Meagan Raye weighed eight pounds, three ounces and measured 21-1/2 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by Edgar P., age six; and Selenia Ivette, 18 months old.

Maternal grandparents are Maria Magana of Houston and the late Juquin Hinojosa.

Paternal grandparents are Mary Jane and Gilberto Vargas of Eagle Lake. Great grandparents are Lalo and Francisca Gonzales of Eagle Lake.

Jeremy Jessie Gonzales Jr.

Veronica and Jeremy Jessie Gonzales of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born at 8 p.m. November 27, 1999 at Rice Medical Center.

Jeremy Jessie Jr. weighed nine pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21-1/4 inches at birth.

His maternal grandparent is Valentin Juanita Cerna of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Robert and Stella Rodriguez of Eagle Lake and Frank and Lydia Torres of Columbus.

Great grandparents are Andres and Margarita Cerna and Reynaldo and Ester Benitez of Mexico, Olivia Gonzales of Sealy, and Jessie and Josephine Rodriguez of Eagle Lake.

JáJuan Chrisshaud Hampton

James and DaMetra Shorter Hampton are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a son, born at 1:16 p.m. November 3, 1999 at Rice Medical Center.

JáJuan Chrisshaud weighed eight pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20-1/4 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Ja'Meah Chrissae, age one.

Maternal grandparents are Hollis Shorter of El Campo and Willie Lee Shorter of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are James Hampton Sr. of Bonus and Eloise McCullough of Bonus.

Great grandparent is Willie Lee Johnson of Eagle Lake.

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LIVING HOPE CHURCH: Revs. Joe and Mercy Flung; 234-5536.
TEMPLE BERE: 621 Maple Street, Eagle Lake. Lic. Manuel Matamoros.
ROCK ISLAND FULL GOSPEL: P.O. Box 232, Rock Island; 234-5840; Nick Williams, Pastor.
LATIN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD (Bethlehem of Judea Church): 1000 East E. Eagle Lake; Ruth Olivera, Pastor.
SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 1140 Meyer, Sealy; Warren Richardson, Pastor.
THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLIC REVIVAL: FM 102 S., Matthews, 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion). Rev. R.L. Carter.
GREATER NEW FAITH CHURCH: 6406 Guylar, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears. 409-478-2169.
EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST: Rev. Clifford Roser.
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FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST: 405 S. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. Earl Shorter, Jr., Pastor. 234-5795.
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CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Guadalupe Sanctuary: corner of Guadalupe & Murphy, Eagle Lake; 7 a.m. (Español), 9 a.m., 11 a.m., Rev. Eddie Winkler, P.O. Box 307; 409-234-2842.
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada, 758-3218. Rev. Joseph Koebel, Pastor.
CHRIST EPISCOPAL: 306 E. Stockbridge.
GOSPEL MISSION CHURCH: Pastors Erik & Crystal Cameron; 510 E. Prairie, Eagle Lake, 409-234-3225 or 234-2824.
GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, 234-3381; Services begin at 10 a.m.; Rev. Clements Richards.
LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. worship.
Rev. Paul A. Lynn, Pastor.
LISSIE UNITED METHODIST: Bill Ramsey, Pastor; 234-2112; Lissie, Tx.
ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Sellers Jr., Lay-Pastor.
UNITED METHODIST: Paul A. Lynn, Pastor, 200 W. Prairie; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368
VINE OF THE LORD: Rev. Paul Aguilar, 1300 E. State, Eagle Lake; 234-7543
FRIENDSHIP A-G: 501 Wallace, East Bernard. Fred Chambers, Pastor.
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.

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drum major, Donna Danklefs...
The Eagle Lake Post Office has one promotion and two new employees to announce this week. Postmaster Robert S. Martin said that V.J. (Jiggs) Kana has been promoted to the position of full-time clerk, filling the vacancy created by the recent retirement of J.B. Wesson. The new employees are Larry A. Uhlbig of the Bernardo community and Jim Matis, son of Mr. & Mrs. James A. Matis of Eagle Lake...
Kay Cook, daughter of Mrs. Ann Kocurek of Houston, and Randy Briggs were united in marriage on Saturday, Sept. 21, in the home of the groom's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Leroy

Briggs...
Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Glueck Sr. of Cat Spring announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Therese, to Rich Ferrell, son of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Ferrell of Texarkana. A Nov. 23 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake...
Miss Nita Kay Dye, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lorell Dye, visited for two and a half weeks in Aug. in Hollywood, California with her sister, Mrs. Fred Claassen and Mr. Claassen. Nita had the opportunity to have her picture taken with McClain Stevenson, a star on the TV series MASH...

Much discussion has transpired over Federal Aid to Education in the last few years. These five ladies are certainly a plus in favor of Federal Aid as they compose over 25% of the Eagle Lake Primary School Instructional faculty and staff. They include Mrs. Debra Smith, Mrs. Janet Schorlemmer, Mrs. LaWanda McCowan, Mrs. Gladystene Lockett and Mrs. Jennifer Polnick...
At 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24, Miss Melissa Ann Edwards became the bride of Carl Douglas Holt in the home of T.C. Holts of Sheridan.

Nov. 22, 1951
Cong. Clark Thompson and Post Office Inspector W.S. Watkins met with C. of C. committee and agreed that a new and adequate postoffice for Eagle Lake is badly needed...
Hundred new mail boxes were installed as temporary relief...
11.5 Miles of extension of FM 155 was authorized by the Highway Commission...
E.A. Gibson has improved after a fall from an oil rig...
City health officer Dr. J.C. Laughlin and County Health Nurse Grace Towell administered vaccination shots to school children...
Deer hunters pack in deer. W.S. Gordy and J.H. Ware were among the first to make kills...
Last rites were held for Mrs. S.A. Davidson...

City Council voted to install parking meters on a six-months trial basis...
Miss Martha Lou Morrison and Pvt. Joe Duncan exchanged vows in Bay City rites...
T.W. Scotts held a pre-season deer barbecue at their camp...
The Tuesday Bridge Club met with Mrs. M.L. Heiman in Garwood...
Bonnie Blanchard had a party on her tenth birthday at Sheridan...
Miss Betty Muesse and Walter Hoffman are wed in Nada...
Lions heard the Rev. D. Rhea Allison speak on trip to England...
The Lissie Church Women's Society met at the home of Mrs. J.W. Adkins to wrap gifts for New Mexico mission school...
Mrs. Tom Waddell is back in the hospital in Galveston...
Jack C. Anderson is a new salesman at Universal Motors...
Miss Coraphine McDonald was named 1951-52 football queen by the Eagles football team.

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