

OBITUARIES

Ellison Penn Bentley

September 9, 1905 - May 28, 2000

Ellison Penn Bentley, 94, of Eagle Lake, passed away Sunday, May 28, 2000 at Autumn Hills Convalescent Home in Friendswood.

In 1889, Mr. Bentley's father, Charles Wesley Bentley, moved from Forsyth County, Georgia, to Cass County, Texas, where, following the death of his first wife, he married Tecora "Cora" Susan Simmons in 1892.

On September 9, 1905, in Atlanta, Texas, Ellison Penn Bentley was born to this union.

Ellison's father was born in 1856 and Ellison died in 2000. Thus, the two generations of their lives spanned 144 years in three different centuries.

In 1915, the Bentley family was living in Eagle Lake, where Ellison attended school in 1924, graduating from Eagle Lake High School.

In Eagle Lake, Ellison met Mae Clark, a young school music teacher from Polk County, Nebraska, and on April 14, 1928, they were married.

Their only daughter, Susan Jane Bentley Flynn, was born in the Bentley family boarding house, now part of

the Bentley-Farris Hotel in Eagle Lake.

In 1933, the Bentleys left Eagle Lake and, over the next 67 years, resided throughout Texas.

In the 1930s and early 1940s, Mr. Bentley was employed as a surveyor for the Texas Highway Department, which took him over much of the state.

In 1944, he joined Neches Butane in Port Neches as drafting supervisor and retired from there in 1970.

They then resided in Wildwood for nine years before moving to Denton. In 1992, they moved to Friendswood.

Following Mrs. Bentley's death in 1995, Mr. Bentley resided with his daughter and son-in-law in Pearland until his move to Autumn Hills in March 2000.

Throughout his life, Mr. Bentley was active in the Baptist Church as a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher. He was a member of the First Baptist Churches of Beaumont and Nederland. In 1971, he was a founding member of Wildwood Baptist Church in Wildwood, Texas, and in 1980, a

charter member of Southmont Baptist Church in Denton.

Most recently, he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Friendswood, where at the time of his death, he was the eldest male member of the church.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Henry Flynn, and granddaughters, Linda Flynn Clark of Pearland, Clarke Flynn Hines of Baytown and Kate Flynn Taylor of Greeley, Colorado; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Corrine Bentley Lynch of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, from Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Pastor Norman Fry of the First

Baptist Church of Friendswood officiating.

Interment was to follow in the Masonic Cemetery in Eagle Lake, where he will be laid to rest by his wife of 67 years.

Dulany Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 2, at the First Baptist Church of Friendswood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Southeast Houston, 1028 Edgebrook, Houston, Texas 77034.

Mr. Bentley was truly a godly man who was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends in their loss.

Clarissa Yaleida Cortez

June 19, 1998 - May 17, 2000

Clarissa Yaleida Cortez, 1 year and 11 months, of Edna (formerly of Eagle Lake), passed away Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at 11 p.m. at Hermann Hospital in Houston.

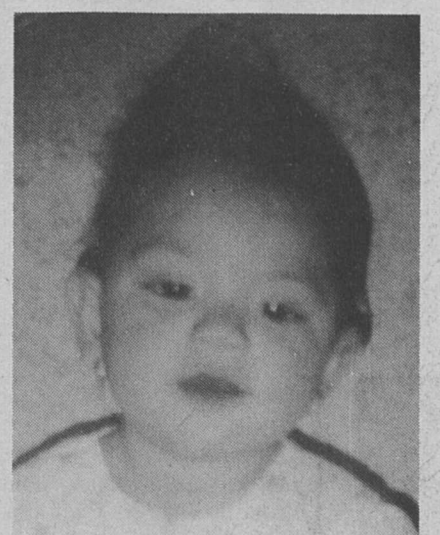
She was born June 19, 1998 in Richmond to Ray Lalo Gutierrez and Violeta Cortez.

Survivors include her mother, Violeta, and father, Roy, of Eagle Lake; grandparents, Gabriel and Guadalupe Cortez of Monterrey, Mexico, and Matilda Cedillo of Eagle Lake; great-grandparents, San Juana Estrada of Eagle Lake and Gabriel Cortez and San Juana Cortez of Monterrey, Mexico; a host of aunts, uncles, other relatives and loved ones.

A vigil service was held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake led by Rev. Eddie Winkler, assisted by Cantor Maria de la Paz Nunez and Lector Carmen Nunez.

Funeral services were held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21, from the Eagle Lake Roman Catholic Church of Nativity's Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary with Rev. Winkler presiding.

Other ministers included, Maria



de la Paz Nunez, lector; Patty Stephens, organist; and Carmen Nunez, cantor.

Interment followed in the Babyland Section of Lakeside Cemetery, Eagle Lake.

Pallbearers were Mark Kucherka; Gabriel Cortez; and Omar and David Llanos.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Tillie Herring Drymalla

December 2, 1908 - May 22, 2000

Tillie Herring Drymalla, 91, of Fayetteville, formerly of Eagle Lake, passed away Monday, May 22, 2000 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

She was born December 2, 1908 in Borden to John L. and Hedwig Matzke Herring.

Tillie and Rublee P. Drymalla were married April 19, 1938.

She was a homemaker and member of St. John Catholic Church in Fayetteville and the Fayetteville St. John Altar Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dec. 2, 1993; brothers, Joe and George Herring; infant brothers, Edward, Edwin and Leon Herring; and sisters, Josephine Guenther, Mary Banse and Adele Klumple.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Irene and Louis Polansky of Fayetteville; sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny and Louise Drymalla of Spring and Leroy and Jennelle Drymalla of Houston; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Herring of Pasadena; brother-in-law, Edgar Klumple of Stafford; grandchildren, Chris and Eric Drymalla, Dena Lathrop and Kristen Thomas; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, from St. John Catholic Church in Fayetteville with Msgr. Ben Mazurkiewicz officiating.

Interment followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Henneke Funeral Home, Columbus, was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Larry and Allen Hoelscher; Eric and Chris Drymalla; Tim Thomas; and Wilfred Luedecke.

Honorary pallbearers were Leo and Terry Davidson; Leon Herring; George Holub; and John Gully.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Annie Sue Frazar Gerardi

April 17, 1906 - May 8, 2000

Annie Sue Frazar Gerardi, 94, of Miami, Florida, passed away Monday, May 8, 2000.

Gerardi grew up in Eagle Lake while living with her mother, Mrs. Susie Frazar, attended Eagle Lake schools, then married Sellers Wallace in San Antonio.

To this union, a son, Stewart Frazar Wallace, was born in 1924.

In 1946, she married Nicholas Gerardi and had been a resident of Miami for the past 53 years.

For quite a few years, they owned and operated the College Coffee Shop in Coral Gables, Florida. After selling the cafe, she became a homemaker and traveler.

Sue was raised in the First Baptist

Church of Eagle Lake, until she moved to San Antonio. After a long absence, she renewed her faith in Jesus Christ in the 1970s.

Preceded in death by her mother, a brother, Robert, and a sister, Ann, she is survived by her husband, Nick, and son, Frazar, of Kingsville.

Following cremation, family and friends assembled for graveside services at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 21, at the Masonic Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Rev. Brent Beasley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, officiated.

Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Augustine O. Sosa

May 28, 1935 - May 21, 2000

Augustine O. Sosa, 64, of Wharton died Sunday, May 21, 2000 in Wharton following a sudden illness.

He was born May 28, 1935 in Altair to Alejandro and Elvira Orozco Sosa.

Sosa had been a resident of Wharton for the past 38 years and was a member of the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church there.

He worked as an assemblyman at the Leedo Mfg. Co. in East Bernard for the past 15 years.

He was raised in Eagle Lake before moving to Wharton and has numerous family members in the area.

Survivors include a daughter, Denida Yvette Sosa Medrano of Virginia Beach, Virginia; sons, Earl Anthony Sosa of Wharton, Michael Christopher Sosa of San Angelo and Robert James Sosa of Twenty Nine Palms, California; sisters, Maria Vargas and Betty Quezada of Houston and Juanita Castro of Wharton; a brother, Joe Sosa of Houston; grandchildren, Russell Anthony, Amber Nicole and Robert James Sosa II.

A Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Friday, May 26, at the Chapel of the Wharton Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 27, from Mt. Carmel Catholic Church with Father Jim Blocher officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery in Wharton.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Wharton Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Denida Medrano; Michael and Robert Sosa; and Skip, Pasqual and Felipe Castro.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Edwin Darrow 'Corkey' Varley

April 14, 1929 - May 26, 2000

Edwin Darrow "Corkey" Varley, 71, of Hawkins, Texas, passed away Friday, May 26, 2000 in Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

He was born April 14, 1929 in Sheridan to Thomas and Opal Self Varley.

"Corkey" was a retired engineer for the Texas Highway Department, a member of the Baptist Church and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Deborah Diane.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Varley of Hawkins; sons, Charles Wayne Scott of Whitehouse, Texas, and Ronald Dean Scott of Ada, Oklahoma; daughters, Vicki Hatfield of Hawkins, Brenda Gates of League City, Terri Phillips of Texas City, Sherian Cross of Dallas, and Melinda Lee Thompson and Nelda Faye Scott of Bastrop; brothers, Dean and Larry Varley of Sheridan and Richard Varley of Grapeland; sisters, Bernice McCauley and Virginia Varley of Sheridan and Linda Newman of Wyoming; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 28, from the Chapel of English Funeral Home in Hawkins with Dr. Gary O'Day officiating.

Graveside services and interment followed in Cheatham Cemetery in Sheridan at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 30, with Rev. Mack Helms, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sheridan, officiating.

Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake was in charge of local arrangements.

Honorary pallbearers were Jeremiah Lynn Smith; Christopher and Nathan Gates; Quinton Scott; Robbie Cross; Christopher Joe; and Trey and Joe Thompson.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Rice Medical Center Welcomes Dr. Ramon O. Cantu & Family

Rice Medical Center, the Medical Staff and all RMC Associates are preparing to welcome Dr. Ramon O. Cantu and his family to Eagle Lake. Dr. Cantu is presently providing Emergency Room coverage at Rice Medical Center and is also seeing patients at the Rice Medical Associates Thomas Clinic one or two weekends each month. Dr. Cantu will be at Rice Medical Center full time starting July 3, 2000.



Dr. Cantu, his wife, Danette, daughter, Cassandra, and son, Daniel

Dr. Cantu earned a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in biology from St. Mary's University in San Antonio in 1990. He graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Michigan State University in 1997 and will complete his residency in Family Practice at Corpus Christi Medical Center in June, 2000.

"We are very excited about my opportunity to practice medicine at Rice Medical Center," says Dr. Cantu. "My wife, Danette (formerly Danette Glueck), is from the Columbus/Cat Spring area and she is very happy that we are returning to this area. We have purchased land between Eagle Lake and Columbus and hopefully will be able to start building our home within the next year. I have met many of the people in the area and I'm ready to settle in and start my practice."

Appointments with Dr. Cantu may be made by calling the Rice Medical Associates Thomas Clinic at 979-234-2551.

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