

# OBITUARIES

## Hubert F. Braden

August 6, 1937 - May 25, 2000

Hubert F. Braden, 62, of Bernardo, passed away Thursday, May 25, 2000 at Columbus Community Hospital.

He was born August 6, 1937 in Bernardo to Hubert Frank Sr. and Gertrude Hennecke Braden.

A graduate of Columbus High School, he played football and was catcher for the baseball team. He also played baseball for the Bernardo Hurricanes.

He and Mary Ann Jasek were married August 30, 1969.

An employee of Tornado Technology, he was a farmer and rancher and member of Knights of Columbus in Mentz #10249 and St. Roch's Catholic Church in Mentz and a U.S. Army veteran.

Preceded in death by his parents, he is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; son, Eric Christopher Braden of Bernardo; sister and brother-in-law, Marie and Jack Whiteley of La Marque; three nieces; one nephew; mother-in-law, Mathilda Jasek of the Brushy Community; and a brother-in-law, Robert T. Jasek of Fayetteville.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 27, at 10 a.m. from St. Roch's Catholic Church in Mentz with Fathers Wayne Flagg and Pat Braden officiating.

Interment followed in St. Roch's Catholic Cemetery.

Hennecke Funeral Home, Columbus, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Keith Bailey, Carlos Froebel, James Harbich, Delton Hollmann Jr., Robert Meyer, Jody Ripper, Edwin Vaclavik and Larry Uhlig. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## James L. 'Bubba' Bunge Sr.

June 8, 1915 - June 3, 2000

James L. "Bubba" Bunge Sr., 84, of Schulenburg and longtime resident of Garwood, passed away Saturday, June 3, 2000 at Regency Nursing Center in Schulenburg.

He was born June 8, 1915 in Eagle Lake to Louis P. and Ida Marie Heller Bunge.

A graduate of Eagle Lake High School with the Class of 1933, he married Loris Marie Nutter and resided in Wichita Falls for almost 10 years, where their two children were born.

The family returned to Garwood where he managed his ranch property north of there.

Beginning in the 1940s, he ran cattle and farmed rice, in addition to other agricultural products, much as his father and brothers did before him.

Several years ago, he started a now-successful gravel mining operation that encompasses his and adjoining relatives' land.

He and wife loved to travel and did so extensively during their middle years covering the U.S., Hawaii, Europe and South America.

Bunge was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Loueva Bunge; brothers, Oscar A. "Buster" Bunge and Lester P.W. Bunge Sr.; and a granddaughter, Dana Marie McMillon.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 67 years, Loris Marie Nutter Bunge of Schulenburg; daughter, Betty Ruth Bunge Meadows and husband, Dean, of Baytown; son, James Louis Bunge Jr. and wife, JoAnn, of Garwood; grandchildren, James Louis Bunge III, and wife, Tanya, of Garwood, Judy Bunge of San Antonio and Linda Loris Pratt and husband, Michael Dion, of Baytown; great grandchildren, Briana, Bethany and Blair Bunge and Kagen and Louis Pratt; sister, Geneva Bunge of Schulenburg; sister-in-law, Mrs. Lester "Margaret" Bunge of Garwood; niece and nephews, Carol Halla of Schulenburg, Oscar Bunge of Wharton and Lester Bunge of Garwood; other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 6, at 10 a.m. from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home with Rev. Eddie Winkler, pastor, Roman Catholic Parish of the Nativity of Eagle Lake, officiating.

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

Pallbearers were James Louis III, Oscar and Lester Bunge; Michael Dion Pratt; Jerry Zbrank; and Frank Kasmiersky.

Honorary pallbearer was Joshua Smith.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Victor Ludwig Mascheck

June 11, 1927 - May 30, 2000

Victor Ludwig Mascheck, 72, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 11:55 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, 2000 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

He was born June 11, 1927 in Fayetteville to Louis and Christina Zbrank Mascheck.

Victor attended school in Fayetteville and joined the Army in 1946, serving honorably in the Pacific Theatre of Operations.

May 18, 1948, he married Vlasta Klimek in Fayetteville.

Victor owned and operated the Mascheck-Marx Service Station in Eagle Lake for many years prior to his retirement in 1994 and was a member of the VFW Post #8783 of Eagle Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Cynthia Randall; son, Victor Ray Mascheck; granddaughter, Shannon Mascheck; sister, Laura; and brothers, Hugo, Daniel, Norris and Louis.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 52 years, Vlasta, of Eagle Lake; daughter and son-in-law, Lucy and Jerry Gilmore of Houston; sons and daughters-in-law, Pat and Katherine Mascheck of Eagle Lake and Carl and Marchell Mascheck of Houston; sisters, Mary Ruether of Columbus and Angeline Ruether of Carmine; granddaughter, Vickie Jones and husband, Roy, of Magnolia; three step-grandchildren, Jennifer, Kevin and Taye; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Graveside services were held Friday, June 2, at 10 a.m. from Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake with Rev. Stephen R. Whitfield, rector of Christ Episcopal Church of Eagle Lake, officiating.

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

Honorary pallbearers were David Hengst, Paul Marx, Robert Samuel Martin, A.J. Williams, R. E. Altman and El Gene Sommerfield.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be made to your favorite charity.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Lilly Olsen

August 10, 1902 - May 30, 2000

Lilly Olsen, 97, died Tuesday, May 30, 2000 at the Yoakum Hospital in Yoakum.

Born August 10, 1902 in the Bronx, New York, she was the daughter of John and Torborg Larsen Olsen.

She came to Texas with her family in the early 1900s, the last of the Norwegian families coming from New York to Texas to settle in Rock Island where they made their home and lived for many years.

Lilly graduated from Sam Houston State College with a teaching degree. She first taught in a New York school, then in several Texas schools and, for many years, in the Rock Island public school from which she retired.

Students from far and wide will always remember "Miss Lilly" (as they affectionally called her) as she taught and inspired them and touched the lives of so many.

A member of the Retired Teachers Association, Miss Olsen continued to live in her Rock Island home until 1986 when she moved to Shiner, making her home at Trinity Lutheran Villages. She lived there until she went into the nursing home in 1999.

Lilly Olsen was a wonderful person and good Christian lady who was very knowledgeable and interested in current news and events about the government and her community and stayed active in community and church work.

She was secretary and very involved with the Myrtle Cemetery Association in Rock Island for many years. She was also helpful with the compilation of "Rock Island Memoirs" (a booklet which came out in 1996 celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Rock Island Methodist Church). She had a great sense of humor and could always make you smile and feel better just by being around her.

A lifetime member of the Rock Island Methodist Church, plans had been made to honor her with an award for being a longtime, faithful member and for her long service in the church where she had been a Sunday School teacher, played the piano and sang in her beautiful voice.

This award will now be given to the Rock Island church as a memorial to her.

She will be greatly missed by her friends and special close-family, nieces and nephews, but her memory will always live on.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Bertha Jacobsen, Annie and Olga Olsen; and four brothers, Albert, Louis, Arthur and Teddy Olsen.

Survivors include a sister, Hilda Johnson of Brewster, New York; and a nephew, Richard Johnson of Long Island, New York.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 2, at 10 a.m. from Rock Island United Methodist Church with Rev. Paul Beard officiating.

Interment followed in Myrtle Cemetery.

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

Pallbearers were Hume Baker, Joe Austin Kerr, Samuel "Buster" DeFoor, Norman Hooper, Lonnie Owers and Harvey Speck.

Honorary pallbearer was Billy Mayes.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Clarence E. Stevenson

June 15, 1926 - May 25, 2000

Clarence E. Stevenson, of Eagle Lake, answered his Father's call to glory the morning of May 25, 2000.

On June 15, 1926, a son was born to Ella Hodges and Cleo Stevenson Sr. They named him Clarence E. Stevenson.

Clarence was born and reared in Eagle Lake, attending E.H. Henry High School.

On March 2, 1956, he was united in marriage to Betty J. Thomas. To this union, no children were born.

He confessed a hope in Christ at Friendship Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Will Davis, Rev. Richard Williams and Rev. Earl Shorter. He moved his membership to Greater Rising Star Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Truman Scott Sr.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Clarence Stevenson Jr., a sister, Hazel Williams; and a brother, Cleo Stevenson Jr.

Survivors include a loving and devoted wife, Betty, of Eagle Lake; daughter, Lorraine Irby of Houston; step-son, Richard Thomas Sr. of Eagle Lake; brothers and sisters-in-law, Riley and Veda Stevenson, Bobby and Patricia Stevenson of San Antonio and Willie Burkes of Texas City; sister, Nina J. Stevenson of San Antonio; sister-in-law, Shirley Stevenson and her family of Austin; grandchildren, Broderick Stevenson, Ronald Brown, Craig Harris, Cassandra King, Jacqueline Smith, Richard Thomas Jr. and Chaston Thomas; a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, from Greater Rising Star Baptist Church with Rev. Truman Scott Sr. officiating.

Interment followed at Eagle Lake City Cemetery (north).

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

Active pallbearers were Craig Harris, Roney Carroll, Richard Thomas Jr., Herbert Ashton, Clarence Kirkendall, Dan Jr. and Johnny Shorter, Donald R. Spears, Robert Boone and Clifford Austin Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Chaston and Richard Thomas Sr., Bobby and Riley Stevenson, Edward and Joe Shorter, Willie Burkes and Rev. Eugene Thomas.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Tillie Herring Drymalla

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, Texas, the daughter of 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 Klipple.

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 Jenelle Drymalla of Houston; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Herring of Pasadena; brother-in-law, Edgar Klipple of Stafford; grandchildren, Chris and Eric Drymalla, Dena Lathrop and Kristen Thomas; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 24, at 10 a.m. from St.

John Catholic Church in Fayetteville with Msgr. Ben Mazurkiewicz officiating.

Interment followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Hennecke 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 Lea and Terry Davidson; Leon Herring; George Holub; and John Gully.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## The Honorable Judge Mary Lou Szymanski

October 1, 1930 - June 4, 2000

The Honorable Judge Mary Lou Szymanski, 69, of Eagle Lake, passed away Sunday, June 4, 2000 at Hermann Hospital in Houston after a courageous and brief battle with cancer.

She was born October 1, 1930 to Johnny and Lena Belvin Bailey in Double-horn, Texas.

Mary Lou had served as Justice of the Peace of Precinct 4 and City Judge of Eagle Lake for 15 years and was an inspiration to all who knew her.

She was very active in the Methodist Church and in her community. Organizations in which was involved included Xi Pi Psi Sorority, Study Club, Pilot Club, Prairie Edge Museum, Girls Scouts, Church Treasurer and Organized Bowling League.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Bruce MacFadyen and the Jones 6th floor East nurses and Healthcare technicians from Hermann Hospital for their outstanding and compassionate care for Mary Lou and her family.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Klemons "Butch" Szymanski of Eagle Lake; mother, Lena Bailey of Kingsland, Texas; three daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Steve Betsch of Houston, Paula and Bud Kopczynski of Spring and Penny and Keith Cathcart of Tomball; a brother, Tommy Bailey of Kingsland; six grandchildren, Rebecca and Courtney Bertsch, Ashley and Kurt Kopczynski and Andrew and Anna Cathcart; other relatives and a host of loved ones.

A Xi Pi Psi Prayer Service was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home.

Funeral services were scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, at Eagle Lake United Methodist Church with Rev. Paul Lynn officiating.

Interment was to follow at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

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

Pallbearers scheduled are Eagle Lake Police Lt. Clemon Johnson, Sgt. William Lattimore and Officer Randy Schlauch; Colorado County Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied and Lt. Troy Neisner; and Department of Public Safety Trooper Wayne Knox.

Named honorary pallbearers were Kenneth Abel, Willard Lange, Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith H. Webb, Lawrence Berger, Ted Brunner and Joe Lee McCreary.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be made to the United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 695, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Frederick William 'Bobby' Weishuhn

June 19, 1945 - June 5, 2000

Frederick William "Bobby" Weishuhn, 54, of Eagle Lake, passed away Monday, June 5, 2000.

Born June 19, 1945 in El Campo, he was the son of Frederick and Leona Braden Weishuhn.

A fuel distributor, Bobby owned and operated Lake Oil Company in Eagle Lake for 22 years.

A Catholic by faith, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army; member of the Eagle Lake Lions Club since 1987, having served as its President and recognized as its first Lion of the Year; lifetime member of the Texas Lions Camp; was in charge of the Club's rides and its perpetual barbecue chairman.

Preceded in death by his parents, he is survived by his wife, Patricia "Patsy" Wasicek Weishuhn of Eagle Lake; daughters, Danette Huvar of Garwood and Rachel and Amanda Weishuhn of Eagle Lake; sons, Dwayne and Darrell Pagel and Jeremy Weishuhn of Eagle Lake; sisters, Barbara McCarty of Silsbee, Wilma LeMire of Beaumont and Bernadette Watson of Memphis, Tennessee; a brother, Dr. Francis Weishuhn of Smithville; six grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation was scheduled to be Wednesday, June 7, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Triska Funeral Home in El Campo. The body was to lie in state at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

A Parish Rosary was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's.

A Funeral Mass will be recited at St. Mary's at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 8, with Rev. Joseph Koebel officiating.

Burial is to follow at the Lehrer Memorial Cemetery in Garwood with Military Honors under the auspices of the American Legion Post #251 of El Campo.

Scheduled to serve as pallbearers are Joe Mike Spanihel, Bruce Johnson Jr., William Brunner, Major Bengel, Glen Sunderman, Edward Sunderman, Clinton "Buddy" Mascheck and Walter Lillie.

Named honorary pallbearers were Victor Corman, Bob Thornton, Arthur Etheridge, Bryan Wiese, Mark Anderson, Denis Hentzell, John Gertson and Michael Holub.

The family request memorial contributions be made to Hospice Support Inc., 1102 N. Mechanic, El Campo, Texas 77437.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

December 2, 1908 - May 22, 2000

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TEMPLE BEREKA: 621 Maple Street, Eagle Lake. Rev. 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 Guyler, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears. 979-478-2169.  
EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST: Rev. Clifford Roser.  
FIRST BAPTIST: N. Lake at E. Prairie, Eagle Lake.  
FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST: 405 S. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. Perry Riley, Pastor, 234-5795.  
IGLESIA BAUTISTA GETSEMANI: 901 B Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Mario Vasquez.  
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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard.  
CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary: 308 N. Stevenson St., Eagle Lake; 7 a.m. (Español), 9 a.m., 11 a.m., Rev. Eddie Winkler, P.O. Box 307; 979-234-2842.  
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada, 758-3218. Rev. Joseph Koebel, Pastor.  
GOSPEL MISSION CHURCH: Pastors Erik & Crystal Cameron; 510 E. Prairie, Eagle Lake, 979-234-3225 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.

For Additional Obituary,  
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## Bible Verse of the Week

"Have faith in God." — Mark 11:22

Submitted by  
Neddy Phillips

"Nothing can bring you peace but yourself."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Happiness is beneficial for the body but it is grief that develops the powers of the mind."

— Marcel Proust

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