

OBITUARIES

Mike Canaris

Mike Canaris, 71, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2000 at his residence.

In the early 1900s, Dan Canaris immigrated from Greece to the United States. Shortly thereafter, Evangeline Karamaounas joined him. They were wed in Eagle Lake, where they operated the local movie theater and later opened their own candy kitchen.

On March 28, 1929, the fourth of seven children was born to Dan and Evangeline. He was christened Diamond Mike (or Diamond), and a more appropriate name could not have been chosen.

A lifelong resident of Eagle Lake, he attended Eagle Lake High School, where, as a right tackle, he helped the Eagle Lake Eagles bring their District's championship football title home in 1945. He graduated from Eagle Lake High School with the Class of 1946.

In 1951, Mike met a shy girl named Allene Brandt and, after a whirlwind courtship, they wed in July of that year.

This union led to the birth of their son Philip Dan, followed by what can only be described as a lifetime of unpredictable hilarity.

Mike was a member of the First Baptist Church and a retired newspaper distributor for the Eagle Lake area.

His devotion to family, community and friends will be long remembered and missed.

Whether you knew Mike Canaris for a lifetime or only during a brief encounter, the experience was a memorable one. He touched the lives of everyone he ever met with his quick



wit and ever present smile. The world is a little less bright without the sparkle of our precious Diamond.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Katherine McMahan; and a brother, George Canaris.

Survivors include his devoted wife, Allene; son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Sue Canaris; sisters, Mary Canaris and Helen Canaris Wilson; brothers, John and Pete Canaris; and grandchildren, Blake and Rebal Canaris, all of Eagle Lake; nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake with Rev. Brent Beasley, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Patty Stephens served as organist, Cynthia Sunderman, soloist.

A video tribute, prepared by Blake Canaris, was presented. A special eulogy was delivered by close friend,

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Regan Laughlin.

Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake.

Pallbearers were Michael John and Peter Canaris; Joey, Mark and Johnny Brandt; Phil Cook; Mike Harper; and Tim Wilson.

Honorary pallbearers were Jim McClain, Gene Payne, Harold Lloyd Williams, Virgil Bartz, Bill Lawhorn, Bill Appelt, Reagan Laughlin, Donald Shackleford, Ike Etheridge, Donny Stern, L.A. Wills and Billy Stiles.

The family requests memorials be made to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and Hospice Support.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Mike Everett Gertson

March 17, 1960 - June 17, 2000

Mike Everett Gertson, 40, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 17, 2000 in Eagle Lake.

He was born March 17, 1960, in Eagle Lake to James Dennis and Una Mae Lichey Gertson Sr.

A lifelong resident of Eagle Lake, he was a graduate of Rice High School with the Class of 1978 and attended Wharton County Junior College. He also led a career in agriculture, farming rice in this area.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James D. Gertson Jr.

Survivors include his sons, Mike Ryan Gertson and Joshua Everett Gertson of Eagle Lake; sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and J.P. Krenek of Garwood; nieces and nephews, Kris and Cindy Gertson and Jennifer and Nicole Krenek; other relatives and a host of loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. Eddie Winkler, pastor of the Roman Catholic Parish of the Nativity, officiating.

Cynthia Sunderman served as soloist and Mary Kay Hefley, organist. Additional special music was provided by the St. Anthony Children's Choir.

Entombment followed in Lakeside Mausoleum, Eagle Lake.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home.

Gardner Alex Seaholm Sr.

June 30, 1925 - June 14, 2000

"The Voice of Eagle Lake Eagles Football"

Gardner Alex Seaholm Sr., 74, a lifetime resident of Eagle Lake, was called to the "Ultimate Press Box in Heaven", on June 14, 2000.

He joins his late wife, Nancy Juul Seaholm, who served as his spotter and statistician for many years at Eagle Lake High School home football games.

Born June 30, 1925, just outside of Eagle Lake, he was the second son to Gus A. and Jonnie L. Waddell Seaholm.

After graduating from Eagle Lake High School in 1942, he served in the United States Navy and was Honorably Discharged as a Pharmacist's Mate from Bainbridge, Maryland.

He then attended the University of Texas at Austin and was a member of the Longhorn Band until transferring



to Sam Houston State Teacher's College in Huntsville, where he graduated with a BS Degree in Agronomy in 1949.

He returned to Eagle Lake to join his father in the family rice farming operations.

In 1961, Hurricane Carla forced the termination of his rice farming career, and he and Nancy took family ownership of the Rice Theatre, continuing the movie entertainment for the local community for several years.

His working career included a variety of experiences including Prairie Rice, Gifford-Hill Aggregates and eventually retired as the owner of Seaholm Insurance Agency.

During his retirement years, his love for the art of woodworking saw him designing and building numerous items with a special focus on redwood materials.

He taught us how to handle the many challenges we are dealt while reminding us "never to hesitate sharing with others the blessings God has bestowed upon us".

His natural wit and ongoing sense of humor along with his wonderful compassion and consideration for others will be greatly missed by his family and friends, however, his loving memory will remain in our hearts forever.

As a former rodeo cowboy and avid fan of actor John Wayne, he participated and attended many rodeo performances throughout the country and maintained an extensive library of every John Wayne movie ever filmed.

His love of music and rhythm led him to become a master drummer, having once sat in with the legendary Tommy Dorsey's Big Band while on tour in Houston. He also managed a

popular local Rock 'n Roll group known as the Valiants that included talent from several local communities.

During the excitement of his younger days, his favorite past time included many hours of water skiing on the Colorado River, where he is credited for teaching numerous friends how to fully enjoy the sport of water skiing.

His listener friendly and crisp, clear voice earned him the announcing responsibilities as the "Voice of Eagle Lake Eagles Football" for many years at Eagle Lake High School football games, including the final game ever played by the Eagles at the conclusion of the 1970 season.

His love for goose hunting saw him perform as a Hunting Guide for many years, taking numerous celebrities and sportsmen from all over the world on successful hunts.

He also was an avid bowler over the years, winning a number of local and regional tournaments both as an individual and team bowler.

He was a 50-year Lifetime member of the A.F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge, active member of the Houston Scottish Rite Bodies, Arabia Shrine Temple, past Eastern Star Worthy Grand Patron, member and former Sunday School teacher of the local Methodist Church and supporter for years of many other charitable organizations.

A loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and brother, he was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Juul (1977); parents; brother, Leonard Seaholm; and sister-in-laws.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 22 years, Patricia Sheppard Seaholm of Eagle Lake; brother and sister-in-law, Einer and Ann Juul; daughter and son-in-law, Bill and Elizabeth Reynolds of Bridgeport; sons and daughters-in-law, Gus Einer and Shirley Seaholm Sr. of Eagle Lake, Gardner "Bud" and Joanie Seaholm Jr. of Spring, and John Leonard and Shelli Seaholm of San Antonio; stepchildren, Cameron Muzny, Gwen Morgan, Kurt Payne and Glenn Payne; 12 grandchildren, Kari Seaholm Canaris and husband, Peter; Gus Seaholm Jr., Eric Seaholm, Erin Seaholm, Billy Reynolds, Gardner Reynolds, Ryan Reynolds, Gardner "Trey" Seaholm III, Brittini Payne, Courtney Morgan, Samantha Muzny and Cameron Ray Muzny; great grandson, Tallon Canaris; other loved ones and many friends, including especially Lou Dawson and Russell A. White.

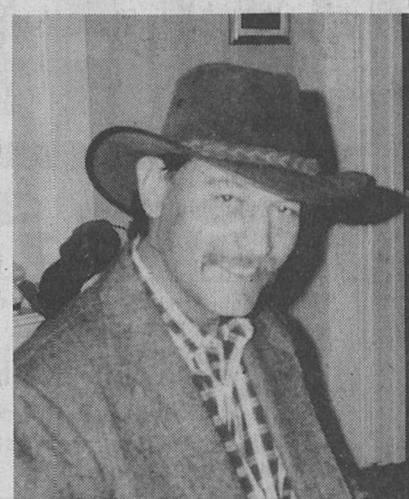
Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 15, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home, Eagle Lake, with Rev. Paul Lynn, pastor of Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, officiating. Cynthia Sunderman served as soloist and Patty Stephens, organist.

A special eulogy was delivered by Dr. Raymond R. Thomas.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Billy Reynolds Jr., Gardner Axel Seaholm III, Gardner Reynolds, Erik Simpson Seaholm, Ryan Reynolds, Gus Einer Seaholm Jr., Kari Renee Canaris and Erin Shea Seaholm.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Pallbearers were Ralph Jr., Darrell, Andy and Gayle Gertson; Darrell Rau; Jim and Dennis Knebel; and Eugene Shanks Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were fellow musicians he enjoyed playing with so much for so many years in area bands.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Ryan and Joshua Gertson Educational Fund, c/o First National Bank, P.O. Drawer 247, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Hatred stirreth up strifes; but love covereth all sins." — Proverbs 10:12
Submitted by Neddy Phillips

Guadalupe Moreida Gutierrez

August 22, 1930 - June 13, 2000

Guadalupe Moreida Gutierrez of San Antonio was called home by our Heavenly Father Tuesday, June 13, 2000 at the age of 69.

Born August 22, 1930, in Taft, Texas, she was the daughter of Juan and Dorothea Moreida.

Preceded in death by a son, Carlos Gutierrez, she is survived by her daughters, Virginia Rodriguez, Ester Olivo and Janie Ruiz of San Marcos, Herminia Guillen of Houston, and Mary Anto of San Antonio; sons, Daniel Perez of Chicago, Illinois, and Edward Perez, Robert, Andrew, Joe and Richard Gutierrez of San Marcos;

two brothers; 36 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at the Thomason Funeral Home in San Marcos with the Rosary being recited at 7 p.m.

Funeral Mass was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at St. John's Catholic Church with interment immediately following in the Memory Lawn Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home of San Marcos.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

John Edward Perry

May 14, 1932 - June 16, 2000

John Edward Perry, 68, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 10:40 p.m. Friday, June 16, 2000 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Born May 14, 1932, in Matthews, he was the son of Buck and Ruby Ledwig Perry.

A lifelong resident of this area, he graduated from Eagle Lake High School with the Class of 1950 and

served in the U.S. Military following high school.

John led a career as a contractor in the construction industry and was owner and operator of "The Barn" in Eagle Lake.

He was preceded in death by his father; wife, Barbara Jean Perry; sisters, Marion Autrey and June Perry; and a brother, William Thomas Perry.

Survivors include his daughter, Melissa Perry of Houston; son, John Wesley Perry of Eagle Lake; mother, Mrs. Buck "Ruby" Perry of Altair; sisters, Judy Pesnell, Margie Tate, Helen Caperton, Linda Swoboda and Carroll Munch; brothers, Sidney, R.C. and Kenneth Perry; grandchildren, Veronica Kathrin Rucka and Joe Edward Perry; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home, Eagle Lake, with Rev. Paul Lynn, pastor of Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Gary Lee Smith, David Rucka, Jimmy Perry, Keith Pesnell, Aaron Caperton, Curtis Tate, Charles Perry and Marvin Brown.

Honorary pallbearers were his many friends and patrons of "The Barn".

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

"Nothing that was worthy in the past departs; no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies, or can die." — Thomas Carlyle

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MT. CARMEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Hwy. 90-A (Pecan Valley), Eagle Lake; Rev. P.L. Barrow Sr.; 234-5813.

LIVING HOPE CHURCH: Revs. Joe and Mercy Fling; 234-5536.

TEMPLE BERE: 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.

GREATER MT. OLIVE BAPTIST: Rev. R. Kiser, Pastor. 705 Lake, Eagle Lake. 234-3545.

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST: 1207 E. State, Eagle Lake. Rev. Coby Shorter; 234-3735.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL: 306 E. Stockbridge.

ROCK ISLAND BAPTIST: Bob Allison, Pastor.

SHERIDAN FIRST BAPTIST

WHITE CLOUD BAPTIST CHURCH: 202 Old Altair Rd., Eagle Lake; Rev. Obie Rhodes; 234-3800.

CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sheridan, Texas.

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CHRIST OUR REDEEMER - Charismatic: 478-7534, 478-6512, Jerry C. McKinney, Pastor.

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.

LISIE 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.

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FRIENDSHIP A.G.: 501 Wallace, East Bernard. Fred Chambers, Pastor.

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THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Non-denominational Christian Fellowship; 217 Main, Sealy. Frank Lucas, Pastor. 885-7873.