

OBITUARIES

Bill Esterling

November 14, 1926 - August 26, 2000

Bill Esterling, 73, of Rock Island, passed away Saturday, August 26, 2000 at Columbus Community Hospital.

He was born November 14, 1926 in Center, Nebraska to William and Margaret LaFranz Esterling.

A retired sheriff of Colorado County and rancher, Esterling was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during

World War II and had been a resident of Rock Island for the past 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Karen Esterling; and mother of his children, Ouida Esterling.

Survivors include daughters and son-in-law, Linda and Steve Alexander of Flemington, New Jersey; and Margaret Waldrep and Cindy Cousins

of Houston; sister and brother-in-law, Marlene and Don Haseloh of Harvard, Nebraska; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was scheduled for Wednesday, August 30, at 10 a.m. from Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus.

Henneke Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Delois Eileen Middleton

March 12, 1958 - August 22, 2000

Delois Eileen Middleton, 42, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 8:40 a.m. Tuesday, August 22, 2000 at her residence following a courageous battle with cancer.

On March 12, 1958 a baby girl was born in Elm Grove to Nathaniel and Lucinda Bryant Lemons.

Delois was baptized at an early age at Elm Grove Baptist Church where she remained a member until her death.

She attended East Bernard ISD and was a Nurses Aide for many years, working for the Richmond State School and Rice Medical Center. She also worked for B & B Foods of Eagle Lake until her health began to fail.

On June 14, 1982, she married Sylvester Middleton.

Their two children, Arlen Lemons and Arlisha Lemons, were joined by two more children, Adrian and Sylvester Middleton Jr.

Delois was preceded in death by her mother, a brother and a sister.

She leaves to cherish many memories her husband, Sylvester Sr. of Eagle Lake; four children, Arlen and Arlisha Lemons of Rosenberg and Adrian and Sylvester Middleton Jr. of Eagle Lake; step-children, Sharon Kirby and Alfred Bibbs; three grandchildren, Arlen Jr., Taylor and Ashlyn; step-grandson, Robert Jr.; father, Rev. Nathaniel Lemons Sr. of Elm Grove; brothers, Hollis Lemons of Elm Grove and Eugene Bryant and wife, Mable, of Van Vleck; sister, Eva

Thomas and husband, Ed, of Eagle Lake; step-sister, Jean Thomas and husband, Charles, of Lane City and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and a special cousin, Linda Williams.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 26, from the Elm Grove Baptist Church with her father, Rev. Nathaniel Lemons, officiating and Rev. Namon Williams, pastor, serving as Master of Ceremonies.

Interment followed in the Hearn Cemetery in Elm Grove.

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

Pallbearers were Eugene Bryant Jr., Franklin Bryant, Michael Davis, Oliver Thomas Jr., Malcom Thomas and Raymond Thomas.

Honorary pallbearers were Broderick Davidson, Thomas Glover, Terry Bryant, Vic Davis, Sebron Bryant, Tucker Williams, Will Moore and Lloyd Middleton.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Annie C. Boyd

August 29, 1916 - August 16, 2000

Annie C. Boyd, 83, of Eagle Lake, passed away Wednesday, August 16, 2000 at Specialty Hospital in Houston.

She was born August 29, 1916 in Columbus to Horace and Bessie Wood Holmes.

Survivors include a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2

p.m. Saturday, August 26, from Sandridge Baptist Church with Rev. M. Gray officiating.

Burial followed in Elm Grove Cemetery.

Gooden-Hatton Funeral Home Inc. in Wharton was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Edna Mae Mitchell

October 21, 1925 - August 20, 2000

Edna Mae Mitchell, 74, of Eagle Lake, passed away Sunday, August 26, 2000 at Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston.

She was born October 21, 1925 in Eagle Lake to Robert L. and Hattie Selders.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Johnny Mitchell; and a son, Eugene Mitchell.

Survivors include her grandchildren, Debbie Mitchell and Eugene A. Mitchell of Eagle Lake and Archie R. Mitchell and fiancée, Bernadine, of San

Antonio; great-grandchildren, Jordan Mitchell of San Antonio, Arnette Mitchell of Beaumont and Candice Mitchell of Eagle Lake; sister, Lois Davis of Eagle Lake; brother, Billy Selders of Edna; a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Graveside services and interment were held at 3 p.m. Thursday, August 24, at the Community Cemetery North in Eagle Lake with Rev. Obie Rhodes, pastor of the White Cloud Baptist Church, officiating.

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

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

James Sanford Spates

August 31, 1941 - August 23, 2000

James Sanford Spates of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, formerly of Eagle Lake, departed this life August 23, 2000.

On August 31, 1941, a beautiful baby boy was born to George and Louella Spates in Eagle Lake. They named him James Sanford Spates, but they called him "Precious", and precious he was to everyone who knew him.

James was baptized at Friendship Kirby Baptist Church in Eagle Lake at the age of 10.

He graduated from E.H. Henry High School in Eagle Lake in 1959. After graduation, he moved to Philadelphia where he married Ella J. Landy.

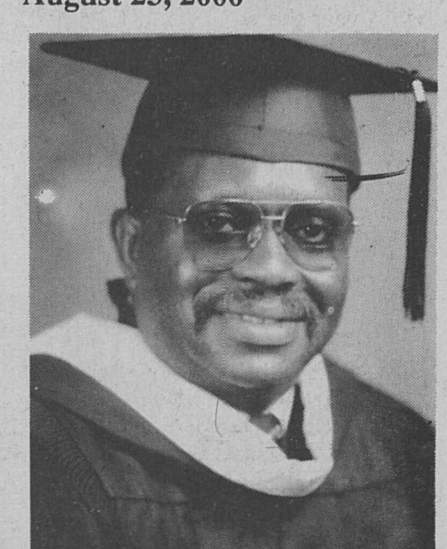
To this union was born one daughter, Michelle Denise.

James served in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam veteran. He received an honorable discharge.

In 1970, he married Birdia M. Blount.

After moving to Philadelphia, he united with Cornerstone Baptist Church.

There, he ministered as a Trustee. He accepted the call to the ministry, was licensed in 1982, ordained in 1983 and graduated from Philadelphia College of Bible in 1985.



His anointed calling was to senior citizens and the disabled, serving as Chaplain at Stephen Smith Towers Apartments for the Elderly for over 20 years.

A volunteer at Elijah Shirley for Women and the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter, he was employed by Anchors Dye and Finishing Company for more than 20 years.

He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, Birdia; a devoted daughter, Michelle; brothers and sisters-in-law, George and Faye Spates of Bryan, Alex and Lily Spates of Oxnard, California, Joe of Washington, D.C., and Andrew of Missouri City; sisters and brother-in-law, Gladys and Steve Spann of Sugar Land, Sandra Price of Missouri City and Mary K. Gordon of Eagle Lake; two sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; two nieces and two great-nieces he raised, Maxine McCleary, Sandra Blount and Erica and Melissa Scott; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 26, from Redeemer Tabernacle Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with Rev. Michael Brown as eulogist; A. George Solomon, officiating.

Interment followed in Mt. Peace Cemetery in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Powell Funeral Homes Inc. of Philadelphia was in charge of arrangements.

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

Bible Verse of the Week

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake have forgiven us."

— Ephesians 4:32

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Neddy Phillips

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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.

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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.

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

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Eagle Lake is to have an up-to-date dial telephone system as a result of the City Council's approving a new schedule of telephone rates, officials of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company have announced...

Monday's sale at the American Rice Grower's Office found a new high being paid for rice during the 1952 harvest, when Newman offered \$9.54 per barrel to A.H. Seaholm and Wintermann and Co. for 1150 barrels of Century Patna.

Highlights

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hurst's new Texas Beach Watch Program will assist Gulf Coast counties in monitoring beach water quality to protect the health of communities and beach-goers. Participating communities will sample the water periodically, have it tested, make the results public and report back to the General Land Office.

Did You Know...

• Edgar Allan Poe is considered the father of the modern detective story, e.g., "The Murders in the Rue Morgue."