

OBITUARIES

Isabel Sladek Cranek

July 27, 1924 - October 19, 2001

Isabel Sladek Cranek, 77, of Garwood, passed away Friday, October 19, 2001 at the Columbus Community Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born July 27, 1924 in Fayetteville to Arnold and Ada Koehl Sladek.

A loving mother and devoted wife, she was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America in Nada, the Christian Mothers and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Judge Lester J. Cranek Sr.; and brothers, Ervin and Joseph Sladek.

Survivors include her daughters

and sons-in-law, Florence Wesselski of Garwood, Peggy and David Lund of Garwood, Janeen Cranek and Jeff Klipple of Altair and Pam and Darrell Hinze of Sheridan; sons and daughters-in-law, Lester J. Jr. and Paula Cranek of Edna, Louis V. Cranek III of Houston, Kenneth and Kim Cranek of Nada and Roy Cranek and Wanda Henry of Eagle Lake; 21 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A Rosary was held Monday, October 22, at Henneke Funeral Home Chapel in Columbus.

A Catholic Daughter's Rosary was recited at 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 23, at St. Mary's Catholic Church

in Nada, followed by a memorial mass at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Joe Koebel officiating.

Henneke Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Honorary pallbearers were granddaughters, Kelly Matula, Kara Lockley, Kristen Cranek, Leslie Cranek, Scarlet Black, Caleché Cranek, Julie Leal, Misty Cranek, Brooke Cranek, Tiffany Jones, Courtney Sklar and Natalie Klipple; and grandsons, Kyle and Karl Cranek, Jason and James Wesselski, Louis IV and Koehl Cranek, Brad Wishert, William Lund, Barrett Hinze and Mark Sifuentes Jr.

The family request memorials be sent to the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department or the charity of your choice.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Lorance Johnson

July 1, 1914 - October 17, 2001

Lorance Johnson, 87, of Sheridan, passed away at 12:25 a.m., Wednesday, October 17, 2001 at the Colorado-Fayette Medical Center in Weimar.

Born July 1, 1914, in West Point, Texas, to Robert and Clara Bunte Johnson, he had been a resident of this area most of his life, working for the Sheridan Schools for years in maintenance as a carpenter and an electrician prior to retirement.

He and Daisy Blanche Botard were married in Eagle Lake on September 18, 1937.

He served his country honorably

as a Sergeant with the U.S. Army during World War II and was awarded the American Theater Medal, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Ribbon.

Preceded in death by his parents; wife, Blanche, Jan. 24, 2001; daughter, Clara Belle Rabel (1996); granddaughter, Bridget Brinkmeyer (1997); great-grandson, Matthew Rabel (1997); and brothers, Boyd, Harry, Bobby and Claude; survivors include his daughters, Iris Harcrow and Loreta McCloud of Sheridan and Lucy Zavesky of Hallettsville; half-sister, Susie Gates of Sealy; eight grandchild-

dren; four great-grandchildren; other relatives and loved ones.

Graveside services and interment were held at 4 p.m. Friday, October 19, from Cheatham Cemetery in Sheridan with Rev. Bob Allison, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sheridan, officiating.

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

Pallbearers were Wayne and Keith Rabel, Lewis Botard Jr., Russell Zavesky, Michael Boyette and Mike Brinkmeyer.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Esther Raasch

January 7, 1908 - October 19, 2001

Esther Raasch, 93, of Lissie, passed away at 5:53 p.m., Friday, October 19, 2001 at the Heritage House Nurs-

ing Home in Eagle Lake, following a sudden illness.

A lifelong resident of this area, she

was born January 7, 1908, in Sheridan and graduated from Lissie High School.

She married Herman Ludwig "Hammie" Raasch Jr. at his parents' home in Lissie September 15, 1925.

She had been a member of the Lissie United Methodist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 226 of East Bernard for the past 41 years.

Preceded in death by her husband (Jan. 17, 1987); step-father, Robert "High Pockets" Brown; mother, Tracie Botard Brown; and a brother, Robert Brown, killed in action during World War II, survivors include nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 21, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. Bill Ramsey, pastor of Lissie United Methodist Church, officiating. Noble Anderson served as organist and Harry Anderson was soloist.

Interment followed in the Lissie Cemetery.

Dulany Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Lee Roy and Tommy Guthman, Dan Gertson, Earl Dutcher, Peter Stelzel and Zachary Raasch.

Honorary pallbearer was "Lefty" Vasina.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Lissie United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 668, Lissie, Texas 77454-0668.

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James Sewell

September 8, 1919 - October 14, 2001

James Sewell, 81, passed away at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, October 14, 2001 at his residence.

He was born September 8, 1919 in Buckholt, Texas, to George and Estella Sewell.

He grew up and attended school in Eagle Lake and worked in the area as a farm hand in rice fields, attending to the irrigation and harvesting of rice.

He acknowledged Christ as his personal Savior.

James enlisted in the U.S. Army August 7, 1942, and was stationed at Fort Bliss. He acquired Military Specialties of Engineer Basic (729) and Duty Soldier I (188).

He worked with an engineer construction battalion to build bridges and roads in a staging area in Calas, France, using a jackhammer, shovel and pick to move earth and rock.

He received honors for battle and campaigns in September of 1945: Foggia, Rome-Arno, and Southern France; Honor Decorations: European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal-World War II Victory Medal.

In 1947, he united in holy matrimony with Delphine Jones. To this union, 13 children were born.

He was preceded in death by his

parents; wife, Delphine; son, Augusta Sewell; sister, Corene Sewell; and brother, Oscar Sewell.

He leaves to cherish his memory nine daughters, Lois Sewell of Houston, Patricia Sewell of Martinville, Louisiana, Rosie Seals, Estella Sewell and Lorene Sewell Hewitt of Columbus; Linda Sewell, Jackie Sewell Evans and Sharon Sewell of Vox Populi and Darlene Sewell Glenn of Katy; three sons, Donald Ray Sewell and Price Jackson Sewell of East Bernard and Oscar Sewell of Columbus; a brother, Henry "Pete Sewell" McGrew and wife, Arlette, of Eagle Lake; he raised one granddaughter, "Sha" Sewell and one stepdaughter, Mary Perrow of Houston; 38 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11

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cepts, of course. If mold is caused by water leak or some other covered form of discharge, household insurance will pay for mold testing and cleanup.

The problem has been the rising number and the extent of claims. That caused the three largest insurance

companies in the state to stop writing homeowner policies or limit coverage. Some providers also increased premiums.

Montemayor says he intends to continue to receive written public comments on the proposal through Oct. 29. He will make his decision shortly after the cutoff date, he said.

For more information, visit the insurance commission's website at www.tdi.state.tx.us.

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During the hayfever season, staying indoors as much as possible and changing heating/cooling system air filters regularly may help. Allergy shots may improve the body's allergy defense system. Cromolyn (Intal Inhaler) and numerous prescription-only steroid-type nasal sprays may be used to fight allergies. Prescription and nonprescription antihistamines are used routinely in allergies. The antihistamines loratidine (Claritin) and cetirizine (Zyrtec) are promoted as causing less drowsiness than their nonprescription counterparts. Decongestants such as pseudoephedrine may dry runny noses and frequently are combined with antihistamines. When an antihistamine has the letter "D" after its name, it typically contains a decongestant.

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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.
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UNITED METHODIST: Paul A. Lynn, Pastor. 200 W. Prairie; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m.
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THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Non-denominational Christian Fellowship; 217 Main, Sealy. Frank Lucas, Pastor. 885-7873.

ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Sabrina Davae Hernandez

Ramiro and Nancy Hernandez of Garwood are pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, a daughter, born Thursday, October 18, 2001 at the Columbus Community Hospital.

Sabrina Davae weighed seven pounds, nine ounces, and measured 20-1/4 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Rafael and Graciela Rangel of Rock Island.

Paternal grandparents are Ramiro and Feliz Hernandez of Garwood.

Maternal great grandparents are Margarito and Felipa Rangel and Maria del Refugio Hernandez, all of Monterrey, Mexico, and the late Jose Hernandez.

Paternal great grandparents are Resendo Castaneda and the late Andrea Castaneda and the late Luz and Maria del Refugio Hernandez, all of of Piedras Negras, Mexico.

Jami Madison Pflughaupt

Craig and Kerry Pflughaupt of Frelsburg are pleased to announce the birth of their fourth child, a daughter, born at 2:06 a.m. October 17, 2001 at the Rice Medical Center.

Jami Madison weighed seven pounds, five ounces, and measured 20 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by her brothers, Luke Aaron, six; Blake Mat-

thew, five; and Troy Ryan, two.

Maternal grandparents are Elizabeth Conrad of Columbus and the late Larry Newman.

Paternal grandparents are Gene and Ruby Pflughaupt of Frelsburg.

Great grandparents are Billy and Ordell Powell of Rock Island.

Aaron Patterson Tristan

Christopher and Karen Tristan of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their sixth child, a son, born at 5:39 p.m. October 10, 2001 at the Rice Medical Center.

Aaron Patterson weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by siblings, Jonathan, 14; Carrie, 11; Amber, nine; Jonathan Allen, nine; and Christopher Nicholas, seven.

Maternal grandparents are John and Marilyn Kiel of Houston.

Paternal grandparents are Andrew and Gil Tristan of Channelview.

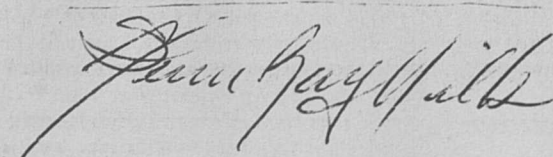
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