

# OBITUARIES

## Rita Goldberg

September 26, 1925 - July 23, 2002

Rita Goldberg, 76, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 12:48 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, 2002 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake. She was born September 26, 1925 in New York and had been a resident of Heritage House Nursing Home of Eagle Lake since 1999. A private committal service, following cremation, will be held at a later date. Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Willie Mae Grigar

Willie Mae Grigar, 75, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 12:35 p.m., Saturday, July 27, 2002 at her residence following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Orchard, Texas on January 25, 1927 to Willie and Clara Steadham Supak and was a graduate of Orchard High School Class of 1945. She and Louis Edward Grigar were married at Guardian Angel Catholic Church in Wallis on June 2, 1951 and the family has resided in Eagle Lake since 1958 where she and her husband owned and operated the

Grigar Insurance Agency for many years prior to retirement in 1991. Mrs. Grigar was a member and faithful servant of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court No. 2465 and the Roman Catholic Parish of the Nativity of Eagle Lake. Her dedication to family, community and friends will be long remembered and missed. Survivors include her devoted husband of 51 years, Louis E. Grigar; children, Sheila Valigura and husband, Allan; Michael Grigar and wife, Melody all of Eagle Lake; sister, Isabel Supak of Rosenberg; five

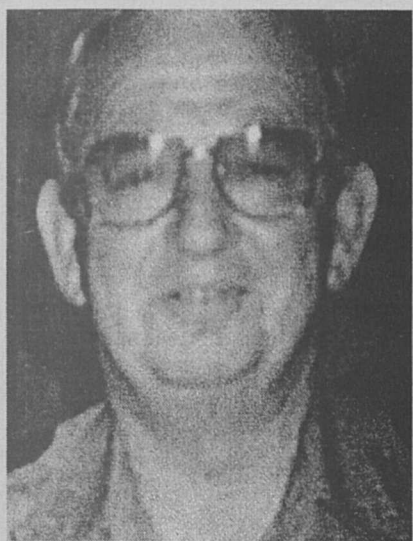
## William Edward 'Willie' Hodde Jr.

September 23, 1939 - July 24, 2002

William Edward "Willie" Hodde Jr., 62, of Lissie, passed away at 6:14 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2002 at the Poly Ryan Hospital in Richmond following a sudden illness while at work. Born September 23, 1939, in Eagle Lake, he was the son of William Edward Hodde Sr. and Ella Borak Hodde. He had been a resident of this area

for most of his life. Hodde worked as a security officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division at the Jester Unit 3. He and Joyce Mae Wilson were married December 24, 1991 at the First Baptist Church in East Bernard. Preceded in death by his parents; and brother, John Henry Hodde; sur-

vivors include his wife, Joyce of Lissie; son and daughter-in-law, John Edward and Jessica Hodde of Eagle Lake; daughter, Rhonda Sue Hodde of Eagle Lake; step-daughter, Tanya Marie Maly of Lissie; step-sons, Virgil Crysel of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Grady Crysel of Flatonia; brother and sister-in-law, Charlie Lee and Helen Hodde of Eagle Lake; six grandchildren; other relatives and loved ones. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 29, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Chaplain Mitchell officiating. An Honor Guard was provided by TDCJ Institutional Division Region 3 Honor Guard. Cremation followed. Dulany Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Honorary pallbearers were Charlie Hodde, John Edward Hodde, Billy Wilson, Billy Wilson Jr., Ned Crane, Clarence Dungen, Kasey Matura,



Douglas Leopold, Larry Meuth, Russell Meuth, Alton Matura, Alfred Matura, Earl Dutcher and Hodde's co-workers of Jester 3.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

January 25, 1927 - July 27, 2002

Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake was in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Don Wood, Wayne Bowen, Johnny Meitzen, Robert Grigar, W.C. Todd, Danny Gerken, Vernon Sulak and Brian Sulak. For those wishing to make memorials, the family has requests they be directed to the Parish of the Nativity Building Fund, P.O. Box 307, Eagle Lake, TX 77434; or Hospice Support Inc., 1102 N. Mechanic, El Campo, TX 77437. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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## Lester Joe Smith

November 23, 1950 - July 24, 2002

Lester was born the fourth of 10 children to Warren Lester and Thelma Smith on November 23, 1950. He accepted Christ early in life and was baptized and united with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the pastoralship of Rev. E.E. Gibbs. Lester attended E.H. Henry School and graduated from Eagle Lake High School in 1969. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving two years and being honorably discharged. Lester met and married Elaine Taylor of El Campo. To that marriage, one child was born, Demetria D. Smith "Dee-Dee".

In 1982, he met and befriended a dear person, namely Beatrice Risher, and her children, Joyce Fantop, Edward and Joan Risher, Beverly Smith and Lawrence Smith, all of Houston. Beatrice was at his bedside during his passing. He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, Demetria; three grandchildren, Courtlan, L'Cortnell and Daniel Smith, all of El Campo; Beatrice Risher; his brothers and sisters, Barbara Ann and Earnest Fields Sr., Debora, Jennifer (Susie), Paulette, Stanley Joe and John, all of Eagle Lake, Rev. Lewis D. Smith of Houston, Gene and Jackie of Beasley, and Paul and Rose of Rosenberg; his grandmother, Elizabeth Williams of Houston; uncles and aunts, Sol Lee and Clara Williams of Wharton, Kay Hemphill, Carl and Brenda Williams, Diann Jackson and Rev. Harold and Elaine Williams, all of Houston; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 27, from Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Harold O. Williams, pastor, officiating. Interment followed on Monday, July 29, at the Houston National Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home, Columbus. Pallbearers were Eddie Fields, Donald Ray Spears, Earnest Fields Jr., Nick Shorter, Marlon Robinson, Herbert Ashton, Robert Lee Boone and Emerson C. Dawson. Honorary pallbearers were Charles and Gerald Robinson; Stanley Joe, Gene, Rev. Lewis D., Paul and John Smith; and Earnest Fields Sr. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



## Richard 'Otis' Rodriguez

November 7, 1954 - July 21, 2002

Richard "Otis" Rodriguez, 47, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 5:55 a.m. July 21, 2002, at the Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Weimar. Born November 7, 1954 in Eagle Lake to Jessie Rodriguez and Domingo Bizarro Rodriguez, he had been a resident of Eagle Lake all his life, was raised in the Catholic faith and worked at the Rice Industries Dryer in Eagle Lake. Preceded in death by his parents, survivors include sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Frank Cumpian, Rose Pizano, Gloria Rodriguez, Eva and Glen Locklier and Lisa Martinez, all of Eagle Lake; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jessie and Mary Rodriguez, Joe and Virginia Rodriguez,

Manuel and Margaret Rodriguez, John and Liz Rodriguez, Robert and Stella Rodriguez and David and Andreal Rodriguez, all of Eagle Lake and Samuel and Margaret Rodriguez of San Antonio; a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Following cremation, memorial services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 26, from the Getsemani Iglesia Bautista of Eagle Lake with Rev. Mario Vasquez officiating. Interment followed in Lakeside Latin Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake was in charge of arrangements. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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## Herek fighting ALS

Gary Herek, who moved his family to Eagle Lake about a year ago, is waging a courageous battle against ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. He was honored June 28th by his employer, Don Elliott Autoworld, with "Gary Herek Day". "Even when he started using his cane, you would witness him doing whatever was necessary to get the job done," stated a write-up in a bulletin printed by Elliott Autoworld. "Most importantly, Gary is a man of great faith, a great husband and father. His wife and children are a terrific support system," the article said.

Ramon, the Herek's 10-year-old son, will be a fourth grader at Eagle Lake Primary School this month. Erica, 14 years old, is schooled at home. "It is not the disease we should focus on. It's the tenacity with which Gary attacks his every day challenges," the write-up added. According to his step-daughter, Gary's faith has strengthened his resolve. The Hereks are members of the Bible Truth Apostolic Church in El Campo. Angie Herek is the daughter of G.A. and Phebe Rodriguez of Eagle Lake.



The Herek family (Gary, Angie, Roman and Erica) with his employers, Kay and Don Elliott. Photo Courtesy of Herek Family

## LIBRARY LINES

By Patty Holloway

With the start of school just around the corner, you might want to start preparing your kindergartener or first grader for this very important event. The Wintermann Library has some very helpful books to offer parents that will give them confidence in dealing with their child and the child's school. One very good book is "Your Child in School-Kindergarten through Second Grade" by Tom and Harriet Sobol. The book begins with the very first day of kindergarten, telling you what to expect and how to help your child get the most out of school in every grade. Another excellent book is "Caring For Your School-Age Child-Ages 5 to 12" by Edward L. Schor M.D. Learn how you can help your child develop social skills outside the family, achieve well and be aware of challenges of parents and children alike. A third book you might want to read is "Helping Your Difficult Child Behave" by Dr. Michael Schevachy. This is a plain and simple guide to improving children's self-control (See Library, Page 5)

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