

OBITUARIES

Frances Dornak

Frances Dornak, 105, passed away Sunday, October 6, 2002 at her home in El Campo.

Born March 5, 1897 to Frank and Theresa Kubecka Labay Sr. in Nada, her life touched three centuries.

In 1889, her grandmother, Mrs. Joseph (Marie Barosh) Labay donated 25 acres of land as did the J. William Schoellmann family, so that a church and school could be built in Nada. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School.

Frances married Theophil Dornak on October 8, 1917 in the new St. Mary's Catholic Church. They were blessed with four children, Mary, Clement (Sonny), Ann and Dorothy. They lived in Nada, Blue Creek, Hillje and El Campo.

Frances was a wonderful and caring wife, mother and grandmother. She was very devoted to her faith and loved the Lord and His Blessed Mother with all her heart. Everyday for about the last 10 years, she would listen to Mother Angelica's Eternal Word Television Network to pray along with the many Masses, Rosaries and Divine Mercy Chaplets throughout the day and into the night.

She loved baking kolaches, bread,



making noodles and everyone enjoyed sampling her delicious baking and especially her canned green beans, sauerkraut and famous pickles. She always had a large garden and frequently shared the fruits of her labors with her family, friends and neighbors.

She was well known for her beautiful flower gardens in Hillje and El Campo. Her flowers often graced many church altars. Every grandchild has walked the paths of her garden and picked the flowers of their choice. She instilled in her family the value of hard work, the desire to work the soil and plant a variety of colorful flowers.

Frances Dornak attributed her long life to hard work and her faith in God.

She took her faith seriously and never ate meat on Friday, made the first Friday devotions continually, attended Mass as often as possible and was always ready to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion.

She had a great love for Mary the Mother of Jesus. She believed the Blessed Mother was an intercessor or

"short-cut" to Jesus and that Mary would always lead her to her Son. Frances prayed thousands of rosaries, meditating on the life of Jesus Christ.

She told her family she prayed for each of them every day and, when people would come to visit, she would always thank them for coming and say, "God bless you."

Mrs. Dornak was a member of St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, the Catholic Daughters of America, KJZT Society and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Theophil; daughter, Mary Kacal; son, Clement "Sonny" Dornak; sisters, Vera Dornak, Ludmila Dornak and Mary Dornak; brothers, Matt, Frank Jr., Fred J. and Albert Labay; and grandsons, Robert and Roland Kacal.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Jack Kness of Bellville and Dorothy and Joe Viktorin of Wharton; 17 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Her legacy will live on forever in her family.

March 5, 1897 – October 6, 2002

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 8 from St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church with Revs. Thu Van Nguyen and Ty Bazar officiating, along with Deacon Jarrell Nohavitz. The Lazarus Choir and her great-grandson, Michael Valka, provided the beautiful music.

Pallbearers were Mark and Paul Viktorin, Frank and Danny Kacal, Bill Valka and Mark Whitely.

Honorary pallbearers were all the other grandchildren.

Readers were her grandsons, Allen Viktorin and Ken Valka. Daughters, Ann Kness and Dorothy Viktorin, draped the cloth over the casket. Bonnie Guynes placed the Bible and Jo Ann Fain placed the crucifix on the casket. Betty and Arthur Leopold carried up the gifts.

Interment was in Holy Cross Memorial Park Cemetery in El Campo.

Memorials may be made to St. Philip Catholic Church Building Fund, St. Philip School Endowment Fund, St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund or St. Mary's Cemetery Fund.

Sympathy is extended to family in their loss.

Wayne Lee Moses

November 25, 1938 – October 12, 2002

Wayne Lee Moses, 63, of East Bernard, passed away Saturday, October 12, 2002 at Polly Ryon Memorial Hospital in Richmond.

Born November 25, 1938, in Chauk Bluff, Texas, he was manager of Taverner Community Gin in East Bernard.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 17, at the First Baptist Church, 619 Fitzgerald in East Bernard.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, 619 Fitzgerald, TX 77435; East Bernard Athletics Booster Club, P.O. Box 577, East Bernard, TX 77435; or the Eagle Lake Golf Association, 201 Golf Course Road, Eagle Lake, TX 77434.

A complete obituary will follow in next week's *Headlight*.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Agnes Porter

Agnes Porter, beloved wife, mother, sister, and grandmother, passed away Wednesday, October 9, 2002.

Agnes was a lifetime member of the Catholic Church and dedicated her life to God and her family.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Lawrence Porter of Sheridan; sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Jacqueline Porter of Katy and L. Scott and Anina Porter of Houston; four grandchildren, Torie, Dayna, Clay and Lawrence Porter; sisters, Betty Richter of San Antonio and Frances Spring of Sheridan; brothers, Ivan Najjar of

Victoria, Tommy Najjar of Falls City, Bill Najjar of Kingsville and Jerry Najjar of Big Sandy.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 12, from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada with Rev. Joseph Koebel officiating. Burial followed in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Triska Funeral Home of El Campo was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 97, Nada, TX 77460.

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Debate gives insight into candidates

The first face-to-face debate between incumbent Gov. Rick Perry and Democratic challenger Tony Sanchez fell a little short of the Lincoln-Douglas debate, but it gave voters some insight into the two candidates.

Perry seemed more prepared, most at ease. Sanchez bit his lower lip a couple of times after a remark or ques-

tion from the governor, though he never showed a deer-in-headlight look.

The newsiest thing that came out of the Oct. 9 debate was Sanchez's promise-threat that if elected he would ask whoever the new attorney general will be to convene a court of inquiry to look into the state's handling of the insurance situation.

"I want him (the AG) to look into the criminal conduct of officeholders, former officeholders, lawyers, lobbyists and consultants. We've got to put a stop to this and the people of Texas have got to know why it occurred in the first place," Sanchez said.

The "it" is premium costs rising faster than muddy water in a Hill Country flash flood and the Farmers announcement that it would quit selling homeowner's insurance in Texas as of Nov. 11.

Bottom line on the debate: It was mostly an extension of the charges and counter-charges aired by the candidates in their respective television ads, a blitz that so far has cost each nominee millions of dollars.

The next debate is Oct. 24 in Dallas.

Speaking of insurance...
To clarify an item in last week's column, Farmers hasn't quit writing

State Capitol Highlights
By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

all types of insurance in Texas. Its action was to announce it will stop writing new homeowner coverage and will not renew existing policies.

Legislators won't be able to file bills until after the Nov. elections, but some already have indicated they'll propose measures to better regulate the insurance industry in the state.

The value of values...

The state treasury may be a little low on cash, but there seems to be no shortage of values.

Out in West Texas, TV ads for political candidates are reassuring viewers that their guy has "West Texas values." Many other office seekers simply are touting good old "Texas values."

Lt. Governor candidate John Sharp's broadcast ads say he has "middle class values."

A quick but certainly not comprehensive check of just one Internet search engine showed, in addition to the values Texans claim, these other

values are available to anyone who's interested: community, traditional, family, world, environmental, gay and lesbian, vegan, Catholic, neighborhood and Army values.

The University of San Diego even has a Values Institute.

"We're from the government and we're here to help you..."

All the recent publicity about Texas' Amber Alert child abduction warning system makes it easy for Beeville resident Jack Murray to remember the time federal officials came to his assistance in a moment of parental crisis.

In July 1966, Murray, his wife and their twin daughters were visiting LBJ State Park near Johnson City, looking at penned deer just off Ranch Road 1. Suddenly, the parents realized their girls were missing.

Knowing the toddlers liked water, the parents frantically looked along the bank of the nearby Pedernales River.

As mom and dad became increasingly frightened something terrible

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Six generations

Frances Dornak lived to see six generations of her family before her death earlier this month. Pictured are, in back, from left, Betty Leopold of Nada and Allison Herrera of Pflugerville. In front are Tammera and Anayha (baby) Mojica of Georgetown, Frances, and her daughter, Mary Kacal, who also passed away recently. Mrs. Dornak and Mrs. Kacal were residents of El Campo.

Photo Courtesy of Betty Leopold

NEW ARRIVALS

Maryn Elise Lara

Payne and Linda Lara of Navasota are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born at 6:40 a.m. Friday, September 27, 2002 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan.

Maryn Elise weighed six pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Walter Gold of Nada and the late Mary Ann Gold.

Paternal grandparents are Phillip Lara and Joyce Lara of Navasota.

Great-grandmothers are Romana Lara and Norma Boenker of Navasota.

The new mom is the former Linda Gold.

Willard 'Will' Szymanski

Jeff and Sarah Szymanski of Austin, are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a son, born at 12:52 p.m. September 11, 2002 in St. David's Hospital in Austin.

"Will" weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and measured 20 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by his big sister, Ellie, age two.

Maternal grandmother is Carey Shuart of Eagle Lake and the late Bill Shuart.

Paternal grandmother is Jeraldine Szymanski of Wallis. Paternal grandfather is Jodie Szymanski of Richmond.

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BEREA CLADIC: 623 Maple Avenue, Eagle Lake; 234-2130.

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LATIN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD (Bethlehem of Judea Church): 1000 East E. Eagle Lake; Ruth Olvera, Pastor.

SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 1140 Meyer, Sealy; Warren Richardson, Pastor.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLISTIC REVIVAL RISING STAR: FM 102 South, Matthews; 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion), Rev. R.L. Carter Sr.

GREATER NEW FAITH CHURCH: 6406 Guylar, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears, Pastor; 979-478-2169.

EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST FIRST BAPTIST: 527 N. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. Brent Beasley, Pastor; 234-2571.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sheridan.

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Hwy. 90A, Sheridan; Del Sanford, Pastor; 234-3276.

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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard.

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary; 308 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; 7 a.m. (Español), 9 a.m., 11 a.m., Rev. Eddie Winkler; P.O. Box 307; 234-2842.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada; Rev. Joseph Koebel, Pastor; 758-3218.

GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; Services begin at 10 a.m.; Rev. Clements Richard, Pastor; 234-3381.

LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. worship.

LISSIE UNITED METHODIST: Ken Sellar Jr. Lay-Pastor.

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UNITED METHODIST: 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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