

# OBITUARIES

## Edith H. Clipson Bell Gilbert

November 24, 1915 – November 30, 2002

Edith H. Clipson Bell Gilbert, 87, passed away Saturday, November 30, 2002 at Memorial-Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Born November 24, 1915 at the "Clipson place" on the county line road east of Lissie, she was the daughter of John Milton and Pearl McNeer Clipson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Jim, John, and Richard Clipson; sister, Ruth Anderson; and her first husband, Harland Bell (1972).

Survivors include her husband of

28 years, James H. "Bud" Gilbert of Livingston; son, James Bell of Livingston; daughter and son-in-law, Shirley Jean and Billy J. Foster of Arlington; granddaughter, Cheryl Foster of Arlington; grandchild, Fostery Foster of Arlington; sister-in-law, Doris Clipson of Eagle Lake; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 5, in Livingston at Cochran Funeral Home.

Another service was held at the Lissie First United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. December 6 with Rev. Bill

Ramsey officiating. Her ashes were buried at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake Saturday,

December 14, at noon.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Hank Wunneburger

May 25, 1933 – December 16, 2002

Hank Wunneburger, 69, of Altair, passed away Monday, December 16, 2002 at St. David Hospital in Austin. Born May 25, 1933 in Austin, he was the son of Henry and Annita Fentrup Wunneburger.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Columbus, United Methodist Men, Fleet Reserve Association and Emmaus Living Colors Community. He served in the U.S. Navy food service at Byrd Station Winterover Crew in Antarctica, 1965-1966 (365 days) and received the Vietnam Service Medal (1 Star), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, several Good Conduct Awards, Occupation Service Medal with European Clasp, National Defense Service Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Preceded in death by his parents; aunt, Alma Arnold; aunt and uncle, Hertha and Wesley Wunneburger (who were his foster parents); survivors include his wife, Peggy; Altair; father-in-law, Eddie Ebersberger of

Seguin; sister-in-law, Karen Beasley of Buckeye, Arizona; and many friends.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 19, from the First United Methodist Church in Columbus with Rev. Bill Johnson officiating.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. and interment followed at Guadalupe Memorial Park in New Braunfels. Henneke Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were George Wessels, Skip Pustejovsky, Adam Westerfield, James Bethke, Earnest Fields and Jerome Emmel.

Honorary pallbearers were the Byrd Station Winterover Crew.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Leon 'Duty' Pettit

March 15, 1919 – December 13, 2002

Leon "Duty" Pettit, 83, of East Bernard passed away Friday, December 13, 2002.

He was born March 15, 1919 in Lavaca County, the tenth child of John and Maggie Pettit.

Preceded in death by his parents;

two sisters; six brothers; and a daughter, Leona Pettit; survivors include his faithful and loving wife of 48 years, Gladys (Francis) Pettit; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert V. and Shirley Pettit; step-son and daughter-in-law, Eugene and Alene Collins Jr.; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; seven sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 21, at 11:30 a.m. from Little Zion Baptist Church in Kendleton with Rev. Richard Booker officiating. Interment followed in Powell Point Cemetery in Kendleton.

Arrangements were entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Jerry and Kevin Crump; Mitchell Foley; Harvey Haynes; and LeRoy and William Pettit.

Honorary pallbearers were Eugene Collins Jr., Robert Francis, Robert Pettit, Earnestine Wilkerson, George Williams and Bro. Joe Neal.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Pearl Lee Campbell

Pearl Lee Campbell, age 82, of Katy, passed away Monday, December 23, 2002, at the Memorial City Medical Center in Houston.

Services were pending as of press time. A complete obituary will appear in next week's *Headlight*.

Arrangements are under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home.



## "SAVVY SENIOR"

YOU ASK THE SENIOR QUESTION ~ WE FIND THE SAVVY ANSWER  
Cost Cutting Tips On Prescription Drugs

Dear Savvy Senior,

I recently read that prescription drug prices have been rising at three times the rate of inflation, and consumer spending for medicine doubled from 1995 to 2000. Since Medicare does not cover most outpatient prescription drugs and my wife and me are falling apart three times faster than inflation, what's a body to do? I can hardly afford all the prescription drugs my wife and me take but I feel I don't have any options. Can you help us?

Broken Down And Broke

Dear Broken, Although our government is working on ways to solve the problem of skyrocketing drug prices, we all know that partisan compromise is a bitter pill to swallow! In the meantime, you do have some savvy options. The key is to be a drug detective, persistent and willing to investigate. You should never be forced to stop taking medicines because you can't afford them. Here are a few savvy tips to consider, so you

won't have to.

**Contact The Drug Maker:** Many pharmaceutical companies give away free prescription drugs to consumers who can't afford them. Most programs are limited to low-income households, but a handful of the more expensive drugs are available to people with incomes of \$30,000 a year or more.

**Savvy Note:** Each company has its own distinct application process. And while some manufacturers make it fairly painless, others present a lot of obstacles. For a free directory of patient-assistance programs contact The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America at 1-800-762-4636, or online at [www.phrma.org](http://www.phrma.org). Other free online resources are [NeedyMeds.com](http://NeedyMeds.com) and [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov).

**Investigate Your State Government:** More than two dozen states have established programs to help needy citizens who don't qualify for Medicaid. You can check your own state by calling the local Area Agency on Aging. Call 1-800-677-1116 to get the phone number in your area.

**Savvy Military Benefits:** Retired military personnel and their spouses become eligible for the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program when they turn 65, as do survivors of active-duty military killed in the line of duty. Some former spouses qualify too. TRICARE beneficiaries can obtain their medicines through the National Mail Order Pharmacy. You don't have to enroll in the program; a military identification card is all you need. Simply send in your prescription, \$3 for a three-month supply of generics (\$9 for brand-name drugs), and a Patient Profile Registration Form. Beneficiaries may request the form by calling 1-800-903-4680. You can also visit your local drug store, as long as it's in the TRICARE network, though your costs will triple this way. If you have access to a military treatment facility pharmacy, you can obtain the medicine free. For more information, call 1-877-363-6337, or log on to [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

**Private Programs:** If your income is too high to qualify for support under a state or drug company program, and you're not a veteran, you might want to try a private drug plan. For example, WellRx charges \$25.95 per year, and offers discounts of up to 40% on prescription drug prices. Before you sign up, however, review your purchasing needs and the costs of membership to

make sure you'll actually save money. Some private programs offer great discounts on generics - but paltry reductions on brand-name drugs.

If you're enrolled in any of AARP's health insurance plans, you have free access to the organization's Prescription Savings Service, which offers discounts on prescription medicines through the mail or at 46,000 retail pharmacies. If you don't have an AARP-sponsored insurance policy, you can pay \$15 a year for an identical service called Member Choice. Both programs offer additional benefits, including telephone consultations with pharmacists and "drug utilization reviews" to make sure none of your medicines interact dangerously with each other. Learn more at [www.aarp-pharmacy.com](http://www.aarp-pharmacy.com).

**Buy Online:** Doing this is becoming increasingly easy. You typically place your order online, following simple step-by-step directions, and pay by credit card. The medicine is shipped after your doctor mails, faxes, or calls in your prescription.

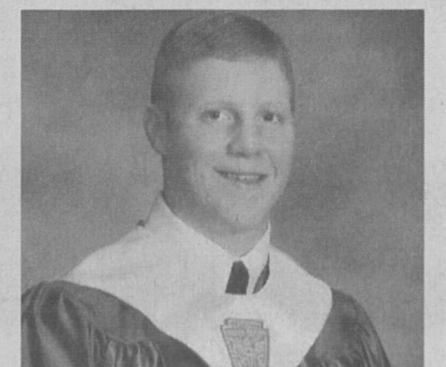
**Savvy Note:** Order from Internet pharmacies sanctioned by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. Some of the best bargains are available at [www.drugstore.com](http://www.drugstore.com) and [www.familymeds.com](http://www.familymeds.com). The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy provides a complete list of online drug stores on its Web site at [www.nabp.net](http://www.nabp.net), or call 847-698-6227.

**Shop Abroad:** Some prescription drugs are available over-the-counter in other countries, at savings of 75-80%. Although the federal government frowns on the practice, U.S. law allows travelers to import a three-month supply of medicine for personal use, as long as they have valid prescriptions from their doctors at home.

**Be Creative:** In the end, if you find yourself unable to buy the medicines you need, talk to your doctor. There might be a cheaper, but equally effective, alternative. You also may be able to cut your costs by buying a higher dose pill and splitting it in half (for instance, if your doctor prescribed 20 mg of Lipitor, you could buy the 40-mg tablets and split them in half (which could save you around \$35 a month)).

This savvy information was taken in part from the AARP Modern Maturity publication by Barry Yeoman. See [www.modernmaturity.org](http://www.modernmaturity.org).

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070; or [www.savvysenior.org](http://www.savvysenior.org).



## NSCS inducts Little

Jacob M. Little, son of David and Debbie Little of Garwood, accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) and will be honored during a ceremony this fall at Texas A&M University.

Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

"NSCS provides the opportunity for students, like Jacob, to be recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments early in their college experience," said Steve Loffin, NSCS Executive Director. "Jacob will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility."

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Clara Mae Stines. Club sweetheart **Clara Mae Nash** received her annual presentation...

Firemen, wives and guests enjoyed a delightful Christmas party Monday with each fireman's wife receiving a chrysanthemum corsage from the department. A highlight was the presentation of a set of tools to **L.J. Spanihel** for attending 30 out of 35 fires this year and a pair of shoes to **Louis Muzny** who attended 20 out of 24 drills...

**Nancy Jane Simcik** is the newborn daughter of the **Jim J. Simciks**...

**Lorane Austins** are the parents of a son, **Timmie Ray**, Dec. 11th...

**Mrs. Jerry Zbranc** was honored at a bridal shower by Mrs. W.S. Chapman, Mrs. Ben Woodruff, Mrs. Roy Shoop and Mrs. R.A. Shoop...

**Lt. & Mrs. Bob Raley** of Williamsburg, Virginia, announced the arrival of a son, **William Frnka Raley**...

Funeral services were held Tuesday for **John V. Drlik** of Garwood.

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**Foot Facts**  
By Dr. Eric Tepper, Podiatrist  
TREATMENT FOR BUNIONS

While some people feel little discomfort with a bunion - an enlargement at the base of the big toe caused by a misaligned joint - others suffer localized pain and pressure. A key to successful treatment is early intervention. Untreated bunions tend to become larger and more painful, so seeking podiatric care at the first sign of discomfort is smart. The first step will be to try to relieve pressure and slow the bunions progression with a variety of conservative treatments. Padding and taping the area stabilizes the foot while minimizing pain. Customized shoe inserts (orthotics) may also work to control function and relieve discomfort. Antiinflammatory medications and physical therapy may also offer relief. When conservative options fail, surgery may be recommended.

If you are the victim of bunions, you don't have to let foot pain slow you down. The relief you are seeking is available. Our facilities at Rice Medical Center are fully equipped and our staff particularly skilled in helping with all kinds of foot conditions, such as bunions, corns, calluses, nail problems, warts, heel pain, sports injuries, hammertoes, diabetic feet, and hereditary problems. For an appointment for foot care for adults and children, please call us at 234-5571. We have office hours on Tuesdays.

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