

OBITUARIES

Lena Rubio Alvarado

October 26, 1916 – November 19, 2003

Lena Rubio Alvarado, 87, of Eagle Lake, passed away at her residence at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday, November 19, 2003, following an extended illness.

A native of Bee County, Texas, she was born October 26, 1916 in Beeville, the daughter of Miguel and Cecilia Vargas Rubio.

A resident of Eagle Lake for most of her life, she married Richard Alvarado on January 19, 1944.

Lena was member of the Roman Catholic Parish of the Nativity of Eagle Lake and led a career in home health-care for most of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Richard Alvarado Sr. (1988); and grandson, Donald Richard Barela (1986).

Survivors include her children, Virginia Barela and husband, Simon, of Van Vleck, Frances Castillo and husband, Ben, of Eagle Lake, Richard Alvarado Jr. and wife, Carolyn, of Van Vleck, and Gilbert Alvarado Sr. of Eagle Lake; sister, Otilia Rubio of Commerce; brother, David Vargas of Beeville; nine grandchildren; five great grandchildren; other relatives and loved ones.

A vigil service was held at 6 p.m. Friday, November 21, from the Parish of the Nativity's Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary with Rev. Eddie Winkler presiding. Serving as Reader was Gilbert Alvarado; Cantor, Jose Posada; and organist, Cynthia Sunderman.

Funeral Mass followed at 3 p.m. Saturday, November 22, from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary with Rev. Eddie Winkler officiating.

Other ministers included Cross Bearer, Lupe Gasca; Reader, Gilbert Alvarado Jr.; Cantor, Jose Posada; or-



ganist, Cynthia Sunderman; Gift Bearers, Ruby and Lupe Gasca; Special Ministers of Communion, Ruby and Lupe Gasca and Hortense Ramirez; and Paten Holders, Herbert Ramirez and Maria Ramirez.

Committal services and burial followed in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

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

Pallbearers were John Scholten, Gilbert Alvarado Sr., Gilbert Alvarado Jr., Albert Perez, Richard Alvarado Sr. and Richard Alvarado Jr.

Friends and family are encouraged to send tributes to mem.com.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Clement A. Blessington

March 27, 1932 – November 17, 2003

Clement A. Blessington, 71, of Houston passed away November 17, 2003.

Clem, as he was affectionately known, was born March 27, 1932, in Eagle Lake to Clement A. Blessington Sr. and Florence Smith Blessington.

He attended elementary school in Altair, where he grew up. After attending Columbus High School, he graduated from Eagle Lake High School with the Class of 1949.

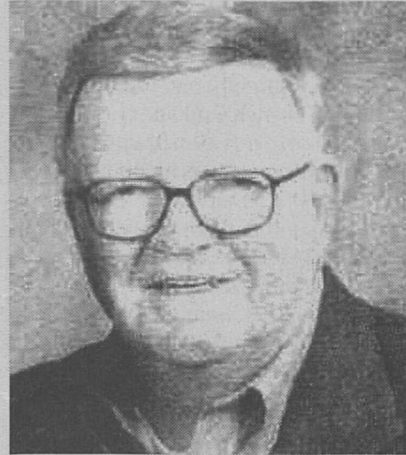
A 1952 graduate of Southwest Texas University, he did post graduate work there in 1956 and 1957.

Before entering the U.S. Army and serving his country for two years, one in Germany, during the Cold War, he taught high school science in Shiner and Needville.

He worked for Dresser Magabar and Halliburton for many years as a Research Chemist, authoring numerous scientific papers. He held many patents relating to the oil and gas industry.

A member of the Faith Lutheran Church, he was a devoted husband, father, brother and uncle.

Preceded in death by his parents, he is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Emmie Lou Nielsen Blessington; son, Kevin Nielsen Blessington; sisters and brother-in-law, William and Jolly Manis and Jeweline Fling of Garwood and Vera Fregia of Rivera, Texas;



numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of other loved ones and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, November 20, at Forest Park Westheimer Chapel and Cemetery with Pastor Cindy Beck of Faith Lutheran Church officiating.

Pallbearers were his nephews, Ross Fling, Maury Fregia, Jim Nielsen and Sofus Nielsen; and family friends, Antonio Guerrero and Mike Lieb. Honorary pallbearers were nephews, Joe C. Fling and Robert G. Woolard.

For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire, Bellaire, TX 77401; or a charity of your choice.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Marjory Evoritt Giraud

June 2, 1918 – November 23, 2003

Marjory Evoritt Giraud, a member of the "Greatest Generation", died on November 23, 2003.

She was born in San Antonio to Clifford E. Evoritt and Marjorie Wood Evoritt on June 2, 1918, just prior to her father shipping out for World War I military service.

Marjory grew up on a farm in Colorado County during the Great Depression. After graduating from Eagle Lake High School in 1936, she attended Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Louisiana State University and a business college.

She was employed as a secretary for several large companies, the Vincent Elkins law firm in Houston and a Denver war contractor in the 1940's.

Her second marriage was with Andrew J. Giraud and they had two daughters, Ann E. Giraud and Sharon E. Giraud Warren, both of Fort Worth, who survive her.

Marjory was preceded in death by her brothers, Clifford E. Evoritt Jr. and Jerrald P. Evoritt, who was killed while

serving in World War II.

Marjorie loved to sew, read and cook, and traveled extensively.

Marjorie is also survived by her son-in-law, William M. Warren of Fort Worth; step-grandchildren Janette W. Davis of College Station, and her son, Warren Davis, and W. Jeffrey Warren of Fort Worth; nephew Jerrald P. Evoritt Jr. and wife, Gina Evoritt, of Sugar Land; niece Julia Evoritt Gannon and husband Keith Gannon, and their daughter, Taylor E. Gannon, of Eagle Lake.

Funeral services will be held at Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 29.

The family requests memorials be made to the Humane Society of North Texas.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Samuel Parnell Thomson

May 11, 1941 – November 19, 2003

Samuel Parnell Thomson, 62, of Eagle Lake, passed away November 19, 2003 at Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Born May 11, 1941 in San Angelo, he was the son of John Throckmorton Thomson Sr. and Hazel Parnell Thomson.

Sam grew up in Lometa, Texas, graduating from Texas A&M University in 1966 with degrees in both Agricultural Economics and Finance.

Thereafter, he pursued a career in banking as Credit Manager at Fannin Bank, Houston, and the First National Bank of Waco, Texas, where he was Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer.

A resident of Eagle Lake since 1981, he was Senior Vice President of First National Bank of Eagle Lake.

True to the values of rural central Texas where he grew up, and Texas A&M, where he was educated, Sam never met a stranger. He was devoted to his family and many friends, and he willingly served his community as a member of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club, the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, Ducks Unlimited and the South Central Banker's Association among numerous other organizations.

An avid hunter and fisherman, he greatly enjoyed being outdoors with his sons, nephews and extended family.

In 1963, Sam married Sandra Ann Dailey of Houston, and thereafter they devoted themselves to each other, their three children, grandchildren and their community.

In addition to his wife, Sandy, Sam is survived by two sons, Brian Andrew Thomson and wife, Linda, of Round Rock, and Lane Hardin Thomson and wife, Celie, of Columbus; daughter, Kelly Igoe Thomson and fiancé, Max Salas, of New Jersey; grandchildren, Parker Ross Thomson, Samantha Igoe Thomson, Catherine Alexandra Thomson, Abigail Grace Thomson and Audrey Daniel Thomson; brothers, Carr Benton Thomson and wife, Pat, of Austin, Philip D. Thomson and wife, Carol, of Friendswood, and John T. Thomson Jr. and wife, Betty, of Dallas; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A vigil service was held at 7 p.m. Friday, November 21, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home with Rev. Eddie Winkler presiding.

Brenda Besch served as Reader;



Carmen Nunez, Cantor; and Cynthia Sunderman, organist.

Funeral services followed at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 22, from the Parish of the Nativity's Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary in Eagle Lake with Rev. Eddie Winkler officiating.

Other ministers included Readers, Daniel Pacious, Steve Swenke and Duane Olson; Cantor, Carmen Nunez; Organists, Patty Stephens and Cynthia Sunderman; Gift Bearers, Mary Ann Wood and Breana Wood; Special Ministers of Communion, Brenda Besch, Georgia Dierschke, Betty Kana and Mary Ann Wood; Paten Holders, Donna Gertson and Joshua Gertson; and Cross Bearer, Joshua Gertson.

A very special eulogy was presented by Sam's brother-in-law, Paul E. Stallings.

Committal services and burial followed in Nativity Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake was in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were nephews Kevin, John, Douglas, Carr, Patrick and Philip Thomson, Patrick and Paul Stallings and Kevin Dailey.

For those desiring, the family requests memorials be made to Parish of the Nativity Building Fund, P.O. Box 307, Eagle Lake, Texas; or Rice Medical Foundation, P.O. Box 277, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Friends and family are encouraged to send tributes to mem.com.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Leonard Levra 'Len B.' Brown

September 1, 1934 – November 15, 2003

Leonard Levra "Len B." Brown passed away Saturday, November 15, 2003.

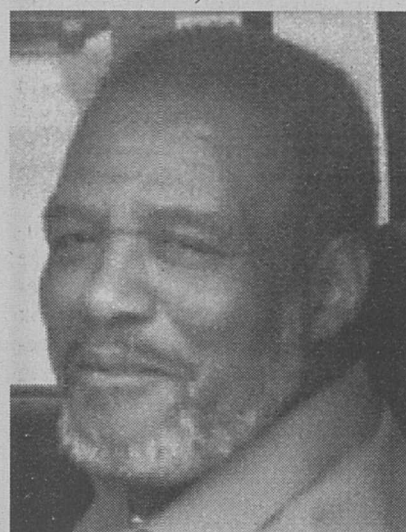
Born September 1, 1934 in Eagle Lake, he was the son of Saint (Sonny Man) Elmer Brown and Ollie C. Watson.

He attended school at Anderson High School in Austin and served his country honorably with the U.S. Army. He was later employed as a long shoreman in San Francisco.

Church affiliations included Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in San Francisco and Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Eagle Lake.

Survivors include his wife and son, Janice Brown and Eddie L. Brown of Oakland, California; six grandchildren, David, Fred, Denevia, Ebon, Khala and Omar; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Karen L. Brown of Livermore, California, and Barbara N. Mitchell of Kalamazoo, Michigan; two brothers, J.C. Johnson of San Francisco and Duane Brown of Livermore; aunts, Ardelia Stewart and Nannie Jo Castle of Eagle Lake; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, family and friends with special thanks to Ms. Muriel Fuller.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, November 22, from Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church in



Eagle Lake with Rev. Thomas Kuykendall, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in Eagle Lake Community Cemetery North.

Arrangements were entrusted to Lakeside Mortuary in Eagle Lake.

Pallbearers were Oscar Thomas Jr., Richard Thomas Sr., Johnny Johnson, Robert Boone, Fred Scott Jr. and Sydney Francis Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were son, grandsons and brothers.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Williams Brothers Construction Co., Inc. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Permit No. 70411, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant located at 6120 Calhoun Road, Eagle Lake, Colorado County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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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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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard.
CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary; 308 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; 8 a.m. (Español), 10 a.m. (English), Rev. Eddie Winkler, P.O. Box 307; 234-2842.
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada; Rev. Joseph Koebel; 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: Bill Ramsey, Pastor; 234-2112, Lissie.
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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.
VINE OF THE LORD: 1300 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Paul Aguilar, Pastor; 234-7543.
CROSSROAD ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 510 Wallace, East Bernard; Pastor George Kutach; 979-335-7706.
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 W. St., Sealy; Marshall Crosby, Branch Pres.
CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus; Lynn Wilson, Minister.
THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Interdenomination Christian Fellowship; 1225 Eagle Lake Road, Sealy; Frank Lucas, Pastor; 979-885-1225.

Bible Verse of the Week

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— Ephesians 5:20

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