

OBITUARIES

Wade R. 'Ritchie' Cunningham Hope Frnka Raley December 29, 1930 – November 16, 2004

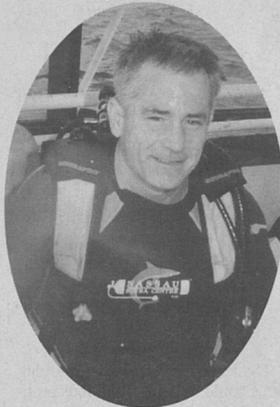
Wade R. "Ritchie" Cunningham of Houston passed away Wednesday, November 17, at the age of 52.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 20, in the Chapel of Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home, 12800 Westheimer, with Rev. Clay Brown of Grace Presbyterian Church officiating.

Interment followed at 4 p.m. at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet, Texas. Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society- Glioblastoma Multiforme Cancer Research, or to Houston Hospice.

A memorial website has been established for Ritchie Cunningham at www.mem.com, where you may send tributes to the family, share your



memories, and see photos of his life. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Hope Frnka Raley passed away November 16, 2004 in Garwood.

She was born on December 29, 1930 in Victoria the daughter of William R. Frnka and Marie Kohl Frnka. She attended school in Garwood, where she graduated Salutatorian of her class.

Hope went to school in Gulf Port, Mississippi at Gulfpark and then the University of Texas. At the University she was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She was also a member of SPOOKS, an honorary spirit organization. She also was a Texas Longhorn cheerleader.

While at Texas she met the love of her life, her husband, Bob Raley. Hope and Bob married on April 11, 1953. From that day they were inseparable. They were able to spend 51 years together.

Bob and Hope were partners in a farming and ranching operation. Many times she remarked that some

of her happiest days were when they lived at the Cedar Post Ranch. Bob and Hope spent their time together enjoying horseracing, arrowhead hunting, traveling, and painting.

One of the joys of Hope's life was when she was a CCE instructor for the St. Mary Catholic Church. The combination of working with children and her church brought to her life a sense of completeness.

A source of her pride was being a Frnka from Garwood Texas for she loved her extended family dearly, her Aunts Edith, Irene, and Charlene and her Uncle Henry Frnka. Being an only child she loved playing with all her cousins and has remained close to them through all these years.

Her son Robert Shawn Raley preceded her in death.

Hope is survived by three children, Ramona Smith and husband, Jackie, Bill Raley and Beth Dow and her husband, Andrew; one grand daughter,

Rory Elizabeth Smith. Rory was the joy of her "Ennie's" life.

The celebration of Hope's life was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada on Friday, November 19, at 11 a.m. with Father Joe Koebel officiating. Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Brune, Bub, Huck and Louis Cranek, Del Frnka, Dale Hunt, James T. Jones, Bud McFaddin, Bill Raley, Tom Stolhandtske and George Williams.

Hope was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Oliva Garcia 1924 – 2004

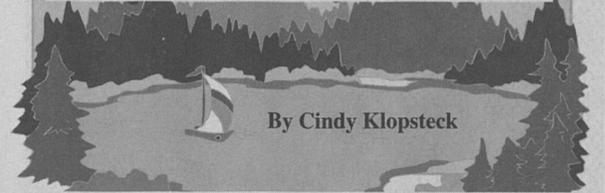
Oliva Garcia passed away Saturday, November 20, 2004 at 2 p.m. in a hospital in Laredo, Texas.

She is survived by her husband, Antonio Garcia of San Antonio; sons and daughters-in-law, Antonio "Tony" and Rosa Garcia and Fernando and Bertha Garcia of Eagle Lake; and daughter, Ralcida Garcia of San Antonio.

Funeral services and interment were held Tuesday, November 23 in Lampazos, N.L., Mexico.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Views Around the Lake



By Cindy Klopsteck

Mills, Macdonald exchange vows November 6

Miss Terry Alexandria Mills and Mister Darren Macdonald exchanged their wedding vows Saturday, November 6 in the Courtyard of Saint James Place in Houston with Reverend Harry Slye officiating.

Bagpipes music was by Mr. Lars Sloan.

Terry the bride is the daughter of Cathy Jones of Bernardo and Tom and Valerie Mills of Katy.

Her grandparents are Fynette Mills and the late Tommy Mills of Abilene and Roy and Patsy Jones of Bernardo.

Darren's parents are Cath and Ian Milnthorpe and Percy and Sue Macdonald all of England.

Terry's maid of honor was her cousin Kacy Mills of Dallas. Matron of honor was Whitney Porter of Canyon.

Serving as groomsmen were Tim Macdonald, Darren's brother and his

friend Andy Cook from England.

Little Miss Abby Melton of Abilene was flower girl and Austin Peikert of the Woodlands was ring bearer, cousins of the bride.

Ushers were Thomas Ryan Mills and Trenton Royce Mills, brothers of the bride.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald will leave November 30 for England and will reside in Europe.

E-Conduct From ELPS

The following Eagle Lake Primary School students had an E-conduct for the second six weeks of school.

Pre-K: McKayla Black, Derrick Gomez, Leslie Pena, Jenessa Richardson, Shawn Torres, Geovanni Vasquez, Glariza Carmona, Malik Eaton, Eleno Garcia, Arleth Gonzalez, Kristian Johnson, Daniel Robles, Johnny Samaniego, Danielle Sanchez, Daniel Belmares, Desmond Davidson, Rafael Escobar Jr., Dallas Garza, Jeremy Gonzales Jr., Chloe Hodde, Julissa Llanos, Marcello Maldonado,

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"The soul should always stand ajar, ready to welcome the ecstatic experience." -Emily Dickinson

We all have those kinds of days. This particular one was ending on the verge of darkness, with the start of an ugly, sticky Texas kind of autumn mist. It had already been a bad day - the kind where everything you touch turns sour or crashes and breaks - does NOT turn to gold. Driving along 1093 less than a mile towards Eagle Lake, mulling over the end of a forgettable day, I saw a foreign object floating toward my windshield. Actually floating - what was it? - bouncing gently in the breeze. And as it approached, while I sat alone in my car in quiet contemplation, I broke into a big smile - I could feel the tug on my facial muscles, the slight strain against my cheeks. This physical response was one I had not experienced all day. And now I was smiling - an automatic, unconscious reaction - all because a bright yellow Mylar balloon with a smiley face and a long bright pink ribbon was dancing across my vehicular vision. It crossed without touching the car, rose slightly as it was swept up by the breeze of my slowing vehicle, cleared highway 90, and sailed safely across to hopefully cheer someone on the south side of the highway. Sometimes that's all it takes to

brighten a low mood, to lift one's spirits. There are times I've been unconsciously affected by sunrises or sunsets as I drive to and from work, or walk around the block of my neighborhood. One of those rosy gold sunsets when the sky is heavy with the rich rays of the setting sun can produce a final peaceful tone to an otherwise blue day. Sometimes it's merely a quick glance at my new watch to check the time of day, and I'm reminded of the 40-year friendship that placed it there for my recent birth date. Or the yellowing greeting card at my desk that my daughter sent me one day for no other reason than to remind me that our relationship is special.

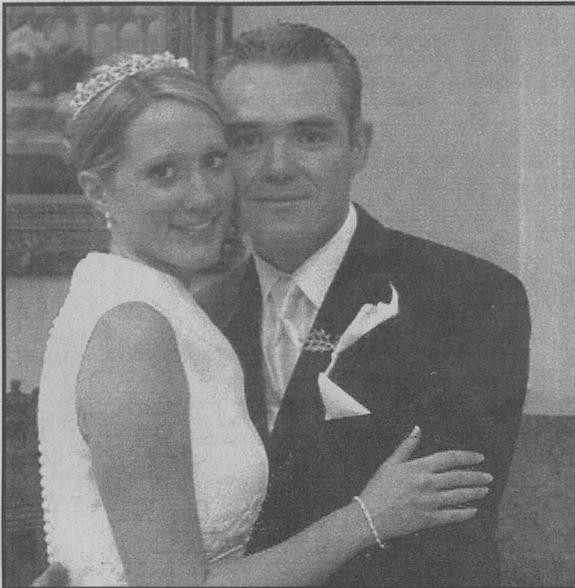
We all need these small, priceless moments. They are the small wonders of life that build to bring a larger, clearer meaning to that life. They help in countering the emotion felt in hearing a friend must enter the hospital for dreaded medical testing, learning your child is planning to move to another state or opening the local paper to local tragedy, seeing five lovely young faces that will no longer be there to offer their promising smiles.

So, I'm sorry for the person who lost that balloon, whose grip loosened for just a moment on that trailing pink ribbon. But the little things that sometimes escape our grip on life can wander across the lives of others and affect them in small ways we may never realize.

Don't fail to see the small ecstatic experiences floating through your life each day.

News from Pastor Ken

On a wet and stormy Sunday evening, the people of Eagle Lake gathered for the community Thanksgiving Service, of the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance. Father Eddie Winkler hosted this year's event, with Pastors Chris Thacker, Ken Jones, Steve Whitfield, and Obie Rhodes participating. A message on having a proper perspective of thanks was given by Pastor Jones, and an offering to support the Eagle Lake Food Pantry was taken. All of the ministers of the Eagle Lake Alliance would like to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving, in a free nation, where you have the right to make a choice in support of your faith. All of Eagle Lake is invited to attend the area churches in this Advent season, to worship the coming of Jesus, and to reach a deeper personal understanding in faith.



Mr. & Mrs. Darren Macdonald

Call before you dig!

San Felipe Pipeline L.P. has a pipeline damage prevention and public awareness program in this area to avoid pipeline incidents from occurring and to keep the general public informed as how to identify and report natural gas.



San Felipe Pipeline L.P. installs and maintains public warning signs over, or near, their natural gas pipelines at roads, highways, railroad crossings and along its pipeline rights-of-way. These warning signs have the company's name, the type of gas being transported, and a 24-hour telephone number where San Felipe L.P. may be reached. Anyone planning any type of excavation work near these signs or where pipelines are located should notify San Felipe Pipeline L.P. before starting the excavating activities. San Felipe Pipeline will locate, mark their pipelines, and coordinate the excavation activities to prevent an incident from occurring.

Natural gas pipelines occasionally develop leaks. These leaks often show up as blowing dirt in air, bubbles surfacing in the water, dead vegetation in an area where the surrounding vegetation is normal, and sometimes has an odor like hydrocarbons, or oil.

When any, or all, of these conditions are observed near a San Felipe Pipeline L.P. pipeline, the conditions and location should be reported immediately, by telephone, to the numbers on the pipeline warning signs. A San Felipe Pipeline L.P. representative will be dispatched to the location as soon as possible to investigate the situation and take the appropriate actions.

By following these simple steps, you could prevent an accident from occurring and may save lives. Remember: **CALL BEFORE DIGGING.**



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- EQUIPPERS OUTREACH FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL: 200 N. College, Weimar, Texas 78962; 979-725-8233; Pastor Jerry Adkins.
- GREATIER RISING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH: 580 Old Altair Road, Eagle Lake; Rev. Truman Scott Sr., Pastor; 234-2423 or 758-3745.
- GREATIER UNION BAPTIST CHURCH: Matthews Community, Co. Rd. 141; Rev. Lawrence C. Robertson, Pastor; 234-2581.
- MT. CARMEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Hwy. 90-A (Pecan Valley), Eagle Lake; 234-5813.
- LIVING HOPE CHURCH: Eagle Lake; Revs. Joe and Mercy Fling; 234-5536.
- BEREA CLADIC: 623 Maple Avenue, Eagle Lake; 234-2130.
- ROCK ISLAND FULL GOSPEL: P.O. Box 232, Rock Island; 234-5840.
- LATIN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD (Bethlehem of Judea Church): 1000 East E. Eagle Lake; Ruth Olvera, Pastor.
- CHRISTIAN CITY FELLOWSHIP: 1140 Meyer, Sealy; Rusty Griffin, Pastor.
- THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLISTIC REVIVAL RISING STAR: FM 102 South, Matthews; 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion), Rev. R.L. Carter Sr.
- GREATIER NEW FAITH CHURCH: 6406 Gaylor, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears, Pastor; 979-478-2169.
- EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST
- FIRST BAPTIST: 527 N. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. Chris Thacker, Pastor; 234-2571.
- FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST: 405 S. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. T.L. Baines Sr.; 234-5795.
- IGLESIA BAUTISTA GETSEMANI: 901 B Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Mario Vasquez.
- GREATIER MT. OLIVE BAPTIST: Rev. Thomas Kaykendall; 705 Lake, Eagle Lake; 234-3545.
- WRIGHT GROVE BAPTIST: Rev. T.J. Cunningham Jr.; Altair.
- PROVIDENCE BAPTIST: 1207 Seaborn, Eagle Lake; Rev. Coby Shorter Jr.; 234-3735.
- CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH: 306 E. Stockbridge, Eagle Lake; 234-3437.
- ROCK ISLAND BAPTIST: Bob Allison, Pastor.
- SHERIDAN FIRST BAPTIST: FM 2437; Rev. Mack Helms, Pastor; 234-3136.
- SOUTH POINT MISSIONARY BAPTIST: Hwy. 71 North, Vox Populi; Rev. Dave Curry; 758-3039.
- WHITE CLOUD BAPTIST CHURCH: 202 Old Altair Road, Eagle Lake; Rev. Obie Rhodes, Pastor; 234-3800.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sheridan.
- NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Hwy. 90A, Sheridan; Del Sanford, Pastor; 234-3276.
- CHRIST OUR REDEEMER-Charismatic: Jerry C. McKinney, Pastor; 979-478-7534 or 478-6512.
- 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: Ken Jones, Pastor; 234-2112, Lissie.
- ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Sellar Jr. Lay-Pastor.
- 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.
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD (ASSEMBLADE DIOS) HOSANNA: Bilingual Services; 403 E. Main, Eagle Lake; Ramiro Rodriguez Jr., Pastor; 832-647-0392.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF EAST BERNARD: 619 Fitzgerald, East Bernard; Duane Mayberry, Pastor; 979-335-6125.

Bible Verse of The Week

"Vengeance is mine I will repay saith the Lord." Romans 12:19

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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