

OBITUARIES

Rachel Peters Kolberg

April 3, 1919 - December 16, 2004

Devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Rachel Peters Kolberg, born April 3, 1919 in Burton, passed away December 16, 2004 in Austin after a long illness.

Her son, Pierce Butler Kolberg and husband, Donald Clark Kolberg, preceded her in death.

She was one of six children born to her Washington County parents.

She grew up in Brenham, and with her parents hosted servicemen at the USO during World War II.

She met Donald Kolberg, her husband-to-be while working at Montgomery Ward. After a brief stateside courtship and long months of V-mail, they were engaged while he was serving in Europe and married in August 1945.

She was the wife of an Aggie, a Colorado County farm wife and mother

of three sons, David, William and Pierce. During the drought of the late 1950s the family moved to East Texas and from there to Austin. She became known for her cooking, and her dining table had many guests on any given Sunday. After her youngest son had completed high school she turned to education, completing Austin Community College and went to work in the City of Austin Purchasing Department and served on the committee approving vendors for the 23rd Street Marketplace. She spent years of voluntary service with her church and her community. After retirement, she continued her voluntary service with the senior center, and was proud to be one of the "Geezers" who protested the City Council plan to reduce senior center funding. She will be remembered for her warm and loving spirit, open heart

and mind, dedication to service and the memory of countless delicious meals.

She is survived by her sons, David Clark and William Olaf Kolberg; niece, Gail Elizabeth Watson Brown; daughter-in-law, Susan Kay Starnes; granddaughter, Jennifer Gail Kolberg Morgan; great-nephew, Rex Brown III; great-niece, Allison Brown Pollitt; and great-grandchildren, Carter Daniel, Emma Cate and Chloe Elisabeth Morgan.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 19 from Weed-Corley Fish Funeral Home in Austin. Arrangements were under the direction of Weed-Corley Fish Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice. Memorials and guest book online at wefish.com.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Betty R. Gertson Wolff

November 8, 1932 - December 18, 2004

Betty Ruth Gertson Wolff, was born November 8, 1932 in Eagle Lake, to Peter Daniel and Temperance Elizabeth Hutchins Gertson and grew up in Lissie. She married Clarence H. Wolff on December 23, 1950 and in 1952 moved to Brazoria.

Ten years and three children later they moved to The Dalles, Oregon where they remained until 1977, when they moved to Salem, Oregon.

True to her early desire to work in the medical field, Betty worked for the Oregon Department of Mental Health for 38 years as a tireless advocate for the residents of Columbia Park Training Center in The Dallas and Fairview Training Center in Salem. She was a longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church where she served as a Stevens Ministry Leader.

After retiring she enjoyed endless hours of gardening and spending time with her family and friends.

Always true to her faith Betty was called to rest in the arms of Jesus Saturday, December 18, 2004.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; and stepmother, Katie Gertson; as well as her sister, Ruby Gertson Sheridan. She is survived by her husband, Clarence Wolff; sons, Michael

and Donald Wolff; and daughter, Temperance Wolff Dixon of Salem, Oregon; as well as her brothers, and sisters-in-law, Dan and Maryan Gertson and Boyce and Carolyn Gertson of Lissie; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

There was a celebration of her life at Trinity United Methodist Church on Tuesday, December 28 at 11 a.m.

The family requests that donations be made to The American Cancer Foundation in lieu of flowers.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

of Rock Island; sister-in-law, Irene Ladewig of Angleton; 28 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 27 at 2 p.m. from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake with Rev. Ed Triem officiating.

Patty Stephens served as organist; Cynthia Sunderman as soloist. Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Charles, James and Wesley Perry, Curtis Tate, Russell Autry, Jeff Pesnell, Kelly Munsch, Shea Swoboda and Aaron Caperton. Honorary pallbearers were grandchildren.

At the request of the family, memorial gifts may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake or the charity of your choice.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Lillie Elizabeth Poenitzsch

October 3, 1919 - December 26, 2004

Lillie Elizabeth Poenitzsch died peacefully at her home on December 26, 2004. She lived a long, wonderful, productive life. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed by her large, extended family. She was born on October 3, 1919, to Joseph and Emma Ahlgrim Stancik on Reese Lane, east of Columbus. She attended the Shaws Bend School.

On October 22, 1935, she married Lloyd Poenitzsch. She lived all her married life on the family farm on the banks of the Colorado River in Shaws Bend. She was a homemaker and mother of eight children. She took great pride in this job. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus and a former member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellinger.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughters, Polly Ann McRoberts and Deborah Kay Bankston; brothers, Clinton, Arthur, Lee Roy and Alvin Stancik.

She is survived by her husband, Lloyd Poenitzsch; daughters, JoAnn Vaclavik and husband Hervey of Pattison, Sandra O'Leary and husband John of Columbus, Pam Evans and husband Steve of Houston; sons,



Harvey Poenitzsch, Robert Poenitzsch and wife Joan, and Jeffrey Poenitzsch and wife Mary Jane of Shaws Bend; sons-in-law, Billy Bankston of Spring and Mike McRoberts of Katy; sister, Onie Mae Horndt and husband Clarence of Ellinger; brother, Melvin Stancik and wife Joyce of Eagle Lake; sisters-in-law, Frances Stancik of Ganado, Bernice Stancik of Glidden, and Martha Stancik Homeier of Schulenburg; grandchildren, Beth Grimet and

husband H.C. III of Pattison, Brian O'Leary and wife Courtney of League City, Kristen O'Leary of Columbus, Jacob and Jordan Evans of Houston, Ashby McRoberts of Bryan, Chuck and Abby Bankston of Spring, Shay, Matthew and Andrew Poenitzsch of Shaws Bend; great grandchildren, Logan and Conley Grimet of Pattison; and numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, neighbors and friends.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 28, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus with Rev. John Hunsicker officiating under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Ray, Darrell, David and Elliot Stancik, James Horndt and Daniel Poenitzsch. Honorary pallbearers were her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Burial was in the Poenitzsch Family Cemetery in Shaws Bend.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Ruby Cora Ladewig Perry

April 6, 1908 - December 23, 2004

Ruby Cora Ladewig Perry of Altair, passed away Thursday, December 23, 2004 at the age of 96.

She was born April 6, 1908 to William Fred and Lena Katherine Schneider Ladewig of Garwood.

Ruby attended school in Garwood and graduated from the 11th grade from Garwood High School.

She married Sidney "Buck" Perry on January 28, 1927. To this marriage the couple was blessed with 12 children.

Ruby was a homemaker and devoted mother and a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake and enjoyed reading her bible through and through.

Her favorite past time activities included working in her yard and taking care of her many flowers especially her roses. She also enjoyed working on jigsaw and crossword puzzles, fishing and cooking, but mostly she enjoyed being around her grandchildren.

Ruby's favorite passage was Psalm 23; and her favorite hymns were *In the Garden*, *Amazing Grace*, and *Take My Hand, Precious Lord*.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Buck Perry; daughters, Marion Autry and June Perry;



sons, John and Tommy Perry; sisters, Era Lipps, Olivia Morse and Lillian Fink; brothers, Morris and Wallace Ladewig; granddaughter, Bethany Caperton; and grandson, Donnie Perry. Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Margie and Frank Tate and Judy and Carl Pesnell all of Eagle Lake, Helen Caperton of Moody, Linda and Marvin Swoboda of Nada and Carol and John Munsch of Shiner; sons and daughters-in-law, Sidney and Marlene Perry of Altair, R.C. and Rose Marie Perry of Columbus and Kenneth Perry

Harold Dee Querner

June 11, 1918 - December 15, 2004

Harold Dee Querner, 86, of San Antonio, passed away Wednesday, December 15, 2004.

He was the youngest son born to Wilhelm and Sarah Querner on June 11, 1918 in Ft. Worth. He graduated from Brackenridge High School and attended the University of Texas at Austin.

He was a successful businessman as co-owner of Querner Truck Lines, Inc. and owner of Querner Enterprise, Inc. Even after his retirement, he continued to serve as a consultant to others in the transportation industry.

He was well known by all those in the nursing home as a helpful friend.

He is survived by sons, Harold Alan Querner and wife, Diane, of Devine and William Douglas Querner;

sister, Mary B. Poole of La Marque; three grandchildren, Arthur Querner and wife, Mandy, of Sheridan, Sharr Querner Sadler of Houston and Kim Querner of Round Rock; two great-grandchildren, Arlan and Aaron Querner of Sheridan; and a very special friend and companion, Margaret Montoya.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 18 at Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Hillcrest Cemetery in Temple.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Velma G. Defoor

November 16, 1920 - December 27, 2004

Velma G. Defoor, 84, of Austin, formerly of Eagle Lake passed away Monday, December 27, 2004.

She was born November 16, 1920 in Danevang the daughter of Phillip and Alma Hensley Wyr.

A member of First United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake she retired as an office manager from Central Power and Light.

Her parents; husband; and a grandson, Scott Defoor, preceded her in death. Survivors include her sons, Patrick Defoor of Austin and Ronald Defoor of Katy; and four grandchildren.

Graveside services were scheduled to be held Thursday, December 30 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Don Delaplain officiating. Interment was to follow in Garden of Memories. Wheeler Funeral Home in El Campo is in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

New Year's Greetings From All Of Us!

All of us have joined the festivities here, to wish you all a most memorable year. We Really Appreciate Your Continued Support.

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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.

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Bible Verse of The Week

"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ."

II Thessalonians 3:5

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