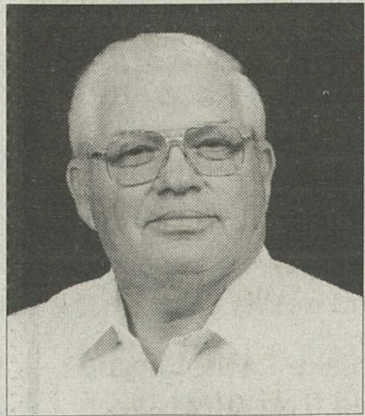


Obituaries



Verlin Eugene Argo
Verlin Eugene Argo was born January 7, 1937 in the middle of a

blizzard in a small farm house in southeastern Oklahoma near the small communities of Armstrong and Caddo, Okla.

Verlin grew up in a loving family of hard-working farmers and railroaders. His father, Frankie Benjamin Argo, and mother, Sally Margaret Tucker Argo, instilled in him and his two younger brothers - Frank "Bud" Argo and Johnny Ray Argo - the importance of love, family, hard work, God's power, and beauty of laughter and music.

Verlin went to school in Caney, Oklahoma and met his future wife and mother of his children at a

family gathering in 1954. He and Wanda Marie Langham not only walked the stage together to receive their diplomas from Caney High School in 1956, they also walked down the aisle to become husband and wife on Christmas Eve of 1955.

Verlin loved family gatherings, especially at the holidays.

With that in mind - Michael Zhon Argo was born around President's day - on February 25, 1957. Brenda Dalaine Argo arrived 15 days before Christmas - on December 10, 1959, and Jeffery Dean Argo - rounding off the trio - arrived on Valentine's Day - February 14, 1966.

Verlin thrived as an automobile mechanic. He enjoyed working on all types of automobiles - buses, racecars, streetcars, funny cars, etc. - even trying a stint as a stock car racer at Caddo Mills, Texas and in Durant, Okla. from 1957-1959. With the help of many volunteers, he renovated a school bus just in time for America's 200 Birthday Celebration on July 4, 1976.

With the name 'Spirit of 76,' the red, white, and blue bus carried many children in the 1976 parade as well as several other parades in Eagle Lake and the surrounding areas for many years to come. Verlin also renovated his 1965 Oldsmobile Cutlass 442, a model T Ford, 1974 Buick Riviera and, from the ground up - the chassis, roof, even the tires - a 1892 Peugeot Horseless Carriage, which won several awards and ribbons in various parades in and around Eagle Lake.

Verlin's first job as a mechanic began in Durant, Okla. He came to Eagle Lake in 1964. He began work at Lake Motors. Later he relocated to Pate's Auto Service, which he later purchased and renamed Argo's Auto Service. In 1977 Verlin sold his business to the Rice Consolidated Independent School District and he became their bus maintenance man. In this job, he not only serviced school buses and cars, but he traveled to many football games with the caravan of school vehicles.

Like a postman, Verlin worked all hours of the morning and night in rain, sleet, snow, or hail. Verlin took care of all the buses carrying our most valuable symbols of love - the children of Rice CISD. Verlin

retired as Bus Maintenance Director for Rice CISD in 2004, after 27 years of faithful service.

Verlin's life revolved around children. Throughout the 70's, 80's, and 90's, Verlin was Scout Leader for Eagle Lake's Boy Scouts of America - Troop 334, leading many boys to become the successful gentlemen they are today.

Under his leadership, they enjoyed fishing and camping trips to Camp Stroke and Camp Philmont in Cimarron, New Mexico.

For his hard work and highly respected leadership, Verlin was awarded the highest award a Scout Leader can achieve - the "Silver Beaver." His love and work with children continued until he joined Christ.

Verlin was a true outdoorsman and avid fisherman, a skill, which he instilled in his children and grandchildren from an early age. He taught them to respect and love the outdoors. Verlin enjoyed traveling in his travel-trailer whenever he was able and he was an active member and Treasurer of the Tri-County Flyers Radio Control Model Club.

Verlin loved the Lord and instilled this love in his children and grandchildren as well. He became a charter member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Durant, Okla. on December 18, 1959. When he relocated to Eagle Lake, he became a member of Grace Lutheran Church, where he actively worshipped until he joined his Lord on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007 at 3:10 p.m. with his family hand-in-hand by his side.

Verlin was preceded in death by his parents.

Remaining to cherish his memory are brothers - Frankie "Bud" Argo, Jr. of Caney, Oklahoma and Johnny Ray Argo of Caddo, Okla.; children - Michael Argo and wife, Dena, of La Porte, Brenda Argo of Eagle Lake, and Jeff Argo and wife, Darlene, of Eagle Lake; grandchildren - Blaine and Bryson Argo of La Porte, Matthew Argo of Palmer, Mass. Ashley Owens and husband, Morgan, of Deer Park, and Sam Argo of Eagle Lake; and great-granddaughter - Kaylie Owens of Deer Park. In addition, Verlin is survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, friends, and neighbors.

Verlin loved music, family, and laughter. Please remember him when you gather with your loved ones. And laugh, love, and raise your voices with music - to heaven.

In lieu of flowers, Verlin's family requests contributions be made to: Grace Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake, Texas; the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department, or a charity of your choice.

Pallbearers include Verlin's nephews, Buddy Ray Argo, Jimmy Argo, Scott Argo, Tony Argo, Todd Argo, and Max Argo.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

ME Ola Allen Davis

The life of ME Ola Allen Davis came to a close in Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake on Wednesday, April 11 at 6:35 a.m.

She was born in the Vox Populi Community, Colorado County to Henry and Ester McGrew Allen on July 18, 1908.

Ola was reared and attended school in Vox Populi.

At an early age she confessed her hope in Christ, was baptized and united with the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Reels Bend Community, under the pastorage of A.R. Ditto.

Upon moving to Eagle Lake she united with Friendship Baptist Church with the Union Baptist No. 2 to the present Providence Baptist Church. She was a faithful member and served as an usher, member of Mission I and Sunday School.

In 1927 she was married to Lucian Davis. No children were born to this union.

Sister Davis was affiliated with the A.H. Simmons Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 217 for many years. She served as the chapter's Monthly Matron 29 years.

She was preceded in death by her devoted husband; parents; stepdaughter, Alma T. Tillman; step-grandsons, Louis Tillman and Billy Ray Tillman; and lifelong cousin, Rev. I.T. Hewitt, Sr.

Survivors include three step-granddaughters, Dorothy Tillman and Willie B. Jones both of Houston and Joyce Coates (Kenny) of Eagle Lake; step-grandson, George Tillman of Eagle Lake; step-great-grandchildren; devoted cousins, Arie Frazier (Robert) and Andrew Hewitt both of Eagle Lake; other relatives and friends.

A home going celebration service was held Saturday, April 14 at 11 a.m. from Providence Baptist Church with Rev. Coby Shorter, Jr., officiating pastor. Interment followed in Rising Star Cemetery in the New Town Community. Arrangements were entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Willie Dancy, Roosevelt Carson, Jr., Sam Dancy, Terrance Scarlett, Robert Davis, Derrick Frazier and Robert Parker, Sr.

Honorary pallbearers were Alex Woolridge, Johnathan Tillman, James Tillman, Jeffery Tillman, Troy Tillman and T. Derrian Coates.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



LaVerne Criswell

LaVerne Criswell, 92, passed away on April 12 at Schulenburg Regency.

She was born December 27, 1914 in Tuskahoma, Oklahoma.

LaVerne was a retired purchasing agent for Sommers Drug-stores and a champion bowler who traveled to tournaments throughout the state.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Archie W. and Lennie Fellers Phillips; one brother, Arch Phillips; and one sister, Thelma Gill.

Survivors include husband, McDowell Criswell of Sheridan; daughters, Irma T. Jones of San Antonio, Sharon Hughes of Sheridan; sisters, Velma Howdeshell of Blentonville, Arkansas, Wauzell Gill of Almodordo, New Mexico; brother, Milton Phillips of West Sacramento, California; grandchildren, V. Carl Jones, Dowell E. Jones, and Brandon Shane Hughes; great grandchildren, Robert Jones, Kristy Dawn Jones, Patrick Jones, Landon Jones, Nicholas Jones.

A private memorial service was held at Cheatham Cemetery in Sheridan.

Memorials may be given to Alzheimer's Association, 2909 W. Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77025.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Sorority Workshop April 21

The Gulf Coast Panhellenic will hold its first Sorority Recruitment Information Workshop on Saturday, April 21 at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1717 Pioneer Street in Wharton.

The free event will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

There will be an education forum on the most frequently asked questions about the sorority membership and the recruitment process. All moms are encouraged to attend with their daughters.

The Gulf Coast Panhellenic works as the hometown support team for young women participating in sorority recruitment at universities.

The group is dedicated to helping area young women have the best possible recruitment experience through such activities as sponsoring this workshop and writing the references that are helpful for invitations.

Sorority alumnae that are interested in being a part of the Gulf Coast Panhellenic may contact Kate Harrison at 979-282-9426 or Cori Radley at 979-543-1523 or email at gspanhellenic@yahoo.com.

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We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, especially Father Robert Guerra of the Parish of the Nativity.
A special thank you to Funeral Director, Barry Sheppard.
We would also like to thank everyone who brought food, and all that was needed.
Bobby, Brenda, Lexi, Dustin, Shawn, Christie and Naytin

The First National Bank of Eagle Lake will host an open house honoring Travis Wegenhoft, Executive Vice President, on his retirement. Mr. Wegenhoft has been with First National for over forty (40) years.

The open house will be held on Friday, April 20 from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at First National Bank in Eagle Lake. Refreshments will be served.
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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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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368.
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