

Obituary



Helen R. Hodde
Helen R. Hodde, 73, of Eagle Lake passed away Wednesday, June 27 at the Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.
She was born September 14, 1933 in Eagle Lake and was of the

Baptist faith.
Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Nicholas Ramirez and Dolores Ramirez; brothers, Augustine Ramirez and Aristeo Solis.
She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Charlie Hodde of Eagle Lake; sons, Hugo Ponce and wife, Eloisa, of Houston, Hector Ponce and wife, Edelia of Houston; sisters, Dora Godino and husband, Narcisco of Eagle Lake, Erminia Shepard and husband, Charles of Kansas, Margaret Tatum of Houston; brothers, David Ramirez and wife, Janie of La Porte, Alex Ramirez and wife, Alvinia of Eagle Lake, Ray Ramirez and wife, Mary of Eagle Lake, Edward Ramirez and wife, Kathy of Pasadena, Nicolas

Ramirez of Pasadena, John Timothy Ramirez of Missouri City; grandchildren, Daniel Ponce, John Ponce, Cynthia Bowles and Stephanie Ponce; great grandchildren, Jaydon Ponce and Cameron Ponce and other relatives and loved ones.
Visitation was held Thursday, June 28 from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Funeral Home Chapel.
Funeral services were held Friday, June 29 at 3 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Funeral Home with the Rev. Mario Vasquez officiating. Interment followed at Lakeside Mausoleum in Eagle Lake. Arrangements were under the direction of Eagle Lake Funeral Home.
Pallbearers were Daniel Ponce, John Ponce, Jim Mathis, Brandon Mathis, Ricky Bowles, and Michael Guzman.
Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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They say I should move on, but tell me where?
Where such love as I have shared with you,
Such sweetness from such joy so many years?
There has to be some room for storing sorrow,
Some place to keep one's undivided pain,
Where past can still be present, though in shadow,
We will be together always,
Though you are dead, and I must live alone.
Time is nothing but an open window
To things more real, which you and I have known.
When we were married, we became one flesh;
So now in me you'll not return to dust.
My mind and heart have not yet lost a friend
Even though my senses are bereft,
For you remain the witness of my soul.
No mere accident our love can end
So long as I have will and memory left, and you
Lie silent on some unknown shoal.*
Loving You Always
Ruby Johnson

Our Lady Of Rosary Holds Domino Party

Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595, Nada hosted the monthly Domino Party with 38 seniors attending on Wednesday June 27 at St. Mary's Parish Hall.
Hostesses Helen Noteboom, Janie Mae Popp, Irene Seifert, Janis Phillips, Henrietta Baumgar-

ten, and Anita Meismer served refreshments of assorted cookies prepared by Janie Mae and iced tea.

The seniors enjoyed an afternoon of playing dominos and visiting with Father Joe Vrana and all their friends.

Domino winners were 42-Hi Leo Popp, low Mary Ann Waligura. Straight domino winners were Viola Kaluza, Irene Seifert, Gladys Tyler and Viola Frels and Train winner Patsy Miller.

The winners received a prize including the traveling prize, which was won by Alvin Cada. Ed Moeller celebrated a birthday during the month and received a gift from the hostesses.

The next domino party will be held on Wednesday July 25, from 2-4:30 p.m. and seniors of the area are invited to come to enjoy an afternoon of playing dominos.

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THC Plans Tall Ship Tour

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ELISSA was designated by the National Park Service as a National Historic Landmark. The square-rigged ship was built in 1877 and is one of three pre-20th century ships in the United States that has been restored to full sailing capacity. She was named the "Official Tall Ship of Texas"

by Gov. Rick Perry in June 2005. ELISSA's restoration was completed in 1982 by the Galveston Historical Foundation.

In 2000, the Galveston Historical Foundation received funding for

ELISSA from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) through a Texas Preservation Trust Fund (TPTF) Grant. The foundation was awarded \$4,901 to replace the mizzenmast, an important structural element on the ship. TPTF grants are bestowed upon preservation projects throughout the state and pay up to one-half of total project costs to help protect Texas' cultural resources. Projects eligible for TPTF grant consideration include historic structures, archeological sites, archeological curatorial facilities and education projects.

The Seamanship Training Program offers extreme travelers the opportunity to learn ancient nautical skills and techniques. Upon completing the classes, which take place on designated Saturdays, participants are eligible to become volunteer crew members. Volunteers earn the privilege of sailing the open waters as the crew ELISSA takes out to sea. An adventure few experience, participants learn to climb ELISSA's rigging, including the main mast, which towers 99 feet above the deck, a feat requiring both skill and bravery. A truly unique experience, it is the only program in which an all-volunteer crew is fully prepared and given the opportunity to operate the ship.

For more information on venturing out to sea aboard ELISSA, contact the Texas Seaport Museum at 409-763-1877. For additional information on TPTF grants visit the THC's web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

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Bible Verse of The Week

"He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."
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