

## Obituaries

### Regina Victoria Leopold Beck

Regina Victoria Leopold Beck was born August 10, 1915, in New Braunfels, and passed away peacefully at her home in Rockne, Texas, on July 28. Funeral services were held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockne, Tuesday July 30 at 10 a.m.

She was the oldest of 12 children born to Arthur Christian and Mary Heine Leopold. When she was very young, her family moved to Nada, where she resided until 1935.

Regina is survived by her husband of 66 years, John Joseph Beck; five sons, Jim Beck, Mike Beck and wife, Mari, Pat Beck and wife, Becky, Tom Beck, and Stephen Beck and wife, Sue; five daughters, Elaine Chambliss and husband, Leland, Mary Beck, Lori Heisler and husband, Bill, Rita Canales and husband, Kelly, and Rosie Karrer and husband, Ken; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; by brothers, Joe, Arthur and Frederick Leopold of Nada, Alois Leopold of Boerne; and sisters: Agatha Gold, Beatrice Schoellmann, Bernice Popp of Nada and Martha Goertz of Rockne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Robert Joseph Beck; one grandson, Kenneth John Jimmerson; and one great-grandson, Andrew Robert Beck; brother, Clarence Leopold; and sisters, Margaret Ciarella and Elizabeth Schoellmann.

Regina was a strong proponent of education. At the age of 62, she earned a Bachelor of Education degree from Southwestern Texas State University. She was a primary school teacher at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Rockne for 14 years, a substitute teacher at Bastrop Elementary School, and was later employed by the Head Start Program in Bastrop County.

Despite her busy schedule, her family was her highest priority.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to VistaCare Hospice, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd, Suite 130W, Austin, Texas 78757, your local library, or the charity of your choice.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

### Clinton T. McMillian

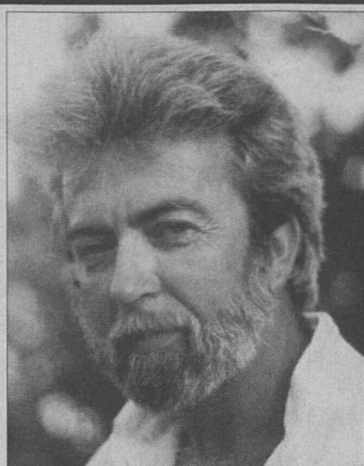
Clinton T. McMillian, 27, passed away Friday, August 3 in an auto accident near Rock Island. He was born May 16, 1980 in Austin. Clinton was an Hunting Club and Air Condition and Refrigeration Technician for Aarrow Air Conditioning and Refrigeration and was also a member of the Mustang Rescue Duck Club.

Clinton T. McMillian was preceded in death by his grandparents, Patricia Williams, Irene McMillian and A.T. McMillian; and uncle, Rick Raske.

He leaves to cherish his memory his parents, Robert T. and Christina Williams McMillian of Sheridan; grandfather, W.B. "Bill" Williams and wife, Liz, of San Marcos; sister, April Mauldin and husband, Woody, of Ashland, Oregon; aunt, Kellie Raske of Seguin, first cousin, Jennifer Raske of Seguin, niece, Christina Irene Mauldin of Ashland.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 8 at 10 a.m. at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with the Pastor Jim Dunn officiating. Burial followed at Cheatham Cemetery in Sheridan. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Henneke Funeral Home.

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### Vernon O. Wagley

Vernon O. Wagley, 58 of Weimar, lost his vigilant battle with colon cancer, at home surrounded by family & friends on Wednesday August 1st.

Vernon was born September 22, 1948 and grew up south of Weimar on the family homestead.

He accomplished many things in his life. At a young age he started breaking horses, raising cattle and helped his mother tend the farm. He was a hard worker and when he accomplished a trade he would move on to a new challenge. Vernon was always full of life and enjoyed many great adventures.

These included owning and operating a gravel trucking business, two cafe's The Pizza Patch and The Lone Wolf Cafe and did custom farming. He earned a 3rd degree black belt in martial arts and was also in security business. His bounty hunting days gave him the opportunity to travel the world and his favorite resting spot was Jamaica, which unfortunately he hadn't been able to visit in many years.

He also owned Oakland Express Hot Shot Delivery Service for 6 years in Houston, which he closed in 1991 to move back to the country. At that time he used his great carpentry skills and remodeled many homes in the surrounding area and designed and built custom decks. He loved being outdoors, riding in his pickup truck, hunting with Tina & Richard, riding his Kawasaki Mule and growing roses.

He was a great cook and loved cooking for his family. His barbeque was always slow smoked and he made his own BBQ sauce and he could grill a perfect steak.

He was preceded in death by his father Oliver Miles Wagley in 1963. He is survived by the love of his life Jeri Wagley, his mother Leona Wagley, both of Weimar. His daughters Tina Harbers and husband Richard of Plum Texas and Kristal Mosley Chambers and husband Kelly of Clovis New Mexico. He is also survived by his grandchildren Brett Harbers, Luke and Kayley Schmidt, Ginny Birmingham and Jyllian Chambers and a close cousin Sandra Johnson who was like a sister to him.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, August 12th at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Bielau at 2:30 pm and a Celebration of Life Party will be hosted on Sunday, August 19th at 1 pm at Holman Hall in Holman Texas where we will celebrate his life, tell great stories and listen to Vernon's favorite music.

Our family would like to thank M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and a special thanks to Hospice of South Texas, especially April, Jessie & Barbara for all of their love, kindness and support during this difficult time. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of South Texas, 404 N. Texana, Hallettsville, Texas 77964, 1-800-685-5268.

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### Judge / Colonel Jack Burton Smith

Jack Burton Smith, 69, an Army Colonel (Retired) and a Federal Administrative Judge (Retired) passed away on August 7 from a long bout with cancer. He was born in Houston and grew up in Eagle Lake, Texas. Jack graduated from Lagrange High School in Lake Charles, LA and attended Texas A & M, the University of Houston and eventually graduating from McNeese State University (BA degree) in Lake Charles.

Upon his graduation from McNeese State University he served in the U. S. Army as a "gunship" helicopter pilot in the Republic of Vietnam until being wounded in combat. During his tenure in Vietnam he flew 200 combat assault missions for which he was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, twenty-four Air Medals and the Army Commendation Medal for Valor. After his release from the Lackland Air Force Base hospital in San Antonio, TX he enrolled in the University of Texas School of Law whereupon he received his law degree.

He briefly served as a county prosecutor in Austin, Texas but returned to active duty with the U. S. Army where he was assigned as a judge advocate in San Pedro, California. He subsequently completed his military service and became an Attorney-Advisor, initially in the office of the Judge Advocate, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and after that in the Office of the General Counsel, U. S. Army, HQ DARGCOM. In April 1987 he was appointed Lead Examiner in the Western Hearing office for DISCR/DOHA. "Burt" was awarded the office of the Secretary of Defense Civilian Service Award for exceptionally outstanding service during the period from February 1985 through December 1993.

Jack is the son of Edwin Excel Smith and Gwendolyn Bell Smith, longtime residents of Eagle Lake, Texas. Survivors include his beloved wife Elena; his two brothers, Thomas A. Smith and wife Patricia of Conroe, Texas and Jimmy E. Smith and wife Kathy of Dallas, Texas. Jacks children are his daughter Ginger Smith of Englewood, CO, her daughter Janelle & son Blake; his daughter Bonnie Stephens, her husband Scott, their daughters Carly & Abby, their sons Luke & Troy of Centerville, VA and his son Brannon, wife Renee and their sons Tyler and Tristen of Wilmington, NC.

Judge Smith retired in 1996 as a Hearing Examiner/Administrative Judge. In an "all hands" retirement memo to the office personnel, his Chief Judge probably summed up Jacks life by saying, "...Burt is the mentor of his colleagues, the sounding board and confidant of his Chief, the protector of due process, and the friend of those who know and work with him. He does not sugarcoat his advice to me, or say what might be popular, but instead, he tells it like it is."

Jack will be laid to rest at the Stonewall Memory Gardens in Manassas, VA.

Arrangements by Baker Funeral Home - 12004 Lee Hwy. - Manassas, VA 20119 (703) 368-3116 Services scheduled for Friday, August 10, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

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## Backpack Choosing Pointers

It's that time of year again - back-to-school time! Many parents and children prepare for that first day of school by doing some back-to-school shopping, which often involves buying new clothing, pens, pencils, paper, markers, etc. However, backpacks are one of the biggest necessities for both the college-aged and younger students, and it's important to choose wisely, says Sally Garrett County Extension Agent - Family & Consumer Sciences.

There are so many backpacks to choose from, and choosing the right one for your child is not always easy. Backpacks come in all sizes, colors, fabrics, and shapes, all of which help kids express their own sense of style. Courtney J. Schoessow, M.P.H., Extension Program Specialist at Health with Texas Cooperative Extension says, as practical as backpacks are for those who use them, backpacks can cause strained muscles and joints and back pain when worn incorrectly.

The human spine is made up of 33 bones called vertebrae, and between the vertebrae are discs that act as shock absorbers. When something heavy such as a backpack filled with books is incorrectly placed on your child's shoulders, the force of that extra weight can pull your child backwards states Schoessow. To compensate, your child may bend forward at the hips or arch his or her back, which can cause your child's spine to compress unnaturally. Because of the heavy weight he or she is carrying, your child might begin to develop shoulder, neck, and back pain. What can we do about this? The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that before you purchase a backpack, look for the following five criteria:

- Choose a lightweight backpack that doesn't add a lot of weight to your child's load. For example, although leather backpacks look cool, they weigh more than traditional canvas backpacks.

- Choose a backpack with two wide, padded shoulder straps. Straps that are too narrow can dig into shoulders.

- Choose a backpack that has a padded back, which provides increased comfort and protects the wearer from being poked by sharp edges (such as pencils, rulers, notebooks, etc.) inside the backpack.

- Choose a backpack that has a waist belt, which helps distribute the weight more evenly across the body.

- Choose a backpack that has multiple compartments, which also helps distribute weight more evenly.

Although most backpacks come with two shoulder straps, this doesn't mean that your kids will use both straps! Many kids wear their backpacks over just one shoulder, which is the wrong thing to do, says Schoessow. This makes the person lean to one side to offset the extra weight, and they might develop lower and upper back pain and strain their shoulders and neck.

Wearing the backpack incorrectly can also lead to poor posture. So, make sure your children wear the backpack using both straps.



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