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Who Should Get the Meningitis Vaccine?

Meningitis is an inflammation of the membranes and cerebrospinal fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Most cases occur in persons between the ages of 15 and 24, and older adults tend to have a higher incidence than young children. In most instances, this is caused by a viral infection, although bacterial and fungal infections may also lead to this condition. Typically, bacterial meningitis is more severe than viral meningitis, and may be fatal if left untreated. Symptoms may include a high fever, severe headache, confusion, seizures, stiff neck, and sensitivity to light. Immunizations used to prevent bacterial meningitis include *haemophilus influenzae type b* vaccine and *meningococcal conjugate* vaccine. Recently, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that *all teenagers* between the ages of 11 and 18 years receive a bacterial meningitis vaccination to reduce the incidence of this condition.

Intravenous antibiotics are required for treatment of acute bacterial meningitis. The type of antibiotics used depends on the type of bacteria causing the condition. This may be determined by examining a sample of the cerebrospinal fluid. Rest, fluids, and over-the-counter pain relievers are recommended for associated fever and body aches. Antiviral medications also may be prescribed.

Obituaries



Doris Mae Cloat Drlik

Doris Mae Cloat Drlik, 68, passed away Thursday, August 23 at Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital in Houston.

She was born January 7, 1939 in Columbus the daughter of Jack L. and Elda Ladewig Cloat.

Doris married James J. Drlik on June 25, 1958 and was a homemaker.

She was a resident of Garwood for 49 years and member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada and Catholic Daughters Court Lady of the Rosary #1595 in Nada.

Doris was preceded in death by her father; and brother, Charlie Cloat.

Survivors include her husband, James, of Garwood; mother, Elda of Columbus; daughters, Patti Heintschel and husband, Gerald, of Columbus, Susan Chumchal and husband, Roger, of Houston, and Donna Simon and husband, Steve, of Magnolia; son, Charles Drlik and wife, Valerie of Garwood; sisters, Alene McQueen, Linda Daley and Maybelle Barnett all of Columbus; brothers, Ervin Cloat and Roy Cloat of Columbus; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 25 at 10 a.m. from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada with Fr. Joe Vrana officiating. Interment followed in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Nada. Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Nicholas Chumchal, Keith Drlik, Myles Chumchal, Ervin Herzik, Jr., Garrett Chumchal and Jack Cloat.

Honorary pallbearers were Aaron Simon, Gary Peters, Stephen Drlik, Wesley Heintschel, Rick Restivo, Logan Daley and Alan Restivo.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Jocelyn Miller

On Monday, August 20 Jocelyn Miller departed this life on earth at the Bellville General Hospital in Bellville with family at her side.

She was born January 25, 1957 in Eagle Lake to Alvin L. Miller and Shirley R. Gordon.

Jocelyn was raised in Houston where she attended Turner Elementary, Ryan Jr. High and graduated from Jones Sr. High School.

While living in Houston and having no children of her own, Jocelyn raised and cared for one of her younger brothers, Ian Hargrove. Through the years, she loved and cared for many of her nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jocelyn accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age. After living in Houston for years, she returned home to Eagle Lake and reunited with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Earl Shorter, Jr.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Shirley Ruth Gordon and grandmother, Frances Gordon.

Jocelyn leaves devoted and dedicated to mourn, father, Alvin Miller Sr. (Gwendolyn) of Austin; step-father, Cameron Hargrove of California; two sisters, Janice Danette Bluntson (Jerry) of Eagle Lake and Doris LaNell Miller of Houston; four brothers, Roy Michael Mill errand Alvin Leon Miller, Jr. of Houston, Leo Burnett Miller (Charlene) and Ian Deon Hargrove (Karen) of Eagle Lake; two aunts, Charlene Crume (Ray) of Florida and Ethel Mae Lawson of Sugar Land; two uncles, Oscar R. Gordon (Geneva) of San Antonio and Melvin Miller of Eagle Lake; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; and a special friend, Herbert Poole, Jr. of Houston.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 25 at 11 a.m. at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Obie Rhodes officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Harrison Batiste, Sr., Marvin Sims, Edwin Matthews, Eric Bluntson, Eddie Sherrod, Richard Davidson, Robert Boone and Oscar Thomas, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Edwin Miller, Terrell Miller, DeJuan Miller, LaMonte Miller, Elvin Miller, Cortez Miller, Ryan Hargrove, Ian Hargrove, II, Alvin Miller, III, NyQuan Miller, LaDarious Miller and Aldrick Miller.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Julia B. Roberts

Julia B. Roberts, 77, of Eagle Lake, passed away Monday, August 6.

She was born September 22 1929, in Timpson to Wesley and Julie (Sego) Haley.

Julia married Ronel McKinney Roberts on April 24, 1943 in Memphis.

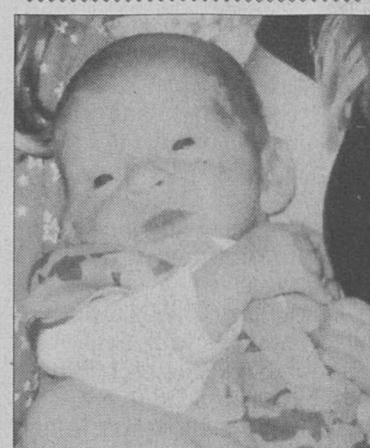
Preceding her in death were her parents; and her husband.

She leaves behind her children, Ronel Wayne (and Rebekah) Roberts of Victoria and Vera Ann and Glenn Roberts of Needville; two sisters, Johnnie (Haley) Bailey of Center and Elizabeth (Haley) Sprague of Wharton; six grandchildren, Jeffrey Glenn and Betty Roberts of Needville, Julieanne Renee and Thomas Amos of Needville, Jason Christopher Roberts of Needville, Courtney Lynn Roberts of Victoria, Lindsey Dyan Roberts of Victoria, Lance Austin Roberts of Victoria; and three great-grandchildren, Keira Noel Roberts of Needville, Tristan Marshall Amos of Needville and Ian Hunter Amos of Needville.

Funeral services were held at the Shiner Cemetery Pavilion in Shiner. Burial followed in the Shiner Cemetery. Bufington Funeral Home in Shiner was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

New Arrivals



Jaren Anthony Brown

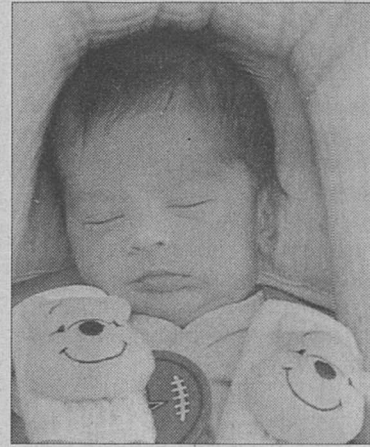
Katlyn, Ashlyn and Melanie welcome their "Little Brother", Jaren Anthony along with proud parents, Anthony and Sheryl Brown of Garwood.

Jaren was born August 19, at Columbus Community Hospital weighing in at seven pounds, two ounces and measuring 19 1/2 inches.

Maternal grandparents are the late Jerry and Amalie Smid-ovec of Garwood.

Paternal grandparents are Naomi Brown of Sublime and the late Ernest Brown, Sr.

New Arrivals



Angel Rene Rico, Jr.

Alinna Elizondo

Angel and Maria "Lupita" Elizondo of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a daughter Alinna Elizondo born on August 20.

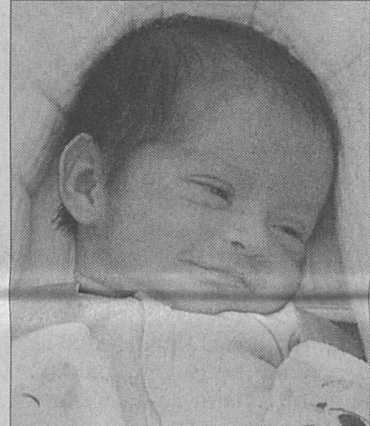
She weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Alinna was welcomed home by siblings, Arianna Elizondo, 10 and Angel Elizondo, 3.

Maternal grandparents are Rachel and David Ramirez and Marisela and Ismael Mendoza of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Antonio and Mona Elizondo of Eagle Lake.

Great grandparents are the late Susan Maldonado of Eagle Lake and Mariano and Ma Concepcion Mendoza of Juventino Rojas GTO, Mexico.



Arian Clay Rico

Angel and Adriana Rico of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their twin boys, born Thursday, August 16 at Columbus Community Hospital.

Angel Rene Rico, Jr., was born at 2:57 p.m. weighing five pounds, five ounces and measured 18 inches at birth.

Arian Clay Rico was born at 3:15 p.m. and weighed five pounds, five ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

They were welcomed home by their big sister, Alexia Marie Rico, age four.

Maternal grandparents are Faustino Hernandez and Juanita Fernandez of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Ramiro, Sr. and Simona Rico of Eagle Lake.

Maternal great-grandparents are Maria Del Refugio Hernandez of Mexico and the late Jose Hernandez and Tiburcio and Maria Celestina Alonso of Mexico.

Paternal great-grandparents are Ines Rico of Mexico and the late Angel Rico and the late Atilano and Maria de la Luz Cardenas of Eagle Lake.

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-Psalms 18:30
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