

Obituary

Veteran's Day Message

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From The Hooks



Kenneth Ray Finney
Kenneth Ray Finney, 52 unexpectedly went to be with our Lord on May 23.

Kenny was born on February 6, 1956 in Eagle Lake, and was the son of longtime residents Robert and Laura Finney.

Kenny is preceded in death by his two brothers, Robert Jr. and Clark.

He is survived by his mother and father, Robert and Laura Finney; his sister, Ada Wren and brother-in-law Glen Wren of Wimberley; and nephew, Matthew Gunn of Brenham. Surviving aunts and uncles include, Isabel Vecera of Eagle Lake, Emily Clark of Yoakum, James and Betty Finney of Texas City, Daniel and Marietta Becker of El Campo, Gene and Edna Street of LaPlace, Louisiana; and numerous cousins to include, Mary Gertson and Lucky of Eagle Lake.

Kenny spent his career as a handyman, working on automobiles as a mechanic, repairing houses, and various other odd jobs.

A memorial service will be held at his parent's home at 618 Post Office Street in Eagle Lake on Saturday, May 31 at 3 p.m.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Heather Vanessa Benton
Heather Vanessa Benton, 36, of Eagle Lake, passed away May 16 at UTMB in Galveston.

She was born January 11, 1972 in Sugar Land the daughter of William Reed Benton and Emma Tate.

Heather had been a lifetime resident of Eagle Lake, of Methodist faith and was employed by Wal-Mart in Columbus as a department manager.

She leaves to cherish her memory her mother, Emma Torres of Eagle Lake; sister, Bridget McDonald and husband, Kenneth, of Tomball; brothers, Shawn Stewart and wife, Janet of Alvin, Tim Lane and wife, Emily; and Patrick Lane all of Jersey Village.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 23 at 1 p.m. from Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with Pastor J. Paul Bruhn officiating. Interment followed in Magnolia Memorial Garden Cemetery in Magnolia, Texas. Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Sis. Gussie Mae Henderson

Sis. Gussie Mae Henderson, affectionately known as "Punkin", was born on February 22, 1956 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mae and Clarence Farrow in Eagle Lake, where she attended E.H. Henry School and graduated from Rice High School.

The inspiration and direction of this sister began at an early age. She confessed Christ as her Savior and was baptized at White Cloud Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Joe H. James.

She was a matron in the church and a singer in a gospel group. Overall, she was a faithful worker until her health failed her.

On May 19 God dispatched his angel and took our loved one home. She was preceded in death by her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mae and Clarence Farrow.

Sis. Gussie leaves to cherish her wonderful and precious memories a son, Joshua Henderson (Jennifer); two loving sisters, Delois Farrow (John Stovall) and Carolyn Carter; a special aunt whom she called "mother", Ruby King; two nephews, Adrian Farrow (Monica) and Corey Farrow; a best friend, Sheila Barnes; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 24 at noon at White Cloud Baptist Church with Rev. Obie Rhodes officiating. Interment will be at Rising Star Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Another life celebration by Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Active pallbearers scheduled are Willie Cleveland, Wayne Henderson, Norman Henderson, I, Dennis Davis, Victor Davis, Joshua Henderson, Norman Henderson, II and Clodis Christal.

Honorary pallbearers are John Stovall, Adrian Farrow, Natural Henderson, Anthony Thomas, Cordis Upson, Jarrod Hurd, Rodney Parker, Donald Spears, Roy Wilson, Joseph Matthews and Allen Hurd.

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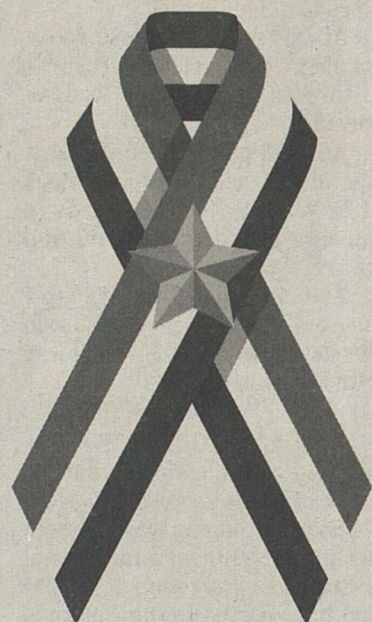
Message From The Soldier At Valley Forge

I gave you a birthright of freedom born in the Constitution and now your children graduate too illiterate to read it. I fought in the snow barefoot to give you the freedom to vote and you stay at home because it rains. I left my family destitute to give you the freedom of speech and you remain silent on critical issues, because it might be bad for business. I orphaned my children to give you government to serve you and it has stolen democracy from the people.

It's the soldier, not the reporter who gives you the freedom of press. It's the soldier, not the poet who gives you freedom of speech. It's the soldier, who salutes the flag, serves the flag, whose coffin is draped with the flag that allows the protester to burn the flag!!!

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

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The family of Willie Lee Johnson and Shirley Jean Johnson would like to thank all those who were a great help in the time of our sorrow. Through our grief we have been comforted by the love and the prayers of our family far and near. Thanks to those who gave of their time unselfishly. The depth of our appreciation cannot be expressed in words. May God bless each and every one of you.

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Treatments of Rheumatoid Arthritis
Rheumatoid arthritis is a condition of inflamed body joints. The synovium lining becomes inflamed in response to the presence of white blood cells. Cartilage, bone, tendons, and ligaments may be damaged in response to this rheumatoid process. Eventual joint destruction can occur. Signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis include joint pain and swelling, fatigue, fever, and weight loss. Smaller joints of the wrists, hands, ankles and feet are likely to be affected first, followed by progression to other joints such as the elbows, hips, and knees.
Although there is no cure available for rheumatoid arthritis, treatments are available. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), such as *ibuprofen* and *naproxen*, are available both over-the-counter and in prescription strength for the relief of pain and inflammation. Disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) are medications that work to decrease inflammation, pain, and joint damage. Examples include *hydroxychloroquine* (Plaquenil) and *sulfasalazine* (Azulfidine). Tumor necrosis factor (TNF)-alpha blockers such as *infliximab* (Remicade), *etanercept* (Enbrel), and *adalimumab* (Humira) are medications that stop the progression of arthritis by blocking a step in the inflammation process.

New Arrivals

Bradley Tate Harris
Chris and Danielle Harris of Katy are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a son, born May 2 at 1:06 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Memorial City.

Bradley Tate weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by sisters, Makayla, six; and Kylynn, two.

Maternal grandparents are Gerry and Kristine Woods of Katy.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Trisha Harris of Navasota.

Maternal great-grandparents are Duane and Ann Groothouse of Rockwall and Byron Miller of Houston.

Paternal great-grandparents are Stella Tate of Eagle Lake and Maurine Harris of Forth Worth.

Augustus Lee Peacock
David and Jennifer (Wied) Peacock of Garwood are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, a son, born May 22 at 12:19 p.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

Augustus Lee weighed nine pounds, 11 ounces.

He was welcomed home by siblings, Madelyn, seven; and Samuel, five.

Maternal grandparents are Mark and Jane Wied of Garwood.

Paternal grandparents are Bill and Billi Peacock of Bellville.

Great-grandparent is Dorothy Reeves of Wharton.

Youth Outdoor Learning Program

Beason's Park will be the setting of "The River Rocks" Program on June 10 from 9 AM to 12 PM. The River Rocks program is a youth outdoor learning program which will focus on various components of the Colorado River.

Sessions include River Water Testing (LCRA), River Soils (USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service), Riparian Trees of Terraces (Texas Forest Service), The Impact of the River on Rice Production (Colorado County Farm Bureau), A Closer Look (Colorado County AgriLife Extension Service), River Mapping (USDA Farm Service Agency), Native Plant Trail (Glenda Lambert), Recreation on the River (Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau) and Safety on the River (LCRA).

The program targets youth ages 9 to 14. However, all ages are invited to attend the outdoor learning program. There is no charge for the program.

A signed permission form is required for all youth attending. Registration will be held from 8:30 to 9 AM on the day of the program.

Permission forms may be picked up at the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District office of the Colorado County Agri-Life Extension Service office, both located at 316 Spring Street in Columbus to preregister or a parent must accompany youth for registration on the day of the program.

For more information, please call Beverly Tuck at 732-9565 or Dale Rankin at 732-2082.

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GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; Services begin at 10 a.m.; Rev. Clements Richard, Pastor; 234-3381.
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THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Interdenomination Christian Fellowship; 1225 Eagle Lake Road, Sealy, Frank Lucas, Pastor; 979-885-1225.
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Bible Verse of The Week
"I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding that by my thousand words in an unknown tongue."
1 Corinthians 14:18-19
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