

## Obituaries



**Henry Gottlieb Schmidt Jr.**  
Henry Gottlieb Schmidt Jr., 59, passed away July 9.

He was born June 11, 1949 and baptized August 28, 1949 and confirmed April 14, 1963.

Henry Schmidt graduated from Eagle Lake High School in 1969 where he excelled in auto mechanics. He belonged to Grace Lutheran Church where he taught kindergarten Sunday School. Henry took college courses to obtain his teaching certificate and taught auto mechanics at Brazos ISD for nine years. He also did many other things — worked on air conditioners with his cousin Johnnie, did mechanic work on cars, trains, and tractors, worked at the gravel pits, worked for several crop dusting services in this area, owned and operated his own mechanic shop and was a farmer his whole life.

He was looking forward to retiring from Texas A & M Research Station here in Eagle Lake.

During his free time, Henry enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also was fond of taking care of the wildlife that was around his house.

Preceded in death by his father, Henry G. Schmidt; sister, Delores Vasina; uncles, Robert and Leroy Brast; grandparents, Herman and Martha Brast and George and Bertha Schmidt

He is survived by his mother, Annie M. Schmidt; son, Jared Schmidt and wife, Kathryn; wife, Karyn Frayard and son, David and wife, Courtney; aunts, Elaine and Monty Brast; cousins, Robert, Jr. and Russell Brast; and other cousins.

Visitation was held at Eagle Lake Funeral Home on Saturday, July 12 from 2 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m., Sunday, July 13, at the Eagle Lake Funeral Home with Rev. Ardie Nelson officiating. Burial followed at the Lakeside Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Johnnie Schmidt, Jr., Edwin Schmitt, Hugo Richter, Jr., Robert Brast, Jr., Kenneth Vasina, Terry Vasina, Randy Sanders and Carl Hammermiller.

Honorary pallbearers were Bobby C. Semora, Bennie Schmidt, Ben Castillo and John Mahalite.

Memorial contributions may be given to: Grace Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 875 Eagle Lake, Texas 77434 or the charity of your choice.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



**Hattie Mahalite**

Hattie Mahalite passed away on July 8, in Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake at the age of 96 years.

Henrietta Buxkemper, long ago dubbed Hattie by her family, was born to Frank and Catherine (Schobel) Buxkemper on January 30, 1912 at Frelsburg. She was one of seven girls and two boys. The house where Hattie and her siblings were raised is still standing today.

Hattie married John Mahalite on April 5, 1931 at Frelsburg. They had two boys, John, Jr. and Kenneth. The family moved to Columbus and, finally, to Eagle Lake on January 1, 1940. Their sons grew up to farm with their father. Hattie and John were active members Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, now The Parish of the Nativity Catholic Church, where she continued to attend services until shortly before her death. Hattie and John went on to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary and flourished together until John's death on November 18, 1990. Hattie continued on her own, sadder, but happy in her children and grandchildren.

She loved to cook and was renowned locally for her amazing lemon meringue pies and made many a delivery, around the holiday seasons, of fabulous Pecan Angel Cookies to her friends in the places where she shopped. She was an avid seamstress and quilt maker and has made well over fifty quilts for family, friends and church bazaars where they always brought high bids at the auctions. She had recently finished one for her Church's upcoming fund raiser but found it unsatisfactory and went to work on another to replace it.

It was while seated at her sewing machine, sewing blocks for this new quilt, that she suffered a stroke. She continued to decline until finally, at about seven a.m., July 8, according to family, she "just stopped".

Hattie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers, six sisters and one grandson.

She is survived by her sons, John and wife June, and Kenneth and wife JoAnn, five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A rosary was held at the Parish of the Nativity at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 10.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 11 at 10 a.m.

Her chosen pallbearers are Thierry Hoffman, Kevin Hoffman, Mark Faldyn, Clayton Mahalite, John Grammer and Pete Longoria.

Memorial donations may be made to the Parish of the Nativity, the Rice Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary, where she once volunteered, or to the charity of your own choosing.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



**Willie Mae Atkinson**

Willie Mae Atkinson, 84, of Liberty, Texas passed away at her home, Wednesday, July 9.

She was born on July 26, 1923 in Leon County, Texas to Dewitt Smith and Lela Bell Patrick.

Willie Mae graduated from the Kennard High School and married Woodrow Wilson Atkinson in Houston County, Texas on October 14, 1938.

They moved to the Liberty area and opened a shoe repair shop. They were the best cobblers in the county.

Willie Mae was a member of the Church of Christ, the Rebecca Lodge, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department.

She enjoyed sewing, reading, and quilting.

Willie Mae was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, W. W. Atkinson, Jr.; a daughter, Lela Kathleen Atkinson; a grandson, Douglas Potts; and a son-in-law, Harvey Garness.

She is survived by two daughters, Bobbie Jean Wages and husband, William, of Liberty and Mary Hellen Atkinson of Katy; three sisters, Aline Morrow of Kansas, Vera Reeves of Texas and Maude Jones of Pasadena; a brother, James Smith of Bryan; three grandchildren, Jeannette Potts, Francis Frybert, and Crystal Lofsteadt; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 12, at the Allison Funeral Service Chapel, in Liberty at 10 a.m., with the Reverend Allen Cherry officiating. Burial followed in the Corinth Cemetery, Kennard, TX at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 12 with the Reverend Jim Ainsworth.

Arrangements were under the direction of Allison Funeral Service in Liberty.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



## Fish

*Continued from front page* estimates, less than one percent of fish in the lake had died.

He said that the rains last week would help by introducing fresh water into the lake, as well as lowering the temperature a little bit.

by those who knew him. He always enjoyed spending time with his family.

"Mac" departed this life on July 2 to be with his parents, Mrs. Rosetta and Mr. Eddie Taplin, Sr.; and a brother, Willie Harris. He will be greatly missed.

MacArthur leaves to cherish his memories a faithful and loving wife of 28 years, Carolyn Sims Taplin; one son, MacArthur "Lil Mac" Jr.; three daughters, Sabrina, LaShunya, both of Missouri City and Helena of Houston; eight grandchildren, Donte, Keona, Diamond, Tamara, Jade, Jacoby, Jordan "Scittles," and Davion; three sisters, Birdie Lee Taplin Watson of Cameron, Jessie Mae Wade of Brenham and Joyce Ann "Sue" Taplin Jones (Pastor Albert Jones) of Houston; three brothers, Lonnie Taplin (Rae Lee) of Carmine, James Harris (Everlena) of Houston and Eddie "Slack" Taplin (Alice) of Houston; a caring mother-in-law, Mercedes Sims of Eagle Lake; two brother-

in-laws, Robert Loving (Osie) of Missouri City and Marvin Sims of Eagle Lake; two sister-in-laws, Shirley Davis (John) of Missouri City and Sharon Lockhart (Eugene) of Carrollton and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Funerals services were held Tuesday, July 8 at 11 a.m. at New Life Missionary Baptist Church in Missouri City with Pastor Thomas L. Murray, officiating. Interment followed at St. Matthews Cemetery in Carmine. Another life celebration by Ben Davis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Eddie Taplin, III, Leo Taplin, Cleo Taplin, David Jones, Brandell Jackson, and Rafael Jackson.

Honorary pallbearers were Ministers of New Life MBC, Ray Charles Jackson, Michael Jackson, Robert Loving, Marvin Sims, Carlton Washington, and Lawrence White.

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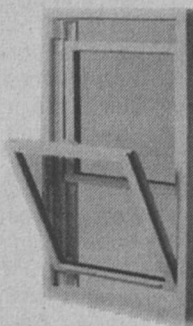
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**MacArthur Taplin, Sr.**

MacArthur Taplin, Sr. was born on May 14, 1951 in Carmine, Texas to Mrs. Rosetta and Mr. Eddie Taplin, Sr. He spent his early years in Carmine where he attended the public schools. He graduated and received his diploma from Roundtop-Carmine High School.

MacArthur confessed Christ as his Lord and savior at an early age. During his teenage years, he moved to Houston. Later, he united with New Life Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Thomas L. Murray in Missouri City. Immediately after uniting with New Life MBC, he joined the Usher Board and remained active. He was ordained as a Deacon on July 7, 1996 and as a Minister of the gospel of Christ on April 4, 2004. He remained a dedicated and faithful member until his health failed.

He was affectionately known to many as "Mac". He was a quiet but cheerful man who was loved