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Obituaries



Macedonio Melendez, Jr.
Visitation for Macedonio Melendez Jr., 61, of Eagle Lake was held from 3 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, September 25 in the Chapel of Hernandez Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Burial followed Friday, September 26 at Guadalupe Cemetery in Rosenberg.

Macedonio was born February 10, 1947, in Rosenberg, and went to be with the Lord Wednesday, September 17 in Eagle Lake.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Herlinda Melendez.

Survivors include his father, Macedonio Melendez, Sr.; sons, Johnny Melendez and wife, Heather and Phillip Melendez; daughters, Rebecca and Monica Melendez; brother, Jose Luis Melendez and wife, Barbara; sisters, Ramona Garcia and husband, Santos and Linda Bautista and husband, Sabino; 10 grandchildren; and several other loving family members and friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hernandez Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Gay Lee Hilbert Boggess Parkinson
Gay Parkinson passed away in Tyler on Monday, September 22. She was 93 years old.

Born in Malone, the daughter of Carmen Shamblin and Louis A. Hilbert, she was the first of three daughters.

Her early years were marked by frequent travel, but she always considered Austin her home.

In 1932, she married Henry S. Parkinson of Austin. The marriage lasted three years. She then moved her mother and sisters to Houston and worked at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Admissions where she met Charles P. Boggess, an ambulance driver for a funeral home. Shortly after their marriage in 1943, Charles joined the Army and returned from WWII a hero.

After the war, she and Charles moved to Eagle Lake a small rice farming community on the Gulf Coast, where they raised their children, Barbara and Brent. They established a successful business and when their children were grown, they moved for a short time to Morrilton, Arkansas before returning to Texas.

She was happy to be back in her native Austin where she enjoyed life as an artist and became a member of the Palette Club, but she found her true happiness in her new role of being a grandmother.

After Charles died in 1985, she remarried Henry Parkinson. She was 75 and Henry was 79. They lived happily on Lake Travis in Volente until his death in 1999.

She resided in Austin until the last two years of her life when she moved to Frankston, Texas to be with her son. She remained in good health until June of this year when she began a steady decline. She passed away peacefully in hospice care in Tyler on Monday at 2:05 p.m. with her son and daughter at her side.

She marveled at God's creation and celebrated its beauty through the eyes of an artist and while she loved and was fascinated by the creatures of the earth, by far, cats were her favorite. In so loving her earthly home, she left the world a better place.

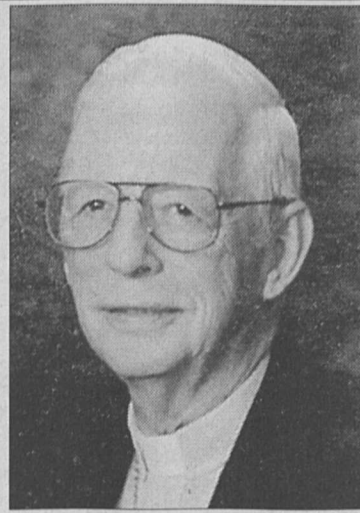
She loved to laugh. She had a sharp wit and fine sense of humor, which often led her to see the ridiculous in many of life's situations.

Gay was a beautiful woman - elegant, dignified, strong and intelligent. She will be remembered, missed and loved by all who knew her.

She is survived by her son, Brent Boggess; her daughter, Barbara Singh; granddaughters, Dorian and Adrian Singh; and lastly, her beloved cat, Lady.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, September 28 in the Smith Chapel of Riverbend Church, 4214 N. Capital of Texas Hwy. Interment will follow at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Memorial Park. Arrangements under the direction of Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Rev. Jack Stephen Lowrey
Reverend Jack Stephen Lowrey, 84, of Schulenburg, was born in Columbus on April 26, 1924 the second son to Janie Marie Glithero Lowrey and Charles Barnett Lowrey.

He had one brother Russell Gordon Lowrey.

Jack was called home to be with the Lord on September 26, in Schulenburg. Jack attended public school in Columbus graduating from Columbus High School in 1941. While in high school Jack began playing the Baritone in the 1939 Columbus High School Band.

Jack attended Texas A & M University for one semester majoring in chemical engineering. Jack entered the United States Navy in April 1943 and was discharged in 1946. He completed electrician's school in Morehead, Kentucky; basic submarine in New London Conn.; and torpedo training in Solomon Island, Maryland.

While in the Navy Jack decided to attend the University of Texas to major in pharmacy. Jack graduated from the University of Texas pharmacy school in June 1950. He became a registered pharmacist in September 1950. He worked as a pharmacist for 15 years in the following communities; Waco, Stephenville, Hillsboro, Navasota and Brenham. While in Hillsboro Jack met the love of his life Barbara Joyce Lyles Lowrey. They were married on March 15, 1953 in Hillsboro, Texas. Jack and Barbara were blessed with two sons; James David and Russell Stephen.

In October 1964 Jack talked with Bishop Hines about entering the ministry. On May 1, 1965 Jack was accepted as a postulant for Holy Order by Bishop J. Milton Richardson. This required Jack to resign his job as a pharmacist in Brenham, uproot his family and move to Berkeley, California to attend Seminary. One summer while in seminary, Jack and his family spent the entire summer on the Rosebud Reservation in Rosebud, South Dakota. Jack graduated from Seminary in 1968. After graduation from Seminary Jack was called to serve in the pastoral training program for two years at Christ Church Cathedral in Houston. Jack was asked to serve as Cannon Pastor at Christ Church Cathedral where he remained for five years. Jack served as the Rector of Episcopal Churches for another twenty-two years in the following communities; Marlin, Madisonville, Crockett, Carthage, Palacios, Matagorda and finally retiring to St. John's in Columbus. Once he retired in Columbus, Jack enjoyed playing his Baritone for a couple of years in the Columbus Community Band.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother.

Jack is survived by his wife, Barbara Lowrey, of Schulenburg; sons and daughters-in-law, David and Jeannine of Columbus, Rusty and Susette of Studio City, California; grandchildren, Shawn Lowrey of Alvin, Heather and

Shawn Sewell of Alvin, Dylan Lowrey of Studio City, California; and one great grandson, Kyler Sewell, of Alvin.

Memorial services were held on Sunday, September 28, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbus with Reverend Ben Shawhan officiating. The family requests contributions in memory of Jack Stephen Lowrey be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, 716 Travis Street, Columbus, Texas 78934 or Hospice of South Texas, 404 N. Texanna, Hallettsville, Texas 77964.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Seth Grigar

Seth Grigar, 25, of Gig Harbor, WA passed away on September 17 from injuries received in an auto accident.

Seth was a graduate of Gig Harbor High School (2001) and Western Washington University.

He was a local banker and businessman who had an entrepreneurial spirit. He was an avid sportsman who loved to boat and fish with his family. He also was a snowboarder who enjoyed spending time on the mountains of the great Northwest.

Seth was an active member of the Gig Harbor community with a budding ability to organize events such as Relay for Life.

Family member include his parents, Tim and Janice Scott Grigar; and his brother, Shane of Gig Harbor. Family members from Texas also include his Granny, Angeline Grigar of East Bernard; and grandfather, Victor Scott, of Eagle Lake, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services included a viewing on Saturday, September 20 at Haven of Rest Funeral Home from 3-6 p.m. and celebration of Seth's life on Sunday, September 21 at Believers Fellowship Church at 3 p.m.

Remembrances may be made to Relay for Life of Gig Harbor American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Haven of Rest, Gig Harbor.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Gadabouts Host Dominoes

The Nada Catholic Daughters hosted the monthly senior citizen domino party on September 24, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada. 36 seniors attended and were treated refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches, spinach dip and chips, chocolate syrup cake and iced tea.

At the conclusion of the games winners were 42-high, Leon Meisner, 42-low, Herbert Popp, at the straight domino tables, Clara Lobpries, Gladys Tyler, Lydia Schoemman and Ernestine Bubela, chicken foot, Cecelia Kallina, train, Dorothy Faas and taking home the traveling prize John Berger.

CDA members serving as hostesses were Helen Noteboom, Rosemary Wied, Irene Seifert, Leona Brzozowski, Linda Swoboda and Anita Meisner. The hostesses expressed their appreciation for donations they received. Celebrating birthdays during the month were Leona Brzozowski and Leon Meisner; those attending sang Happy Birthday to them. The seniors also enjoyed visiting with Father Joe Vrana pastor of St. Mary's.

The next domino party will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada on October 29, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Seniors of the area are welcome to attend to enjoy an afternoon of visiting and playing dominoes.

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Children between the ages of 5 and 15 are most likely to be affected by scarlet fever. Typical signs and symptoms of this condition include an extensive rash, flushed face, sore throat, and high fever. Streptococcus pyogenes is the bacteria responsible for causing both strep throat and scarlet fever. This bacteria type is contagious and may be transmitted through coughing, sneezing, or touching objects an infected person has touched and then touching their nose or mouth. Persons may carry the bacteria without symptoms.
Antibiotics may be prescribed for persons who become infected. Penicillin, amoxicillin (Amoxil, Trimox), and azithromycin (Zithromax) are antibiotics sometimes prescribed. Other antibiotics prescribed may include clarithromycin (Biaxin), clindamycin (Cleocin), and cephalexin (Keflex). Other treatment measures include using over-the-counter medications, with the approval of the child's physician, and providing adequate fluids. Over-the-counter medications, such as ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) and acetaminophen (Tylenol), may help to alleviate fever and discomfort. Children may prevent scarlet fever infection through regular hand washing and refraining from sharing drinking glasses or eating utensils.



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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard.
CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary; 308 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; 8 a.m. (Español), 10 a.m. (English) 6 p.m. Saturday (English), Rev. Robert F. Guerra, P.O. Box 307; 234-2842.
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada; Fr. Joe Vrana; 758-3218.
GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; Services begin at 10 a.m.; Rev. Clements Richard, Pastor; 234-3381.
LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. worship.
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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

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart."
Proverbs 3:3
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