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In Memory Rachel Yvonne Cardenas
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The years may pass, but the memories forever last.
I love and miss you... Love, Aunt CoCo

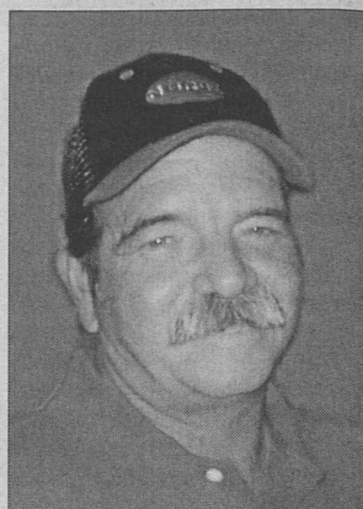
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Several Drugs Prescribed for CHF

Congestive heart failure (CHF) is a term used to describe an impaired ability of the heart to circulate blood to support the needs of tissues and organs. Excessive workload on the heart due to increased systolic blood pressure and increased diastolic volume contribute to this condition. Typically, heart failure begins in the left heart ventricle, the main pumping chamber. Ultimately, systolic function of the heart declines and diastolic pressure increases. Coronary artery disease, acute myocardial infarction, hypertension, alcohol abuse, or an infection may lead to this condition, or the cause may be unknown. Although persons affected by CHF initially do not experience symptoms, the ability to exercise is eventually reduced, as the body is unable to support the increased demands of exercise.

There are many medications available for the treatment of CHF. Diuretics, such as *bumetanide* (Bumex) and *furosemide* (Lasix), work to increase excretion of sodium and water, reducing volume and congestion and leading to improvements in symptoms. *Digoxin* (Lanoxin) improves symptoms by increasing heart muscle contractions. Vasodilators, such as angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors, angiotensin receptor blockers, and beta blockers, also may be prescribed.



James "Bobo" Brune, Jr.
James "Bobo" Brune, Jr. passed away Wednesday, February 4 at the Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

He was born May 15, 1957 in Eagle Lake, the son of James Edward Brune, Sr. and Lillie Moeckel Brune.

Services for "Bobo" James Brune, Jr., 51 of Columbus were held February 8, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus at 1 p.m. with Father Dan Kahlich officiating.

In 1975, he was a graduate of Rice I.S.D.

He was united in marriage to Silvia Kay Briscoe on June 9, 1979 in Eagle Lake.

He worked as a welder at his shop C&C Welding (named after his boys) in Eagle Lake. Bobo was a welder for 30 years.

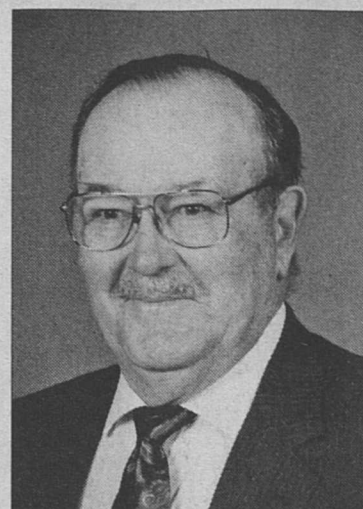
He was preceded in death by his brother, Daran Wayne Brune; and his father-in-law, Edward L. "Bud" Briscoe.

Survivors include his wife, Silvia; two wonderful sons, Cody James and Cory Daran of Columbus; his parents, Brunie and Lillie of Weimar; his sister, Debbie Brune Jobe and Johnny of Cave Creek, Arizona; his nephew, Tucker Jobe also of Cave Creek; his niece, Lacy Jobe Lerma and husband, Marco, and their son, Myka of Mesa, Arizona; his mother-in-law, Ernestine Briscoe Brom of Eagle Lake; brother-in-law's, Gary Briscoe of Dripping Springs, wife Diane, children, Scotty, Tracy Briscoe Davis, her husband, Jason and children, Kyler and Judah, Brian and his wife, Lauren; Tiger Briscoe of Columbus, wife Janet, children, Amanda and Brandon; sister-in-law, Sheila Briscoe Mathis of Eagle Lake, husband Jim, children, Brent and Brandon, his wife Ashley and their children, Karlee and Colby; and numerous other family members.

Pallbearers were Richard and Adam Moeckel, Kirk Berger, Johnny and Tucker Jobe, Gary and Tiger Briscoe, Jim, Brent and Brandon Mathis, Bruce Curtis, Billy Moulder, Richard Sommerlatte and Everett Moore.

He will live in our hearts forever.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Joe L. Seifert

Loving father and prominent citizen of Garwood, a man known for his warm sense of humor and generosity passed this past week. With his whole family by his side Joe L. Seifert, 85 of Garwood passed away Sunday February 8, at River Oaks Health Care Center in Columbus.

He was born in Weimar on October 8, 1923 to Joe F. Seifert and Hilda (Till) Seifert. He attended the Weimar schools, graduating in 1941.

He attended one year of College before serving in the Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Upon his honorable discharge from the Army he resumed his college studies and in 1950 graduated from Texas A&I in Kingsville with an Agricultural - Education Degree.

In 1951 he was hired by the Veterans Service Board to teach returning veterans agriculture skills in Garwood. After learning from one of his students that the Faykus Cotton Gin in Garwood was for sale, he and his brother Buck decided to follow in the footsteps of their father, purchased the gin and became cotton ginners.

In 1953 Joe married the love of his life Irene Guenther and they moved to Garwood. Together they were active in their church and community while they raised five children.

Joe was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada serving on the church council where he was elected secretary.

Later he served on the St. Mary's school board and was elected President. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

Joe joined the Volunteer Fire Department in 1955 and held several positions including 10 years as Fire Chief. He was a founding member of the EMS division of the department in 1968. After 40 years of service he was made honorary member of the department. After being named as honorary member he continued helping the department in any way he could.

He enjoyed deer hunting and was always the one that took care of getting the oats patch planted and any other needs at the camp. He once built a homemade hot water heater so he and other hunters at camp could take a hot shower even though the water came from a horse trough. He always looked forward to the hunting trips to West and South Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Gloria Ann; sister, Wilma Schindler; brothers, Leonard (Si), Lawrence (Law) and Edwin (Buck) Seifert.

Joe is survived by his wife of 55 years, Irene; daughters, Jo Ann and husband, Mike Stanley of Round Rock and Mary Ann Seifert of Houston; sons, Richard Seifert and Lois Sassin from Sugar Land, John Seifert of Garwood and David Seifert of Houston; brother, A.J. Seifert of San Antonio.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, February 12, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, with Reverend Joe Vrana serving as celebrant. Graveside services were held at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Pallbearers were nephews, Kenneth Seifert, Jim Seifert, Ralph Seifert, Ronnie Eckel, Gerald Eckel, David Klam and family friend, Jeff Dugie.

Honorary Pallbearers were all active and honorary firemen, his hunting buddies and special assistant Melody Morgan.

The family wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the staff of River Oaks Health Care Center and Dr. Anderson for their loving care.

Memorials may be made to the Garwood Vol. Fire Department at PO Box 131, Garwood, Texas 77442 or to a charity of your choice.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



CDA Reports On Recent Meeting

Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595 held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 10, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada.

The meeting was called to order by Regent, Bernita Korenek.

The CDA Mass for our youth was held on January 25. The children sang and carried the gifts.

Thanks to the CCD teachers for their participation.

The children are working on the poetry contest - another Catholic Daughters project.

The fish fries begin on February 27. Members are asked to bring desserts and work on their assigned dates.

The next Senior Citizen Domino Party will be held on February 25 at 2 p.m. at the St. Mary's Parish Hall.

The membership voted to make donations to Project Graduation, Garwood-Nada Little League and the Garwood Library.

The next meeting will be held on March 10.

IRS Tips: What Tax Records To Keep

If you're like most Americans, when it comes time to do your taxes you have to sift through piles and piles of receipts, bills and financial statements.

You probably already keep records in your daily routine. This includes keeping receipts for purchases and recording information in your checkbook.

Keeping these and other records will help you avoid headaches at tax time.

Good recordkeeping will help you remember the various transactions you made during the year, which in turn may make filing your return a less taxing experience.

Records help you document the deductions you've claimed on your return.

You'll need this documentation should the IRS select your return for examination.

Normally, tax records should be kept for three years, but some documents - such as records relating to a home purchase or sale, stock transactions, IRA and business or rental property - should be kept longer.

In most cases, the IRS does not require you to keep records in any special manner.

Generally speaking, however, you should keep any and all documents that may have an impact on your federal tax return:

- * Bills
- * Credit card and other receipts
- * Invoices
- * Mileage logs
- * Canceled, imaged or substitute checks or any other proof of payment

* Any other records to support deductions or credits you claim on your return

Good recordkeeping throughout the year saves you time and effort at tax time when organizing and completing your return.

If you hire a paid professional

to complete your return, the records you have kept will assist the preparer in quickly and accurately completing your return.

For more information on what kinds of records to keep, see IRS Publication 552, Recordkeeping for Individuals, which is available on IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Hospital District Election May 9

To the Registered Voters of Rice Hospital District of Colorado County, Texas.

Notice is hereby given that there are three (3) board directors whose terms are expiring and have elected to re-apply and one (1) vacant position.

They are as follows: Mark Anderson, Michael Thomas and Obie Rhodes.

The vacant position is due to Rev. Steve Whitfield's retirement and relocation outside the district.

To be eligible to be a candidate to serve as director of the Rice Hospital District, the candidate must be a resident of the district and be a qualified voter. An employee of the district may not serve as a director. Applications to be placed on the ballot may be picked up from the Administration Office at Rice Medical Center beginning at 8:00 a.m. February 7, 2009 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 2009.

A los votantes registrados del Rice Hospital de Distrito de Colorado, Texas

La presente se da aviso de que hay tres (3) directores bordo cuyo mandato expira y se han elegido para volver a solicitar un puesto vacante y un (1) puesto vacante.

Son las siguientes: Mark Anderson, Michael Thomas y Obie Rhodes

También hay un puesto vacante debido a la Rev. Steve Whitfield's retiro y la reubicación fuera del distrito.

Para tener derecho a ser candidato para servir como director el Rice Hospital de Distrito, el candidato debe ser una residente del distrito y ser votante calificado. Un empleado del distrito no pueden servir como un director. Las solicitudes para ser colocado en la boleta electoral puede ser recogidos en la Oficina de Administración Rice Medical Center a partir de las 8:00 am 7 de Febrero 2009 y se termina 9 de Marzo 2009.

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Bible Verse of The Week

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

Psalms 119:105

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