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In Memory of Elizabeth Ann Cardenas "Boo-Boo"
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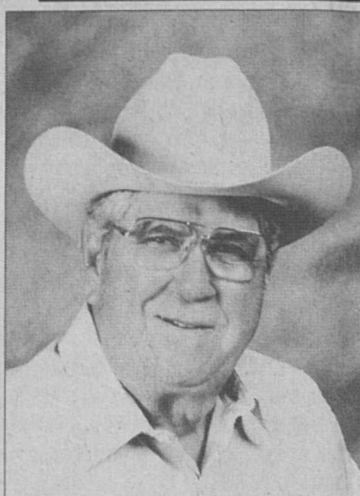


I'm sitting in my room, looking at your picture, wondering why you're not a part of my future. Tears stream down my face, while my heart starts to race. Asking God why he took you from my life, it was more painful than stabbing me with a knife.

I still need you here, you're the one who made things clear. You're a part of me and I'm a part of you, when you died a part of me died too. I never knew how hard it was to lose someone you love, until the day you went to Heaven above. Even though I can't see, I know you're watching over me. I miss you more and more everyday but all I can do is pray. In my heart you shall forever remain.

I Love You Boo-Boo... Aunt CoCo

Obituaries



George Hagan
George Hagan, 81, passed away on Thursday, March 19. He was born in Yoakum, Texas on April 30, 1927 to George and Sally Hagan. He came from a family of three brothers and seven sisters. After high school, George served his country in World War

II as a Marine in Guam. After he returned home, he met the love of his life, Winnie Kamarad of New York. They married on January 22, 1949. They made their home in Columbus, where they raised three daughters. They were blessed with six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The greatest enjoyment of George and Winnie's lives came when they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1999.

For over 40 years, George was involved in the cattle business and was highly respected in the cattle industry. In 1957, he became part owner of Columbus Livestock.

George always gave back to the community. He volunteered his time through the years at FFA sales, the local 4-H, and county fairs of Columbus and the surrounding communities. As faith was very important to George, he tirelessly auctioned at numerous church picnics throughout the area. He also auctioneered at the

annual Magnolia Homes Tour and the Ducks Unlimited banquets. He was nominated for Columbus Volunteer of the Year, served as the Columbus FFA Parade Marshal, and was an honorary member of the FFA.

George sold his business in 1999, giving him more time to spend with family and friends. George enjoyed fishing, hunting in South Texas, and barbecues with friends.

George loved life, his church, family, and friends. He will always be remembered as a man "who never met a stranger."

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; six sisters; and three brothers.

He will be deeply missed by his daughters, Sally Etzel and husband, Bill, of Brenham, Sherry Sassin and husband, Joe, of Houston, and Sandy Neundorff and husband, Ronnie, of Columbus; grandchildren, Mark Brunton and wife, Sarah, of Katy, Todd Etzel of

College Station, Ashley Braun and husband, Russell, of Columbus, Austin Adamcik of Houston, Alexa Sassin of Houston, and Tanner Neundorff of Columbus; great-granddaughter, Reagan Brunton of Katy; sister, Jo Terrell of San Antonio; and special friend, Dolores Hoelscher of Columbus.

Funeral services took place Sunday, March 22 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus with Pastor Jeffrey Marsh and Pastor Heath Abel officiating. Burial followed at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus. Henneke Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers included Bill Etzel, Joe Sassin, Ronnie Neundorff, Mark Brunton, Todd Etzel, Austin Adamcik, Tanner Neundorff, and Russell Braun.

Memorials may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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A transient ischemic attack (TIA) is characterized by a temporary interruption in blood flow to the brain, caused by a blood clot. The attack usually lasts only a few minutes, with symptoms typically resolving within 1 hour. If symptoms last longer than 24 hours, it is defined as a stroke. Approximately one in three individuals who experience a TIA eventually experiences a stroke, often in the first year following the TIA. Signs and symptoms of a TIA include dizziness, slurred speech, sudden blindness, and sudden weakness or numbness on one side of the body. Although risk factors such as family history, age, race, and gender cannot be changed, healthier living can reduce the risk of a TIA.

Once a TIA has occurred, treatment is aimed at preventing a future stroke. This can be accomplished with therapies aimed at dissolving the clot. Anti-platelet medications or anticoagulants may be recommended. Aspirin or clopidogrel (Plavix) are recommended for prevention in individuals whom have already experienced a stroke. Clopidogrel is an appropriate alternative for people allergic to aspirin. The combination of aspirin and extended-release dipyridamole (Aggrenox) also may be prescribed for prevention in individuals whom have previously experienced stroke.

Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck



"No town can fail of beauty...if venerable trees make magnificent colonnades along its streets." — Harriet Ward Beecher

Eagle Lake is fortunate to have an abundance of old, stalwart trees lining its streets. It's almost like the strength and stamina of a

town is signified by the strength, stamina and sustenance of its leafy, arcing oaks.

I was reminded of this as I drove through the residential areas and tree-lined streets in the northwest section of Eagle Lake. Driving with the purpose of locat-

ing a certain tract of land, I found myself enjoying the seasonal beauty of azaleas in bloom, spring flowers peaking from between bright green shrubs, and the arms of leafy green trees directing me from one street to the next, much like green-clad tour guides beckoning me down one lovely avenue and up through the next.

Many other areas in the city, certainly around the lake and golf course, have large impressive timbers, but I was searching for 305 and 307 Mills Street, so it was this particular side of Eagle Lake in which my rambling was concentrated. I was not disappointed when I found the location.

Habitat for Humanity has started construction of two homes on Mills Street. The groundwork and foundations are just now being prepared, but the potential of two houses and, much more, two homes.

For two families can be seen and appreciated.

My eyes quickly went, however, from the construction to the additional promise of beauty at the two sites. Three massive oaks, with thick dark trunks and full, leafy elegance stand guard where the two families will reside. And that's a good feeling.

It's like the oaks were standing at attention, prepared to usher in their new guests, ready to serve as shade and beauty for its new owners, eager to protect playing children with its outspread arms, and perhaps even provide a good tree-climbing adventure for the more active boys or girls who will play there.

At a time when I'm older and wiser, and with active grandchildren often under my care, I almost cringe at the thought of my beloved little ones climbing through twisted branches of trees that are too, too high above the ground for my peace of mind.

But as a tomboyish preteen in the early 60's, I loved climbing

our backyard chinaberry tree. It was great fun to hide in its tangled web of branches. When the tree was in full foliage, I loved sitting in its protective wooden arms and secretly spying down at the activities of the neighborhood below.

I could also pluck the hard, green chinaberries and throw them at the pesky neighbor boys as they rode past on their bicycles.

It could also be a cherished private time to be tucked in the secluded leafiness as my mother would call me from the back porch, not knowing that I was safely poised above her just a few yards away.

At times, I would even take the current volume of the Nancy Drew series with me up the tree along with paper and pen, pretending I was Jo March or some other fictitious would-be writer, reading in my garret loft, apart from the crazy, busy world below.

Besides being a safe refuge, a tree can also display its strength and determination. In my travel this day through the residential areas, I also noticed many places where the strong, driving roots of the large trees brought up sections of cement sidewalk like the folds of a much less resilient fabric in an old accordion.

The trees certainly make claim to their area, and nothing - not solid concrete or lengthy sidewalks - can deter their path.

But back to those trees on Mills Street. I like the idea of a new construction of promise and potential holding court next to old, stable trees residing there through decades of splendor. If the housing is a "habitat for humanity" then a neighboring tree is a true "habitat for life".

"He who plants a tree plants a hope." --Lucy Larcom, "Plant a Tree"

Next to those spreading oaks, they are planting and building hope on Mills Street

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Bible Verse of The Week

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them."

John 17:6-8

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