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Dear Brother  
We celebrate your birthday today.  
Although you are not here with us you are surely in our hearts and we rejoice remembering your smile, your laugh. But most of all we rejoice because Christ made a difference in your life and we know that you are peacefully resting in his arms.  
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**Margaret Lois Bunge**  
September 13, 1920—  
April 11, 2009

Margaret Lois Bunge was born September 13, 1920. She lived in the central Gulf Coast Area of Texas for 88 happy years. Margaret departed this world April 11.

Born Margaret Lois Anderson, she grew-up in Matagorda County, and graduated with the Class of '38 at Boling High School. That fall, she met Lester P.W. Bunge and married the already prominent rice farmer-cattleman on December 22, 1938.

Margaret became the consummate farmer-rancher's wife, starting out with a honeymoon cottage at the Clay Ranch... northwest of El Campo... with no electricity or telephone and with the closest all weather road three miles away.

Margaret and Lester moved to their home on Highway 71 north of Garwood in 1945 where they raised their three children (Carole, Les and Oscar) and where Margaret continued to reside after Lester's death in 1986.

In January 2008, she moved to Schulenburg Regency Nursing Center in Schulenburg. She departed this world peacefully after a short illness at Methodist Hospital with family members by her side.

Throughout life, she was a major part of her community. She served in leadership positions in each and every organization she chose from Church organizations like the Catholic Daughters, Christian Mothers, and Associates of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word...to groups like the County Republican Women, the Columbus Music Club, the Midfield Cemetery Association, and both San Antonio and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, to name a few. There was not a charitable cause proposed to her that she did not immediately see as worthy of her donation of both time and money.

She said, "We must all strive to be beautiful. True beauty comes from within and starts with loving The Lord". Margaret practiced that mantra her entire life. She loved people and touched everyone with her beauty, her love and her lightheartedness. Margaret

had to have music in her life. Gifted with an outstanding Contralto voice, she performed for The Lord, at weddings, graduations and many other private and public events.

During the last decade or so of her life, she found the Country Opry. Prior to her death, she was attending at least nine Oprys a month in various towns. She was in fact, attending the Giddings Country Opry when she became ill on April 6, 2009. She loved to dance and always bragged that she was married to the best dancer in Texas... in fact, she met Lester during a dance at the Palacios Pavilion. She enjoyed her last dance (as far as we know) with her son-in-law at a Valentine Ball on February 14, 2009.

Her home was the center for parties throughout her life as she graciously hosted memorable events for her family and friends. Beautiful ladies luncheons, ladies' tea parties, and children's parties always seemed to be on the menu. She hosted her last formal Dinner Party for twenty-five at Christmas 2008.

Throughout a very busy and bountiful life, Our Lord was always right there with her and her rosary was never more than arms length away. None could ever question that The Lord came first with this lady. Her religion was paramount! Margaret would pray with you and tell you a joke, sometime almost simultaneously...The Lord must have given her the idea. She was forever the great lady... and truly the Queen of her family. Upon becoming a grandmother in 1964, she became "Momma B" and remained "Momma B" right down to the license plate on her wheelchair accessible van, which

she seemed to always have on the road, going from one social event to another.

Margaret Bunge is survived by her brother, Halley Anderson and wife, Dorothy; her sister-in-law, Geneva Bunge; and by her three children, Carole B. Halla and husband, Billy Ray Emfinger, Les Bunge and friend, Karol Kallina, and Oscar L. Bunge and wife, Barbara; six grandchildren, Loueva Halla Hatfield and husband, Keith, Carl Bunge Halla and wife, Tara, Alexis Bunge Eakes and husband, Phil, Lorin Bunge Boggs, Lada Bunge Lomax, and Tonda Bunge Sellers and husband, Shawn; and her two step grandchildren, Joshua Wilson Emfinger and wife, Jennifer and Todd Slaughter.

Margaret lived to enjoy 12 great-grandchildren and four step great-grandchildren.

A rosary and wake service was held at St. Mary's Church in Nada at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14.

Funeral mass and services were at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 15, at St. Mary's Church in Nada. Internment was a private family event at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Arrangements under the direction of Eagle Lake Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were great-grandsons, Logan Hatfield, Landon Hatfield, Korby Halla and Brandon Scott; Randy Waligura and Billy Ray Krennek.

Honorary pallbearers were Louis Cranek, Leon Cranek, Johnny Poole, Ed Moeller and Bill Carpenter.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Church, Nada, Texas 77460.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

### Jake Allen Wittig

Jake Allen Wittig, one-day-old infant son of Daniel Paul Wittig and Tiffany Leigh Wilkerson Wittig passed away Friday, April 17, 2009 at Texas Children's Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born in Houston on April 16, 2009.

A rosary was recited at 6 p.m. Sunday evening, April 19 at the chapel of the Wharton Funeral Home and a Mass of the Angels was held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 20 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in East Bernard with Father Don Ruppert officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery in Wharton.

Survivors include his parents, Daniel and Tiffany Wittig of Wharton; grandparents, Herman and Linda Wittig of Boling and How-

ard and Gretchen Wilkerson of Eagle Lake; great grandparents, Raymond Schulze of Boling, Clara Gold of Garwood and Shirley Wilkerson of Eagle Lake.

Jake was preceded in death by his grandmother Betty Ann Wittig.

Pallbearers were Glenn Wittig, Bruce Wittig, Keith Wittig and Garrett Cranek.

In lieu of usual remembrances the family requests memorials to the Jake Allen Wittig Memorial Fund, Prosperity Bank, 141 W. Burlison, Wharton, TX 77488, which will go to Texas Children's Hospital for research.

Funeral services were under the direction of the Wharton Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



**Guadalupe G. Torrez**  
Guadalupe G. Torrez (better know as Jr.), 38, passed away April 14 in Houston.

He was born March 23, 1971 in Yoakum.

Jr. was a diesel mechanic and of Catholic faith.

Jr. was preceded in death by two grandfathers; and one grandmother.

He leaves to cherish his memories grandmother, Elena Torrez of Yorktown; parents, Guadalupe Torrez, Sr. and Rachael of Eagle Lake; son, Guadalupe Jesus Torrez; sisters, Jo Ann Perry, Bobbie Joe Contreras and Benny all of Eagle Lake and Jennifer Owens and Joey of Columbus; brothers, Steve Torrez, Sr. and Elaine and Marcus Torrez all of Eagle Lake.

Funeral services were held at the Parish of the Nativity Church on April 17 at 1 p.m. with Father Robert Guerra officiating. Burial followed at Nativity Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Eagle Lake Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Ruben Herrera, Bennie Cuellar, Oscar Garcia, Juan Castillo, Stephen Wafer and Ben Stevenson.

Honorary pallbearers were Guadalupe J. Torres, Nicholas Contreras, Panthera Owens and Ervin Gomez.

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## Bible Verse of The Week

"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience."

Colossians 1:10-11  
Submitted by Donna Samora

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