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You were there for me my first day of school,
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You listened to me when I needed to talk,
you talked to me when I needed to listen.
You let me grow and learn from my own mistakes.
You never left my side when I was feeling down,
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for me, but there's nothing great enough to repay the
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Desmopressin is a synthetic form of antidiuretic hormone. It increases the release of VWF that is stored in the blood vessel lining. This medication is available as an injection and as a nasal spray (*Stimate*). Antifibrinolytic medications, such as aminocaproic acid (*Amicar*) and tranexamic acid (*Cyklokapron*), decrease the breakdown of clotting factors, thereby preserving the formed clot. These medications are sometimes prescribed before a dental procedure or surgery.

Views Around
The Lake
by Cindy Klopsteck

"I am beginning to learn that it is the sweet, simple things of life which are the real ones after all."
 —Laura Ingalls Wilder

Last week I was driving to work, my mind flooded with thoughts. That was when the ditches were also flooded, brimming over actually, as I drove slowly down county roads between East Bernard and Eagle Lake.

In places the water extended over the entire roadway, the rain still falling, and in the dark gloom of the day the yellow stripe which was supposed to keep me centered on the road, was all but invisible.

Gloom seemed to hold court over my thoughts also, as I kept thinking of people I knew who were facing difficult moments in their lives. At least two tragedies occurred involving Columbus citizens last week. A family friend was preparing for heart surgery. My daughter's good friend was facing extensive medical testing for her own daughter.

I had recently learned that another acquaintance had been laid-off from his job and was seeking employment. I just knew I would not want to come in from work that day and tune into the evening news where I would again be updated with the nation's money woes, crime rates and house foreclosures.

Sometimes a person can easily get into overload and must strive to find those simple things that make life sweet after all.

But then, sometimes, those "sweet, simple things of life" come upon us quite suddenly and totally unexpectedly.

This week I'm driving in to work, same county roads, but they are dry today, so I'm traveling a little faster, no approaching traffic — no vehicles to be seen anywhere in fact — as I'm easily balancing within the perimeter of that bold yellow stripe running down the middle of the road and the road's edge.

Since the previous week, I've felt a bit more balanced also. Tragedies of the previous week are not forgotten, but necessarily endured and accepted as part of life.

The family friend is doing well after three by-passes, the sick little girl is improving with a good diagnosis, and the unemployed worker is actively seeking the limited employment opportunities available, but thinking positive and clinging to those "sweet, simple things of life" which are so important when the greater provocations of life strenuously challenge a person.

As I maneuver a turn in the road, my car seems to automatically slow and I then bring it to a complete stop. On my left, in that

wide open windy prairie, sways a sea of deep golden yellow, matching the center stripe I had just regarded for balance. Only last week the field had seemed to be an endless lake of water, but the sun and the spring wind and nature itself had taken over to present the fullest flowering field of yellow ever seen. I had to exit the car and just stand and appreciate the quiet simple beauty around me, where 100 yards up the road two similar fields lay resplendent with the same coloring. What a difference a week can make in changing one's environment and thereby changing one's attitude on life. And what a discovery that so many forms of yellow can bring balance to one's life.

I couldn't cross the wide ditches to pick a flower, but I took a mental picture of the individual beauty of a singular bloom and called our local Wildseed Farms office to put a name to the "sweet, simple thing" that brought bright thoughts and the equivalent of bright, yellow sunshine to my day.

"It's probably the golden wave coreopsis," said Tom, a very informed and congenial voice over the phone. I was told they tend to produce and bloom in fallow fields and prairies.

It was a long name for a simple little flower, but the term "golden wave" was an appropriate one for the scene I had viewed that morning.

Today I look forward to my drive home and enjoying nature's lovely landscape. The earth is drying out a bit now, summer will soon be here and the weatherman is promising much warmer temperatures by the end of this week. The seasons change and the prairie remains a good indicator of just where we are in the simple unfolding of our lives.

Perhaps we should be grateful to live on the "prairie's edge" where "sweet, simple things" can still be found and appreciated. Laura Ingalls Wilder knew this years ago when she wrote her famous fictional autobiography *Little House on the Prairie*, chronicling her life on the prairies of the Dakota Territory. Indians settling near what is now Eagle Lake knew this simplicity too and perhaps even enjoyed the view of golden yellow waves of the coreopsis wildflower.

Many years later in 2009, amid the everyday strife and occurrences of life, we are fortunate to still have open prairies and lovely wildflowers and approaching summers and simple things at our doorstep.

"As my eyes search the prairie, I feel the summer in the spring." —Chippewa song

Obituaries



Theodore Lawrence Williams, Sr.
 Theodore Lawrence Williams, Sr., affectionately known as "Lil Brother" and "Ted" was called from labor to reward on April 27.

Theodore was born to his proud parents, Willie Lee and Geneva Howard Williams, on May 2, 1944 in Alleyton.

After graduating the public schools of Alleyton and Columbus, Theodore joined the United States Air Force and served his country as an Air Policeman. After completing his tour of duty, he received an honorable discharge. He then married Miss Theresa Johnson and to this union was born two wonderful sons Theodore "Ted Jr." and Trenton "Trent".

Ted distinguished himself as a Laboratory Technician becoming employed by Quantum Chemical Company, located in Deer Park for 25 years prior to his retirement.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Mariah Baptist Church of Alleyton.

After relocating to Houston as a young adult, he became a member of Greater St. Matthew Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Gusta Booker, Sr. pastor.

He served as a member of the Brotherhood, a Sunday School Teacher, and the children boys ministry for many years. Theodore truly had a heart for God. He loved the church, his family, and friends. He was a friend to mankind, reaching out, touching lives in many ways that he could.

"Lil Brother" will always be remembered as being multi-talented with precious electronics, electrical, mechanical, carpentry, and more. His favorite hobbies were folk art, hunting and fishing.

He will be truly missed.

Theodore was preceded in death by his parents.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories two sons, Theodore Williams, Jr. "Ted Jr." and Trenton Williams "Trent" both of Houston; two sisters, Norma Carethers (Rev. L.J.) of FORTH Worth and Margie Ware (Joe) of Austin; three cousins, Sammie C. Cannedy and Jewell Allen of Oakland, California and Maggie Smith of Los Angeles, California; two aunts; Charlesetta Howard Jones of Columbus, Indiana, and Olivia Gibbs of Houston; two nephews, Min. William Tony Ervin, Sr. (Yvesha) of Houston and Rodney Carethers (Teffey) of Dallas; one niece, Calandra Gamble (Wardell) of Flower Mound, TX; and a host of great nephews, nieces other relatives, and numerous friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 2 at noon at Green Grove Baptist Church in Alleyton with Rev. Eugene Thomas, Sr. officiating. Interment followed at Alleyton Cemetery. Another life celebration by Ben Davis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Charles Brown, Ivory Collins, Michael Fitzgerald, Jack Mays, Sylvester Stovall and Maurice Williams.

Honorary pallbearers were Theodore Williams, Jr., Trenton Williams, Joe Ware, Rodney Carethers, Wendell Gamble, and Min. William Tony Ervin, Sr.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Geneva Margaret Bunge
 Geneva Margaret Bunge was born July 27, 1924 in Eagle Lake, Texas.

She passed away April 29, at the age of 84, in Schulenburg.

Geneva was the fifth child born to Ida Marie Heller Bunge and Louis Placide Bunge.

Being born prematurely, she weighed-in at two and one-half pounds. It has been said that she, as a baby, was primarily kept alive by the extreme heat experienced during July in Texas.

Because she was such a delicate little girl, she was always cared-for in a very special way by her parents and much older siblings. Geneva lived most of her life on the Bunge Ranch north of Garwood with her mother and sister Loueva Bunge.

She traveled extensively with family members and was always ready to go on trips...anywhere.

She was especially devoted to her Catholic faith. She was a member of Catholic Daughters of America until her death.

After the passing of her sister Loueva, she lived with her eldest brother Lester Bunge and wife Margaret. Later, she moved to College Place Assisted Living Center in Schulenburg. Geneva lived her last years at Schulenburg Regency Nursing Center enjoying the wonderful support and love of the Regency Staff Caregivers. She was known there as a happy lady, who never had a negative thing to say and who always announced "Good Morning Everybody" at breakfast.

Indeed, Geneva's life was that of a happy "Texas Prairie Princess", loved by all who ever helped care for her.

She outlived her parents and all her siblings...losing her last sister-in-law Margaret on April 11, 2009.

Geneva is survived by five nieces and nephews, Carole Bunge Halla and husband, Billy Ray Emfinger, of Weimar, Les Bunge, Jr. and friend, Karol Kallina, of Garwood, Oscar L. Bunge and wife, Barbara, of Wharton, Betty Bunge Meadows and husband, Dean, of Baytown, and James Bunge, Jr. and wife, JoAnn, of Garwood; along with numerous great nieces and nephews.

Services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m. and burial followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Rosary was recited at Eagle Lake Funeral Home on Friday, May 1.

Pallbearers were Billy Ray Emfinger, Carl Bunge Halla, Kirby Halla, Keith Hatfield, Landon Hatfield and Stephen Spanihel.

Services were under the direction of Eagle Lake Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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Bible Verse of The Week

"Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the Lord."
 Psalm 107:43
 Submitted by Donna Samora

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