

## Obituaries

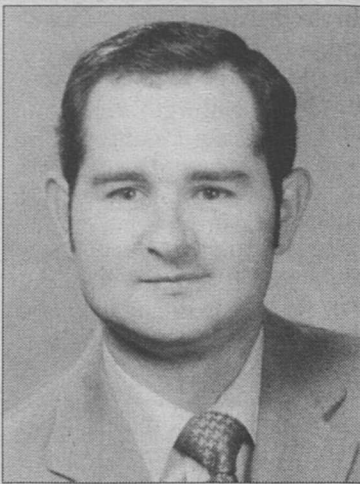
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The term for diabetic-associated pain is *peripheral neuropathy*. This is a condition of pain and numbness of the nerves in the hands and feet. Diabetes is a common cause of peripheral neuropathy. More than 3 million Americans with diabetes experience neuropathic pain. Signs and symptoms may include tingling or burning sensations, sensitivity to touch, and muscle weakness. Because sensations may be decreased, persons with diabetes are advised to check their feet regularly to identify any minor injuries that could lead to serious infections if the injury is not noticed.  
A variety of types of medications are available for the treatment of diabetic-associated pain, however not all are approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Duloxetine (*Cymbalta*), a selective serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor, and pregabalin (*Lyrica*), an anticonvulsant, are medications approved specifically for treating diabetic peripheral neuropathic pain. Other anticonvulsant medications, such as carbamazepine (*Tegretol*) and gabapentin (*Neurontin*) may be prescribed. Different types of antidepressants also may be prescribed. A lidocaine patch (*Lidoderm*), a topical anesthetic, also may be applied to the skin in the area of most severe pain.

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**Jerrald P. Evoritt**  
Jerrald Preston Evoritt was born August 19, 1946 at St. Joseph's Infirmary in Houston. He passed away May 6, at the age of 62, in Houston, following a lengthy hospitalization after receiving a Jarvik 2000 LVAD, an artificial assist to the left side of his heart. He had been on the heart transplant list at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital since March 2007. His lung pressures were too high for him to receive a heart, so he was hopeful that the LVAD would improve his circulation and strength over the next few months so that his body could withstand the heart transplant whenever a new heart would become available.

He was the son of Betty Jule Terrell and Clifford Ernest Evoritt, Jr. of Eagle Lake. He grew up in Eagle Lake, enjoying what few families can experience today—growing up in a small community where everyone in town not only knew one another, but cared about each other as well. He walked his sister, Julie, one block to and from school every day and home for an hour-long lunch with both parents. Unless his dad was working cattle or had a crisis on the farm and ranch, he joined them at 12:00 sharp. Surrounded by grandparents and numerous aunts, his feet seldom touched the ground when he was an infant. There was always someone waiting to hold him. He had fond memories of sitting out on his Grandmamma and Pappaw Evoritt's screened porch, listening to and smelling the sweet rain, and

of visiting Aunt Daisy. The smell of her air conditioner and eating lemon drops were memories he shared. His baby book stated that his first word was "Daisy". Bribery got her name published!

Named after his Uncle Jerry, who died in WWII, he also was known as Jerry. He was extremely dedicated to caring for his parents, even when his own health was failing. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Betty Jule Terrell Evoritt and Clifford Ernest Evoritt, Jr.; grandparents, Marjory and Clifford Ernest Evoritt, Sr., Eloise and Waldo Terrell; an aunt, Marjorie Evoritt Giraud; an uncle, Jerrald Preston Evoritt; great aunt, Donna Frazar Woods; great aunt and uncle, Cora Green Terrell and Harry Terrell; and niece, Dyann Lumpkin Schisler.

Jerry was survived by his wife of 33 years, Gina Carroll Evoritt of Sugar Land; one sister, Julie Evoritt Gannon of Eagle Lake; sister-in-law, Bettie Lumpkin and brother-in-law, Dell Ray Lumpkin of Shelbyville; three nieces, Taylor Evoritt Gannon of Eagle Lake, Trina Lumpkin Reagan of Santa Fe, and Dell Lumpkin Roach of Texas City; cousins Sharon Giraud Warren and Ann Giraud of Fort Worth; four great nephews, two great nieces, and one great-great nephew.

Jerry graduated from Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana in 1965, received his BBA in Agricultural Finance from Sam Houston State University in 1970, and his MBA from there in 1971. During his career, he was Vice President at Richmond Production Credit Association in Sugar Land; a real estate agent with Cal Holt and Henry S. Miller in Sugar Land; and insurance agent with Texas Farm Bureau in Rosenberg; and was a farm and ranch manager for the family operation.

He and his wife, Gina, shared a love of nature and travel, and made many treasured memories during their vacations to our national parks. Gina would think she had budgeted correctly for each trip until they returned home and as Jerry began unpacking his suitcase and more and more rolls of film would begin rolling out, she knew she had miscalculated yet once again.

A few special memories included waking up in a 23 degree log cabin where the only warmth would come from a fireplace. There was quite a contest to see who had to go to the bathroom first and would be forced to get out from under the covers to start a fire. Of course, winning was little consolation, because the prize was the other person's ice cold feet on their back!

One of his favorite trips was to the Canadian Rockies, where Jerry dragged her out of bed at 4 a.m. to drive up the mountains to the Valley of the Ten Peaks. Jerry had his tripod set up just as the sun began to rise over the peaks and reflect into the lake. "Last of the Dogmen" was one of his favorite movies, and it showed some of the scenery of Bow Valley that Jerry captured on film during our trip there.

Other places that received equal attention included Signal

Mountain and Jackson and Jenny Lake in the Tetons, Yosemite Valley, places throughout the Colorado Rockies and San Juan Mountains, Olympic National Park, Smoky Mountain National Park and the Ozarks. He was just as enthusiastic about sunsets, Carmel, Hawaii, San Francisco, Oregon and Washington got their fair share of attention through his camera lens as well.

During childhood, Jerry participated in Boy Scouts, and participated in an outing to Philmont, New Mexico. He was active in little league baseball, and looked forward to summer camp at Camp LaJunta in Hunt, Texas.

In years past, before his health declined, in addition to traveling, Jerry and Gina enjoyed bicycling, jogging, and taking dance lessons. They also cherished holding hands at the movies, sharing a cozy fire and a good book, watching the stars together on a cold, crisp night, and spending time with their beloved border collie, Calamity. Jerry also enjoyed hunting.

Jerry had good memories from his days at school in Culver, Indiana and made some good friends there, but as he got older, he regretted going. He always said he missed out on so much time with his family and friends, and

that was time he could never get back. His favorite time of the day was just at dusk, when he could smell the sweet clover and see the sunset approaching. He would always stop for just a moment and enjoy that special feeling.

Jerry was baptized at the First Presbyterian Church in Eagle Lake, and was a current member of the First United Methodist Church in Sugar Land, where he served as an usher.

Funeral services were held at the Eagle Lake Funeral Home on Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m., with Pastor Philip Grose from the First United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Pallbearers were Joe Herbert McCreary, F. Joe Priesler, Jr., Joe Mike Spanihel, Jay Roach, Randy Reagan, and Will Schisler.

Honorary pallbearers were Dell Ray Lumpkin, William Warren, Ted Brunner, Steve Balas, Gary Waddell, Davis Waddell, Gary Obenhaus, Darrell Gertson, Tim Kelley, John Mahalitic, Tom Kallina, and Vance Duncan.

The courage, determination, and patience Jerry showed while fighting for his life inspired us daily. His love and presence in our lives will be missed forever.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Eagle Lake Memorial Service Planned For Reed

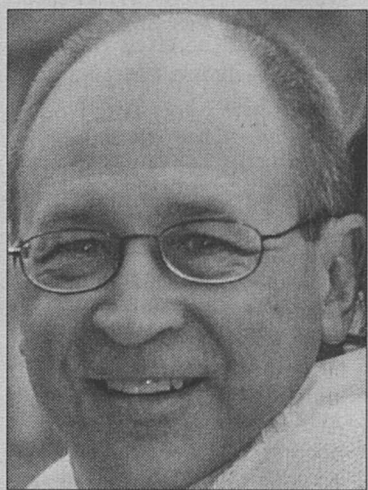
The family of the late Tom A. Reed, who passed away in Melbourne, Australia, Friday, April 24, wishes to express their gratitude the Eagle Lake and surrounding community for the care, concern, and prayer supporting Tom and Deborah and their children before his death and extended to all of us in the weeks since.

There will be a memorial service for Tom at First Presbyterian Church in Eagle Lake, at 2 p.m., Monday, May 25.

The Rev. Ed Triem and other clergy will lead the service. Mr. Jerrol Higgins will play the organ.

A reception will follow the worship service at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Deborah Reed requested that those wishing to make contributions in memory of Tom give to:



Tom A. Reed

Ansel Reed Children's Enrichment Fund, 4110 Portsmouth, Houston, TX 77027, or to another charity of the donor's choice.

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## DAR Names Scholarship Winners For 2009

The John Everett Chaper of the Daughters of the American Revolution congratulate all Colorado County graduating high school seniors, on their accomplishments and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

The year 2009 recipients of the DAR scholarships are

Megan Pavaloch, of Columbus High School; Nicholas Duarte, of Rice High School, Macy Stavinoha, of Weimar High School.

## New Arrivals

**Brooke Rose Rothbauer**  
Mr. and Mrs. Chad Rothbauer of Moulton announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, named Brooke Rose.

The baby was born at 12:10 p.m. on May 9 at Memorial Hospital in Gonzales. She weighed seven pounds, three ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are

Robert and Barbara Leopold of Nada.

Paternal grandparents are David and Lisa Rothbauer of Moulton.

Great-grandparents are Pauline Liska of Hillje and Marvin and Rose Rothbauer of Moulton.

The mother is the former Angie Leopold of Nada and a 1999 graduate of Rice High School.

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLISTIC REVIVAL RISING STAR: FM 102 South, Matthews; 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion), Rev. R.L. Carter Sr.  
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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada; Fr. Joe Vrana; 758-3218.  
GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; Services begin at 11 a.m.; Rev. Bill Mosley, Pastor; 234-3381.  
LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. worship.  
LISSIE UNITED METHODIST: Rev. Janice Kerlee, Pastor; 234-2112, Lissie.  
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UNITED METHODIST: 200 W. Prairie; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368.  
VINE OF THE LORD: 1300 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Paul Aguilar, Pastor; 234-7543.  
CROSSROAD ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 510 Wallace, East Bernard; Pastor George Kutach; 979-335-7706.  
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CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus; Lynn Wilson, Minister.  
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

"We live by faith, not by sight."  
2 Corinthians 5:7  
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