

OBITUARIES

Leroy Axel

February 20, 1950 - January 3, 2005

Leroy Axel departed this life on Monday, January 3, 2005.

He was born to Elzie and Cleo Patra Axel on February 20, 1950 in Colorado County.

Leroy accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior and was baptized at an early age.

His parents; and a sister, Elzie Marie, preceded him in death.

Left behind to mourn his passing are his wife, Deborah (Bra); a

daughter, Desanie Axel; a son, Adrian; one step-daughter, Bernita Fry; one granddaughter, Chelsiea Fry; two brothers, Charles and Joe Axel; a sister, Shirley Rowe-Hemphill; and a host of loving nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 8 at 11 a.m. from Wright Grove Baptist Church in Altair with Pastor T.J. Cunningham, officiating.

Interment followed in the Brown & Axel Cemetery in Altair. Final arrangements were entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Finest Axel, Earnest Glover, Thomas Glover, Ronnie Fry, Frank Fry Jr. and James Fry. Honorary pallbearers were Joe Axel Sr., Charles Axel, Adrian Axel and Joe Axel Jr.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Charles Alfred Grace

August 4, 1949 - December 24, 2004

After a long illness Charles Alfred Grace passed away Friday, December 24, 2004 at Gulf Coast Medical Center at 11:15 p.m.

He was born August 4, 1949 to proud parents, Tovera and Roosevelt Grace Sr.

He attended E.H. Henry from the first through 10th grades and graduated from Eagle Lake High School in 1968.

He confessed Christ at an early age and was a member of Providence

Baptist Church. He united in marriage to Olga Garcia and to this union one son, Charles Anthony, was born.

Preceded in death by his wife; son; and parents; left to cherish in memory are a daughter, Demetria Dancy; two grandchildren, Shakora Norris and Raylen Aiken; son-in-law, Rodney Aiken, all of Eagle Lake; four sisters, Ruby Grace of Houston, Ruth Cleveland, Carolyn Grace and Janice Tillman all of Eagle Lake; two

brothers, Roosevelt Grace Jr. and Danny Grace both of Houston; three brothers-in-law, Willie Cleveland Sr. and Rufus Tillman Jr. of Eagle Lake and Earl Minor of Houston; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 29 at 11 a.m. from Providence Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Pastor Coby Shorter Jr., officiating.

Interment followed in the Eagle Lake Community Cemetery East. Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Rodney Aiken, Thomas, Russell, Robert and Leo Hargrove and Earl Minor.

Honorary pallbearers were Roosevelt Grace Jr., Danny Grace, Willie Cleveland Sr., Anthony Cleveland, Willie Cleveland Jr., and Jerry Cleveland.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Bertha Jones Castle

...was the fourth child born to parents, Rev. Johnny and Ora Lue Jones in Fort Bend County.

She accepted Christ at an early age at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Eagle Lake under the leadership of Rev. W.L. Green.

Bertha loved to sing and was very active in the Youth Ministry and ushering at the church. She was a graduate of E.H. Henry Senior High School in Eagle Lake.

She later met and married William N. Castle.

Bertha moved to Houston to attend Walls Beauty School. She received her Beauty Operators License and Instructors License in Cosmetology.

She attended Prairie View A&M University where she majored in Office Management.

Bertha became affiliated with Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Second Shiloh Baptist Church and Zion Outreach Church. She served in the Women's Society Mission and Bible Study until her illness no longer allowed her to do so.

Preceded in death by her parents; she leaves to cherish her memories; two children whom she loved dearly, Cleopatra and Reginald Castle; six sisters, Dorothy J. Thomas, Ora L. Sykes of Sealy, Ruth Ferguson, Norma Davis, Maxine Strauss and Yvonne Thymes; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Home going services were held December 22, 2004 from Zion Christian Center Outreach in Houston with Pastor Winfred D. Garrett Sr., officiating.

Interment followed at Paradise Cemetery South in Houston.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Paradise Funeral Home in Houston.

Pallbearers were Betram Ferguson, Derrick Harris, Boyd, Kirk and Lanier Jones and Lurie Keener.

Honorary pallbearers were Zion Christian Center Outreach Mission.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Delene E. Hollub

June 9, 1924 - December 28, 2004

Delene E. Hollub, 80, of Sheridan, passed away Tuesday, December 28, 2004.

She was born June 9, 1924 in Dewitt County, Texas to Elmer and Marnie Baker Stewart.

She married Gilbert Henry Hollub on September 12, 1942 in Yoakum.

Delene was a member of the Sheridan EMS and the First Baptist Church of Sheridan.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband; grandson, George Dwayne Evans Jr.; and sister, Floy Mauer; survivors include a daughter, Janice Delene Wimberly of Lockhart; sons, Gilbert H. "Sonny" Hollub Jr. of Buda, Texas, Stewart Blaine Hollub of Kyle, Texas, and Case A. Hollub of Weimar; sisters, Bernice Dromgoole, Mary Faye Mauer and Patsy Bush; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 31 at 10 a.m. from the First Baptist Church in Sheridan with Rev. Stewart Blaine Hollub officiating. Interment followed in Cheatham Cemetery in Sheridan. Kubena Funeral Home in Hallettsville was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Janice Hollub Wimberly, Gilbert H. "Sonny" Hollub, S. Blaine Hollub, Case A. Hollub, Kurt Lee Hudgens, Louis W. Borchert, and Joshua H. Hollub.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

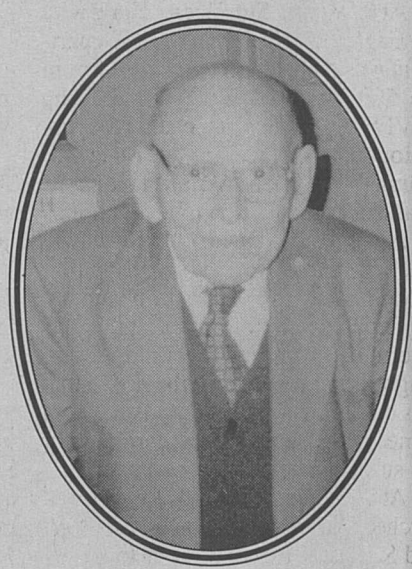
Robert Samuel Martin

February 22, 1915 - January 5, 2005

Memorial services for Robert Samuel Martin, age 89, were held in the First Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake, at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 10.

He went to be with the Lord, January 5, 2005. He was born February 22, 1915 on a farm outside of Calhoun, Texas located a few miles south of Eagle Lake. He was the second child of Robert and Margaret Lee Andrew Martin who had come from Marshall, Missouri in October 1912.

Robert Samuel graduated from Eagle Lake High School in May 1933 as a top honor student. He worked in local grocery and hardware stores for several years until July 1936 when he took the civil service examination and was appointed substitute clerk in the Eagle Lake Post Office on November 16, 1936. His position was interrupted temporarily in 1942 when he entered the United States Army basic training at Camp Robinson in Little Rock, Arkansas.



After his training he was sent to the British Isles August 6, 1942 where he participated in the D-Day invasion in Africa in November 1942. After the defeat of the German Army in Africa, Spring of 1943, Robert Samuel was assigned to the invasion of Italy. His participation in World War II continued with the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France on June 6, 1944. After moving inland through France, Belgium and into Germany, the unit moved back and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. After the Battle of the Bulge, Robert Samuel and his unit moved to Erfurt and Weimar in Germany until word of V-E Day was received on May 8, 1945.

After a long stay with no leave, Robert Samuel received a month-long furlough and returned to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. His orders were to prepare for going to the Pacific Theatre for the invasion of Japan. V-J Day came on August 14, 1945 and he was discharged on August 29, 1945.

Robert Samuel's Honorable Discharge papers lists his battles and campaigns as Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Goggia, Rome-Arno, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ardennes. He had received the EAME Campaign Medal, 10 Bronze Stars and 1 Bronze Arrowhead, as well as the Good Conduct Medal.

After returning from the service, he continued his career with the Eagle Lake Post Office. He also commuted to the University of Houston and was awarded a degree in Business Administration in 1956. He retired from the Eagle Lake Post Office on February 28, 1986 with 50 years of service, including 25 years as Postmaster.

Robert Samuel Martin was never married. He lived at the family home, caring for his parents until their passing. His special care continued for

many years for his mother who was a semi-invalid. His mother enjoyed company, especially young people, and Robert's involvement with the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship resulted in young people visiting at his home often. His unselfish care and giving to others in later life was never ending as he made himself available to assist many who had special needs, and will always be well known for his generosity to all.

He was a life-long member of the Eagle Lake Presbyterian Church and served as elder for many years. Just recently he was presented a 65-year award from the Eagle Lake Masonic Lodge. He was known as a historian, which enhanced his participation as a member of the VFW, America Legion, Library Board of Eagle Lake, Prairie Edge Museum, Eagle Lake Preservation Society, Colorado County Genealogical Society, and as a 30-year member of the Colorado County Historical Society. These are only a few of the various organizations in which he participated.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Margaret Lee Martin, his sister Anna Margaret Martin White, and is survived by his brother William Johnston Martin of Dallas, Texas. Also surviving are his nieces Dr. Janet White Campbell of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Judith White Old of Mattaponi, Virginia; nephews, Jack White of Morgantown, North Carolina, and Robert John Martin of Allen, Texas

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Lena M. Hurd

May 31, 1931 - January 2, 2005

Lena Mae Hurd was born May 31, 1931 to Joe and Arzila Anderson Daniels in Wharton.

She married the devoted George Hurd Sr., in San Antonio on April 23, 1952. They later moved their family to Houston in 1954.

Lena Mae was the epitome of a virtuous woman. She centered her life around rearing three generations of children. She was the vessel that steered these generations into a journey of faith, honesty, and high self-worth.

Moreover, she was an immaculate domestic provider when it came to providing shelter, comfort, warmth, and love for her family.

Lena was truly a woman with faith-based principles.

For instance, she exemplified a woman that has patience that sur-

passed all understanding, which permitted her to have an unrequited love for her family.

Her parents; husband; three sisters, Ida Mae Shelton, Murria Banks and Frankie Daniels; and three brothers, Willie, Minor and Harvey Daniels, preceded her in death.

Lena Mae leaves to cherish her memories three generations of children all of Houston: George Hurd Jr., Jacqueline Gilford (Joe), Eleicia Oliver (John), Calvin, Vivian, Michael, Walter, Ruby and Barbara Hurd; grandchildren, Jessica, LaShonda, Tiffany, Satyra, Christopher, Tangela, LaTasha Ebony, Travion, Shimira, Virgil, and several outstanding others; great-grandchildren, Megan, Alexis, Bianca, Demerick, Nicholas, Kristian; one sister, Blanche Allen of Victoria; two brothers, Jodie

Daniels of San Antonio and Ewell Daniels of Dallas; and a host of nieces, nephews, other supportive relatives and friends.

Home going services were held Sunday, January 9 at 4 p.m. from Blue Ridge Baptist Church in Houston with Pastor Ceola Curley Jr., officiating. Interment followed in the Houston National Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were George Hurd Jr., Christopher R. Hurd, Joe E. Gilford, Calvin Hurd, Lamont Thompson and Andre Raglin. Honorary pallbearers were John F. Hurd, Walter E. Oliver, Michael A. Hurd and Travion Williams.

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Antibiotic use for ear infections increased considerably in recent years. However, physicians became aware of the problem of antibiotic resistance (organisms causing the infection became resistant to the effect of the antibiotic). Many are now being cautious in prescribing these and other antibiotics to children. In the mid 1990s the American Academy of Pediatrics published guidelines for the treatment of ear infections with effusion in children. These guidelines called for a more cautious approach such as observation (a watch and wait approach) or prescribing antibiotics in otherwise healthy children from 1 to 3 years old with this type of ear infection.

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