## JARID THOMAS JOHNSTON

Mr. Jarid Thomas Johnston, age 22 of Galveston, formerly of Crockett, passed away Friday, December 25, 2009 in the U.T.M.B.-Galveston. Mr. Johnston was born November 27, 1987 in Galveston, Texas and had been living in Galveston for the past 7 months. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and Arbor Baptist Church. He was a faithful member of AA and had worked as a tree cutter.

Survivors include his wife Melissa Johnston, of Crockett; parents Thomas and Dorothy Johnston, of Crockett; son Ethan Allen Johnston, of Crockett; sister Mariah Johnston, of Spring; brothers Joseph Johnston and Jeremiah Johnston, both of Spring; uncles David Lennox, Jimmy Lennox, both of Crockett and Glenn Johnston of Virginia; aunts Mary Ann Peek, of Porter Springs and Jody Ellen Johnston, of Galveston; great-uncles Roy Wimer and wife Frances and Jack Howard and wife Mary; great-aunt Jewel Hartt; mother-in-law Margaret Ramirez, of Crockett; grandmother-in-law Barbara Lucas, of Crockett; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family.

Funeral Services for Jarid Thomas Johnston were held Monday, January 4, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Brad Steel officiating. Interment followed in the Creek Cemetery.

# **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

## ALETHA FAYE SMITH KIRCHOFF

Ms. Aletha Faye Smith Kirchoff, age 77, passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2009 in Lockhart, Texas. Ms. Kirchoff was born July 15, 1932 in Weches, Texas to Lee Edgar and Faye Gilbert Smith.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She put herself through Business School and was a legal secretary for over 30 years in Midland, Texas and Austin, Texas. She worked for Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy and Laughlin. The name later changed to Bankston, Wright and Greenhill. She was lovingly called "Torchy" (for her red hair), Aunt Pete, Aunt Deat, Leafa and, of course, Mom and Mimi. She loved to travel all over the world. She went on many cruises with friends. She loved life, family, and friends.

Survivors include her one sister Sandra Sue Smith Hollingsworth, of Weches; two daughters Sherry Lynn Saragusa Schaefer and husband Larry R. Schaefer, of Lockhart and Kelly Jo Saragusa McEntee, of Austin; four grandchildren Jordan Schaefer, of Lockhart, Joshua Schaefer, of San Marcos, Miles McEntee and Taylor Rose McEntee, both of Austin; many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her husband Joseph Anthony Saragusa; parents Lee Edgar and Faye Gilbert Smith; and her beloved sisters Natha Lee Smith Tims and Moline Smith Sheffield.

Graveside Services for Ms. Aletha Faye Smith Kirchoff were held Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cook-Walden/Memorial Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association in Faye's memory.

# **Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home**

## **IMA HUFF ASHWOOD**

Mrs. Ima Huff Ashwood, age 89 of Grapeland, passed away Monday, January 4, 2010 at East Texas Medical Center in Crockett. Mrs. Ashwood was born March 26, 1920 in Grapeland to Brud and Lorena Brown Huff. Mrs. Ashwood was a grocery checker and worked many years for Darsey's Grocery Store. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Grapeland.

Survivors include her daughters Linda Weeks, of Grapeland and Nina Barrett and husband Lynn, of Manvel; brother Charles Huff, of Austin; five grandchildren Gaylon Barrett, Stacey Cumming, Mark Barrett, Wendi Shaw, and Brian Weeks; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her parents Brud and Lorena Brown Huff; husband Charlie Ashwood; sisters Luna Matthews and Ann Brown; brothers Gene Huff, Nolan Huff, Harvey Huff and Bill Huff.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Ima Huff Ashwood were held Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Grapeland with Dr. Jack Shoultz officiating. Interment followed in Parker Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be nephews, Dan Huff, Paul Huff, Mitchell Huff, Steven Huff, Scott Huff and Larry Huff.

To view online, leave condolences or sign the guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com

## **Bailey & Foster Funeral Home**

## **AUDREY N. DOMINY CROWE**

Mrs. Audrey N. Dominy Crowe, age 94 of Tyler and San Augustine, passed away Monday, January 4, 2010 in Tyler. Mrs. Crowe was born September 13, 1915, in Pennington to the late M. Q. and M. Nolia Holmes Dominy, Sr. On December 1, 1940s she married James Roy Crowe. She and her family lived in San Augustine, from 1948 until 2007.

Survivors include her husband James Roy Crowe; their three children and their families: Cynthia Crowe Welch of Tyler; James Byron Crowe and wife, Judy, of Spring; and Sarah Crowe Johnson and husband, Warren, of Bullard; sisters Mary E. Dominy, of Dallas and Thama Dominy Cook and husband Charles, of Highland Park, Ill; brother M.Q. Dominy, Jr. and wife Mary Jane, of Pennington; grandchildren Justin M. Welch and wife Beverly, Rallin M. Welch and wife Gabrielle, Jason E. Clark, Amy Clark Cohen and husband Mark, Jill K. Crowe, and John B. Crowe; great-grandchildren Scott and Chris LeCount; Ashton, Ella, and Gigi Welch; and Carly Clark. Preceded in death by her son-in-law Dr. J. Michael Welch of Tyler; sister Elma D. Craven and her husband Elmer Lee Craven of Pennington; and by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Audrey D. Crowe were held Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Pennington Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Tom Ainsworth officiating. Interment followed in Pennington Cemetery in Pennington.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

## **Stewart Family Funeral Home**

## JAMES WILLIAM HUTSELL JR.

Mr. James William Hutsell, Jr., age 67 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, December 30, 2009 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Hutsell was born June 30, 1942 in Mart, Texas and had lived most of his lifetime in Crockett. Mr. Hutsell was a member of the Latexo Volunteer Fire Department, Houston County Search and Rescue and Latexo School Board from 1980 to 1981. He served as City Councilman of Latexo and was also a member of the Ephesus Baptist Church. Mr. Hutsell was formerly the owner and operator of J's Food Mart in Latexo, Alto and Wells and had also owned and operated Hutsell Plumbing. He was an avid stock car racer and drag racer having owned and operated his own race car.

Survivors include his daughters Sherri Lewis and husband Rodney, of Latexo and Sheila Sims and husband Kevin, of Crockett; grandchildren (He loved and cherished): Gene Olan (Trey) Allen III, Brittni Sims, Lacee Taylor, Tyler Taylor and Karissa Hutsell; his children's mother and dear friend: Wanda Cutler Alderman, of Latexo; sisters Barbara Humphries and husband Lamar, of Tomball, Mary Stevens, of Spring and Linda Simmons and husband Jerry, of Houston; brother Emery Wisenbaker and wife Alena, of Monassas, Va.; aunt and uncles Agnes Millican, of Austin, W. M. Freeman and Richard Freeman, both of Houston; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by his parents James William Hutsell and Nettie Inez (Freeman) Hutsell; sons-in-law Gene Olan "Bubba" Allen II and David Taylor; brother-in-law Roger Stevens; and niece Crystal Wisenbaker. Funeral Services for Mr. James William Hutsell, Jr. were held Saturday, January 2, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Bob Thompson officiating. Interment followed in the Weches Cemetery.

## **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

## ROBERT RICHARD"RICHIE" DOUGLAS JR.

Mr. Robert Richard "Richie" Douglas Jr., age 36 joined his Savior in Heaven Thursday, December 31, 2009. Mr. Douglas known to the Christian Rap World as s/ave founded OneMind Magazine, om95.com and dasouth.com to promote and support the music and people he loved so dearly. He recently discovered a new passion for the Deaf Community and sign language, and was an avid student working towards full interpreter certification. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Helen E. Douglas and father-in-law Joseph Melia, Sr. He had such a tender heart for his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife of 13 years, Theresa Melia Douglas; parents Dick and Glenda Douglas; maternal grandmother Lorene Atkinson; sister Sheila and husband Will Ryman; brothers Chip Baldridge and Dusty Douglas; mother-in-law Rosalie Melia; brothers and sister-in-law, nephews and nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Funeral Service for Mr. Robert Richard "Richie" Douglas Jr. were held Monday, January 4, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Cy- Fair Christian Church, 9730 Grant Rd., Houston, Texas with his uncle Wyane Atkinson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Theresa Douglas c/o the Richie Douglas Memorial Fund through Wells Fargo Bank, acct.#7963198499, benefiting the Texas School for the Deaf.

#### **Earthman Resthaven**

**Funeral Home** 

## **GEORGE WESLEY "G.W." PERRY**

Mr. George Wesley Perry, also known as "G.W." age 55, departed this life Monday, December 14, 2009. Mr. Perry was born August 24, 1954 to S.L. Perry and Aaron Perry. Born and raised in the Cooper Settlement. He attended William High School and united with Union Prairie Missionary Baptist Church at an early age. He later rededicated his life to Christ at Union Prairie Missionary Baptist Church. He later enlisted in the United States Army and received an Honorable Discharge. Mr. Perry united in holy matrimony with JoAnn Jones. Survivors include his beloved wife Jo Ann Perry; children Jennifer Y. Perry, Donald J. Gobert, III, of Crockett, Shanett Perry, Latisha Perry (Michael), Chimira Murphy (Paul); grandchildren Z'Von' Drich Perry, Dajhiana Tyjhiay Perry, Tishayla Antrez Perry, Jaleon Ramone White, Mikayla Deionce Perry, Chimanie Murphy, Daijah Murphy; siblings Shirley Lovelady (Rev. James Lovelady), Bobbie Perry, Elnetha Robbins, LaWanda Barnes (Steve), Vanesen Perry, Tommy Perry, Geneva Perry Simon and Sammy L. Perry (Ester); five aunts Bernice Harris and Albertine Smoot and three aunts and three uncles of Ariz.; one great-aunt Ms. Espanola Gainous; special friend Rommie Lee White, Jr.; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents S.L. Perry and Aaron Perry.

Funeral Services for Mr. George Wesley Perry were held Monday, December 21, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Union Prairie Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Myron E. Waddle officiant. Interment followed in the Union Prairie Cemetery.

Active Pallbearers were Donald Ray Price, Delbert Price, Michael Lovelady, Rommie White, Jr., Homas Perry, Freddie Purvis, Kevin Robbins and Darrion Perry.

Honorary Pallbearer was Larry Young.

# **Barkley Mortuary**

## DONALD LEON DEWITT

Mr. Donald Leon DeWitt, age 78, passed away on Saturday, January 2, 2010 in Huntsville. Mr. DeWitt was born Sunday, March 15, 1931 to James Benjamin DeWitt and Sarah Ellen DeWitt in Clayton, Oklahoma. Survivors include his daughters Lynn Hunt, Dawn Lawler and husband Mark, Cindy DeWitt and Meg Cagnola and husband Mike; sons Alan DeWitt and wife Dena, Keith DeWitt and wife Susan; brothers Lloyd DeWitt and Luther DeWitt; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his wife Nelda Fern DeWitt; and grandson James Keith Dewitt.

In lieu of flowers, memorials, donations may be made to Cancer Society or Weldon Cemetery.

## **Huntsville Funeral Home**

#### NED STEPHENS

Mr. Ned Stephens, age 79 of Austonio, passed away Thursday, January 7, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Stephens was born February 6, 1930 in the Pearsons Chapel Community, Texas and had lived in Austonio most of his lifetime. He was retired having worked as a Painter and was of the Baptist Faith. Survivors include his son Harold Stephens and wife Susan, of Crockett; daughters Kathy Field and husband Larry, of Waukesha, Wis. and Polly Shupak, of Austonio; grandchildren Dawn Lambright and husband David, of Lovelady, Brent Stephens, of College Station, Heather Lukaszewski and husband Jeff, of Milwaukee, Wis., Melinda Field of Waukesha, Wis., Dalton Shupak, of Austonio and Dillon Shupak, of Lovelady; great-grandson Trey Lambright, of Lovelady; brother Donald Green and wife Rose, of Austonio; sister-in-law Jo Keller, of Prairie Village, Mo.; brother-in-law and Sister-in-law Bill and Janice Hobbs, of Van; brother-in-law Darell Lewis and wife Betty, of Grand Saline; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by wife Freda Stephens; son Jerry Wayne Stephens; twin daughters Linda and Brenda Stephens; parents Weaver Stephens and Adina Green; and brother, Wayne Stephens.

Funeral Services for Mr. Ned Stephens were held Sunday, January 10, 2010 in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Harold Shirley officiating. Interment followed in the Porter Springs Cemetery.

## **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

#### **IRENE WELCH**

Mrs. Irene Welch, age 82 of Latexo, passed away January 9, 2010 in Conroe, Texas. Mrs. Welch was born December 12, 1927, in Redland, TX to John Lester and Irene Burnett Perkins. She was the youngest of 8 siblings. She grew up in Redland and completed both Bachelors and Masters degrees at Stephen F. Austin State College in Nacogdoches.

Mrs. Welch worked as Elementary, Junior, and High-School Teacher, High-School Principal, and finally Superintendent at Latexo ISD from 1949 until 1974. She worked with the Houston-Trinity County Special Education Coop from 1974 until her retirement in 1988.

Mrs. Welch was the third woman public school superintendent in the state of Texas. She was also the first Mayor of the City of Latexo. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Crockett, Texas. She served 17 years on the Board of Directors of the John H. Wooters Crockett Public Library.

Mrs. Welch was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 22 years. She is a life member and past president of Beta Sigma Phi, Past Chief and Pianist of Pythian Sisters, and life member of the Stephen F. Austin State University Alumni Association.

Survivors include her brother Morris Perkins, of Groves; sons John Charles Welch, of Spring and George Robert Welch, of College Station; grandchildren Sandra Irene Welch, Mary Elizabeth Welch, Glenn Ernest Welch, and Samuel Eric Welch; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceded in death by her parents John Lester and Irene Burnett Perkins; husband Glenn Everett Welch; and six siblings.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Irene Welch were held at the First United Methodist Church in Crockett on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. with Dr. Jerry House officiating. Interment followed in the Latexo Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Welch may be memorialized by gifts to the scholarship fund she endowed at her alma mater. Checks may be made out to the J. L. and Irene Burnett Perkins Scholarship Fund, and sent to: Alumni Association; P.O. Box 6096, SFA Station; Nacogdoches, TX 75962. Please indicate that the gift is in memory of Irene Perkins Welch.

## **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

## ELSIE WILSON DRANE HUGHES

Mrs. Elsie Wilson Drane Hughes, age 88 of San Augustine, formerly of Crockett, passed away Friday, January 8, 2010 in the Twin Lakes Care Center in San Augustine. Mrs. Hughes was born September 15, 1921 in Choctaw County, Mississippi and it is the last descendant of her family generation. Mrs. Hughes was a longtime resident of Crockett working as a seamstress doing alterations for many years for individuals as well as Polk's Store where she worked for several years. She was a member of the Good Shepherd Fellowship.

Survivors include her only child-daughter Rae Drane Hill and husband Jerry, of San Augustine, formerly of Palestine; grandsons Richard Carl Hill and wife Jennifer, of The Woodlands, Kirby Lee Hill and wife Amy, of Eureka and Joseph Arlon Hill and wife Olivia, of Palestine; great-grandchildren Jerry R. Hill, Justin Carl Hill, Jessica Rose Hill, all of The Woodlands, Brendan Cole Hopkins Hill, Connor Lee Hill, Andrew Madison Hill, all of Eureka, Raegan Ashley Hill and Emily Ann Hill, both of Palestine; 13 loving nieces and nephews; Rae's half-sister Donna Sanford and husband Sandy, of Calhoun, La.; special adopted daughters Lynn Gunnels, of Crockett, Karen Bottoms, of Navarro, Debbie Dillingham, of Corsicana and Gail Lanier, of Longview.

Preceded in death by her parents Franklin Agustus Wilson and Mattie Ethel Wilson; brother Robert Franklin Wilson and wife Frances; sisters Mae Wilson and husband E. C., Jessie Wilson and husband N. E. and Polly Davis and husband Cowboy.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Elsie Wilson Drane Hughes were held Monday, January 11, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Ottis Byers and the Rev. Kevin Willmott officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park.

## **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

## FLOYD "COB" ATKINSON

Mr. Floyd "Cob" Atkinson, age 66 of Lovelady, passed away Monday, January 11, 2010 in the Houston County Nursing Home. Mr. Atkinson was born August 8, 1943 in Houston County, Texas and was a lifetime resident of Lovelady. Mr. Atkinson had worked for Bench Mark in maintenance. He was a member of the Wooster Baptist

Church in Baytown and was a former member of the Weldon Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Janelle Atkinson, of La Porte; biological son Cleve Ford and wife Miriam, of Weslaco; grandchildren Cooper, Lily and Cora Ford, of Weslaco; sisters Dorothy Weir, of Sequin, Joyce Eklund and Willie Wilson, of Splendora; brother Marvin Atkinson, of Louisville, Ky.; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his parents Sara and J.L. Atkinson; brothers Lloyd Atkinson, Louis D. Atkinson, Thomas Atkinson and Rolland Atkinson; and sisters Louise Reagan, Mary Frances Thomas, Johnnie Mae Burnett and Josie Lee Moore.

Funeral Services for Mr. Floyd "Cob" Atkinson were held Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Weldon Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Butler officiating. Interment followed in the Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Weldon Cemetery Association, Rt. 1 Box 211D, Lovelady, Texas 75851; Creek Cemetery Association c/o Mary B. Lucas, 485 Briargrove, Crockett, Texas 75835 or Gideon's International, P.O. Box 1005, Crockett, Texas 75835.

# **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

#### **GLENDA WILSON**

Mrs. Glenda Wilson, age 62 of Crockett, passed away Sunday, January 10, 2010 at her residence. Mrs. Wilson was born August 6, 1947 in Columbus, Georgia and was a 1965 graduate of Lovelady High School. She had also graduated from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX in1969 and was a Post Graduate from University of Kingston in London, England, receiving a Masters of Education Management in 1985. Places she lived between 1976 and 1994 were Great Yarmouth, England; Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia; Stavanger, Norway; Rotterdam, The Netherlands; Epsom, England; Weybridge, England and London, England. She had taught for Crockett ISD from 1971 - 1976 as Special Education Teacher; American Community School in Cobham, England from 1985 – 1993 as Assistant Principal of Middle School; Crockett ISD from 2002 – 2005 as 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher and Latexo ISD from 2005 – 2009 as 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher. She was a member of the Crockett Road Church of Christ in Palestine.

Survivors include her husband Don W. Wilson, of Crockett; son George Wilson and wife Tricia, of Dallas; grandchildren Anthony, Hailey and Kylie Wilson, all of Dallas; sister Lana Crowson, of Huntsville; brother Stephen Killingsworth, of Huntsville; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by her father Fred Jones; mother Rose Killingsworth; step-father Raymond Killingsworth; and adopted parents Robert and Mary Killingsworth.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Glenda Wilson were held Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Mr. Dan Manuel officiating. Interment followed in the Lovelady Antioch Cemetery.

# **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

#### **TULLEY EDWARD BREAUX**

Mr. Tulley Edward Breaux, age 89 of LaPorte, passed away at his home on Monday, January 11, 2010. Mr. Breaux was born July 15, 1920, in Sour Lake, Texas to the late Eddie and Essie Breaux.

Mr. Breaux was a World War II veteran serving in Europe for three years with the Army Corp of Engineers. After returning from the war, he and his wife, Helen, owned and operated the Twin Oaks Motel in Crockett, Texas from 1947-78. He also worked at Crown Central Petroleum in Pasadena from 1951-81.

While residing in Crockett, he was a charter member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, for which he also served as president. He was also very active in the First Christian Church, where he often cooked and hosted Sunday dinners and ice cream socials. After selling the motel, Mr. Breaux and Helen moved full time to LaPorte while he completed his employment at Crown Central Petroleum.

Mr. Breaux and Helen then enjoyed 28 years of a wonderful retirement, which included square dancing, RVing, and many family and friend get-togethers, at which everyone always enjoyed Tulley's famous seafood gumbo. Survivors include his beautiful wife of 68 years, Helen Pogue Breaux; sons Jim Breaux and wife Debbie, of Dallas and Ron Breaux and wife Bonnie, of Livingston; daughter Judy Bauer and husband Hank, of Houston; grandchildren Austen Breaux, Amanda Bauer, Kyle Breaux, David Breaux and wife Katie, Chris Breaux; sister-in-law Maria Breaux; and numerous nieces, nephews and wonderful friends.

Preceded in death by his parents Eddie and Essie Breaux; and brother Murray Breaux.

A celebration of Mr. Tulley Edward Breaux's life was held Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Grand View Funeral Home. Mr. Breaux will be laid to rest at Houston National Cemetery on Friday,

January 15, 2010 after a private family service.

For an online memorial please visit: www.grandviewfunerals.com

## **Grand View Funeral Home**

## NANCY FLO RICH

Mrs. Nancy Flo Rich, age 67 of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at her residence. Mrs. Rich was born March 30, 1942 in Crockett, Texas and was a lifetime resident of Crockett. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Crockett and had worked as a checker at Brookshire's in Crockett.

Survivors include her daughter Monica Ramirez and husband Luther, of Crockett; brother Gary Roberts, of Houston; granddaughter Christal Leigh Peck; great-granddaughter Vanessa Lee Peck.

Preceded in death by her husband James E. "Buck" Rich; and parents Walter Ben and Bertha Leigh Roberts. Graveside Funeral Services for Mrs. Nancy Flo Rich were held Friday, January 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Evergreen Memorial Park with Dr. Jerry House officiating.

# **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

## ANNA PEARL RAINS

Miss Anna Pearl Rains, age 74 of Galveston, passed away Wednesday, January 13, 2010 in the Goodall - Witcher Nursing Home in Clifton, Texas. Miss Rains was born December 2, 1935 in Lovelady, Texas and had lived in Galveston most of her lifetime. She was a member of the Texas Nursing Association where she had served as past president for 2 terms. Miss Rains was a retired nurse having worked for U. T. M. B. – Galveston for 49 years and was a member of the Broadway Church of Christ in Galveston.

Survivors include her twin sister Zona Ransom and husband Dean, of Clifton; nephews Dean Ransom, Jr., of San Angelo and Jay Ransom, of Clifton; niece Anna Kay Ransom, of Denver, Colo.; uncle Tom David Barnes, of Silsbee.

Graveside Funeral Services for Miss Anna Pearl Rains were held Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lovelady Evergreen Cemetery with Mr. Allen Isbell officiating.

# **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

## R. C. (BOB) GILBERT

Mr. R.C. (Bob) Gilbert, of Kennard, passed peacefully of natural causes on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at age 82. Mr. Gilbert was born in Mankins, Texas on May 27, 1928. He served 5 years in the Navy, receiving numerous decorations. Well known as a hard working honest man. He worked numerous jobs as an electrician, carpenter, and logger.

Mr. Gilbert met and married Margie Goldman in Dallas Texas in 1955. They resided most of their lives in Kennard. He moved his family to Houston and where he worked as an electrician for a period of time with the Dow Chemical Company. He later returned to Kennard as logger, the job he loved the best. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and time with his family. He was baptized into the Baptist Faith, during his term of Military. He later became a member of Mt. Olive Church of Kennard.

Survivors include his wife Margie (Goldman) Gilbert, of Kennard; six children Charles Martin (Marty) and wife Berta Gilbert, of Central, Julie (Gilbert) Nelson, of Crockett, Dana Kay (Gilbert) Hathorn and husband James Hathorn, Daryl Gilbert, all of Kennard, Susan (Gilbert) Hutcheson and husband Mark Hutcheson, of Mobil, Ala. and Eddie Gilbert and wife Erica (Gonzalez) Gilbert, of Conroe; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral Services for Mr. R. C. (Bob) Gilbert were held Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mt. Olive Church. Military Graveside Services will follow in the Corinth Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1100 W. 49th Street Room #G408, Austin, Texas 78756.

## **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

#### KATHRYN MINTER

Mrs. Kathryn Minter, age 83 of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Minter was born January 17, 1926 in Houston County, Texas and had lived in Crockett most of her lifetime. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her daughter Mavis M. Sparks, of Crockett; son John Paul Minter, of Crockett; grandchildren Johnny Hale, Joseph A. Clonts, Justin L. Clonts and John Luis Minter; great-granddaughter Katelyn Nicole Clonts; sisters Betty Fields, of Palestine and Diane Smith, of Oakwood; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by her husband John Minter; parents George and Faye Woodard; and sister Connie Allen. Memorial Services for Mrs. Kathryn Minter were held Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Truly God's Country Cowboy Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mrs. Kathryn Minter's Family, P. O. Box 268, Crockett, Texas 75835.

# **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

## **CAPTAIN SAM MORGAN DAVIS**

Captain Sam Morgan Davis, passed away Sunday, January 17, 2010 at his home in Crockett, Texas. Captain Davis was born in Nogalus Prairie, Texas October 5, 1918 and had lived in Crockett most of his lifetime. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army Air Corps and U. S. Army having served during World War II. After World War II, Sam served as Chief Warrant Officer for Battery B 133rd Field artillery National Guard in Crockett. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, He was promoted to Captain. He had 18 years of Military service and had worked and retired as a local contractor. Mr. Davis was a member of the American Legion and the Methodist Church in Nogalus Prairie.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years: Lois Izene Madden Davis, of Crockett; sons Jerry Wayne Davis and wife Barbara, of Hot Springs, Ark. and Terry Morgan Davis, of Crockett; six grandchildren Tammy Saylor, of Phoenix, Ariz., Laura Kellam, of Houston, Morgan Davis, of Spring, Rebecca Tracy, of Hot Springs, Ark., Catherine Murchison, of Cabot, Ark. and John Helm of Southhaven, Miss.; 12 great-grandchildren Heather, Joshua and Alex Saylor, Kelley and Kelsea Kellam, Tyler and Tracy Taylor, Cody and Emily Davis Christopher and Daniel Lasley; great-great-granddaughter Sophie Maria Saylor. Graveside Funeral Services for Captain Sam Morgan Davis were held Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Pennington Cemetery with Rev. John Goss officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 100 N. 7th Street, Crockett, Texas 75835.

# **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

## **ROSE MCGUYER**

Mrs. Rose McGuyer, age 85 of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. McGuyer was born August 11, 1924 in Louisiana and had been living in Crockett since 1987. Mrs. McGuyer was retired having worked as a floral designer and was a member of the San Pedro Church. Survivors include her children Tony Liotta and wife Margaret, of Grapeland, Rose West and husband Bill, of Conroe, Vernon McGuyer and wife Michelle, of Corsicana and Billy Fred McGuyer, of Streetman; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters Josie Corona, of Baton Rouge, La. and Mary Balinski, of Las Vegas, Nev.; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by her husband W. H. "Mack" McGuyer; son Reed Vincent Liotta; grandson Reed Vincent Liotta, Jr.; and nine siblings.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Rose McGuyer were held Friday, January 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Tommy Hutto officiating. Interment will follow in the North Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the San Pedro Church Building Fund, 10733 F. M. 2022 North, Grapeland, Texas 75844.

## **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

## LEROY "ROY" ARTHUR PICKENS SR.

Mr. LeRoy "Roy" Arthur Pickens Sr., age 92 of Crockett, passed away Sunday, December 20, 2009 at ETMC Tyler, Smith County Texas. Mr. Pickens was born February 24, 1917 in Spadra (now part of Pomona) L.A. County, California.

Preceded in death by his parents Clara Olive Hitt and Jack Pickens; nine siblings Theodore, Jesse Stephens, Emma Dillingham, Mary, Stanley, Grover, Eddie, Larry and Fred Pickens.

Children Roselie Lynda Pickens Young (From his first marriage) three children from his second marriage to

Margaret, Sandra Lee Pickens Sucec, Thomas Leroy Pickens, Sr. and LeRoy Arthur Pickens, Jr.

Grandchildren favorite grand-daughter Margaret Succec Morris called Meg. She was a gem. Meg spelled backwards and Bruce Tennison succe his favorite grandson. Thomas LeRoy Pickens Jr., T.J., Katherine Suzanne Pickens Pustka, Wendie Lee Pickens, Kelly Lyn Pickens, Daniel Young, Rebecca Young Faulkner, Virginia Young Fryer and Jeffery Young.

Great-grandchildren Kelsey Morris, Kallie Morris, Connor Sucec, Elena Sucec and Erin Sucec, Nicholas Pustka and Nathanial Pustka, all of Texas, Matthew Young, Alec Faulkner and Victoria Faulkner, of Calif., Nathanial Fryer, Johanna Fryer Stephen Fryer, Abigail Fryer, all of Ill., Aaron Young, Katy Young, Rose Young, C.J. Young, all of Ariz.

His special friend of 70 years Kathleen Denney Pritchard of Calif.

Other friends favorite daughter-in-law Sandra "Susie Petty Pickens, grand-daughter-in-law Melanie Susec. Special friends and relatives Cecil Young, Sharon Pritchard Kemper, Greg and Kathy Pritchard, Larry Young, Roberta and Paul McGhee, Beverly Mead Pickens. To many nieces and nephews to list.

## MICHAEL DREW ELLIOTT

Mr. Michael Drew Elliott, age 65 of Bellaire (Houston), TX, passed away Sunday, January 10, 2010, at his residence. Mr. Elliott was born November 3, 1944, in Crockett, TX, to Janice Hooks and Drew Mundell Elliott. Among his many accomplishments, he was a semi-finalist in the Golden Gloves boxing competition. Mr. Elliott served in the Marines Corps from 1965-1967 in Vietnam with E Company, 2nd Battalion, First Marines, 1st Marine Division, receiving the purple heart, resulting in full disability; with dignity and style, he spent 43 years in a wheelchair. Mr. Elliott was a 1963 graduate of Jesse H. Jones High School, and later received a BA in Accounting and MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Houston.

An avid scholar, historian, genealogist, activist, and seeker of the truth(s), He mentored and influenced many young minds, including his nephew, Glenn, whom he thought of as an "adopted" son, and Kristi Zwahr Hayduk whom he considered a daughter. Kristi's children, Jesse, Aaron, and Sheridan, are thankful to have gained both a wealth of knowledge and constant encouragement from the presence of this fascinating man in their lives. Mr. Elliott lead by example, extolling the presence and power of an education. As a result, both Glenn and Kristi were persuaded to seek higher education and obtained Masters Degrees in English and Psychology, respectively. He also taught and mentored outside of this extended family while volunteering for several years as a creative writing teacher at Houston's High School for Performing and Visual Arts, helping to develop not only students' writing abilities, but their artistic sensibilities, as well.

Survivors include his brother, Patrick R. Elliott, Sr., of Brenham; sister Karen and husband Jerry Smith, of Henderson (Goodsprings Community); sister Janell Elliott Ross, of Austin; uncle Lloyd Hooks, of Huntsville; cousin David Peck, of Austin; a niece and two nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents Drew M. Elliott and Janice Hooks Elliott; nephew Glenn Riley Elliott; grandparents Riley and Sallie Hooks of Latexo and grandparents Coley and Pearl Elliott of Normangee. Military Graveside Services for Mr. Michael Drew Elliott were held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at Latexo Cemetery.

No flowers please. Donations may be made to the charity of your choice (or to the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center Spinal Cord Injury Unit).

A celebration of Mike's life for family and friends will be forthcoming. Please send your contact info to this email address for future information and invitation regarding the event: elliottlife10@yahoo.com.

## **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

## **DALE TREADWELL**

Mr. Dale Treadwell, age 71, of Grapeland, passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2010 in Tyler, Texas. Mr. Treadwell was born June 8, 1938 in Llano, Texas and had lived in Grapeland, Texas since 1977. He was a veteran of the Texas National Guard. Mr. Treadwell was a volunteer for Crockett Merchants Little League having many years of service. He was a retired truck driver and a member of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Grapeland.

Survivors include his wife Sandy Treadwell, of Grapeland; sons Jeff Treadwell and wife Angela, of Latexo and Mark Treadwell and wife Sheri, of New Braunfels; grandchildren Kristen Stratton, Michelle Moreno and Brian Moreno; great-grandchildren Kealaynah Jackson and Kiyarah Jackson; sisters Patricia Roach and husband Bob, of

Buda, and Lynda Madrone of Rockport; brothers Robert Treadwell, of Hillsboro and Michael Treadwell and wife Railene, of Lake Travis; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives; a host of Loving Church Family Members and other special friends.

Preceded in death by his parents Curtis and Irma Treadwell; brother Donald Treadwell; and two infant brothers. Funeral Services for Mr. Dale Treadwell were held Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Grapeland with the Rev. Duane Mills and the Rev. Steve Duvall officiating. Interment followed in the Augusta Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the San Pedro Baptist Church Building Fund, 10733 Fm M. 2022 North, Grapeland, Texas 75844.

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## **JAMES LANE**

Mr. James Lane, age 74 years, 6 months and 14 days, a beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather passed away with some of his special friends by his side on Sunday, January 17, 2010 in McAllen Medical Center in McAllen, Texas. Mr. Lane was born July 3, 1935, in Houston, Texas. He graduated from Lovelady High School in 1954 and enlisted in the Army in 1955.

Mr. Lane met and married Lynda Berkley on August 12, 1961. They moved to Crockett in 1965 and resided there until September 2007 when Lynda passed away. Mr. Lane was a member of the Good Shepherd Fellowship Church in Crockett, a member of the Texas Travelers R V Club and was on the Board of Director for the Marina Village Resort in Trinity, Texas. He retired from TXU Electric in 1992 after 35 years of service.

Mr. Lane never met a stranger and was always willing to help anyone. He loved to cut up and joke with everyone and to socialize and drink coffee with anyone. He also enjoyed playing Texas Hold'em, cards, fishing, traveling and spending time with his grand kids and great grand kids. He also enjoyed watching the local teams from Trinity and Lovelady play football and baseball games. Mr. Lane was a Christian and he loved the Lord. He will be deeply missed by all that knew him.

Leaving to cherish his memory are his daughters Teresa Lane Hickman and husband Dale (Scooter), of Trinity and Tammy Lane Cousins and husband Robert, of Austonio; grandchildren Tiffany and Lance Hickman, of Trinity and Max and James Robert Cousins, of Austonio; great-grandchildren Maddox Lane Pee and Austin Lee Hickman, of Trinity; nephew Mark Lane and wife Tammye, of Lovelady; niece Norma Lane, of Lovelady; special cousin Joan Little, of Lovelady; special friends Norris and Faye Melton, Clifford and Gwen Price, Cecil and Pat Campbell, Bill McCullough and John and Jean Linegar; a host of numerous relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Lynda Lane in 2007; parents Joe and Verdie Lane; brother Joe Thurman Lane; and and sister-in-law, Tisha Lane.

Funeral Services for Mr. James Lane will be held Monday, January 25, 2010 in the Good Shepherd Fellowship Church at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Ottis Byers officiating. Interment will in the Evergreen Cemetery in Lovelady. Pallbearers are Cecil Campbell, Bill McCullough, Walter LeBlanc, Vernon Williamson, Clark Lott, Danny Adams, John Cravey, Larry Runion, Weldon Bailey and Eddie Roe.

Honorary Pallbearers are Norris Melton, Clifford Price, Carl McNulty and Cliff Hagey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Good Shepherd Fellowship Building Fund, 401 South Seventh Street Crockett, Texas 75835; the E.T.M. C. Cancer Support Fund, 1100 Loop 304 East, Crockett, Texas 75835 or United Heart Association, P. O. Box 15186, Austin, Texas 78761.

## **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

## DR. VINCENT CLARENCE BASH, JR.

Dr. Vincent Clarence Bash, Jr., age 83 of Cashiers, North Carolina, passed away peacefully in his sleep Wednesday, January 6, 2010. Dr. Bash was the oldest of seven children born to Vincent Clarence and Bessie Gordon Bash of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dr. Bash and his wife, Sandra, have resided in Cashiers, North Carolina, for the last ten years. He was very involved in the community and served on the boards of the Highland-Cashiers Humane Society and Habitat for Humanity. He was highly respected as a gentleman, a scholar and a leader loved by all. We shall miss his regal presence.

Dr. Bash received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Texas and his Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Oklahoma Medical School. He completed his internship and residency in General

Practice at Herman Hospital in Houston where he was named Intern of the Year. He later served as an attending physician at Herman and Saint Luke's Hospitals.

Dr. Bash practiced medicine in Houston, Texas forty years in the Spring Branch-Memorial area. He founded the Spring Branch Memorial Hospital, served on their board and also served as Chief of Staff. As a member of the Harris County Medical Society, he was Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Grievance Committee. He was elected Chairman of the Board of the Greater Houston Physicians Association, and in 1991 he was elected Most Distinguished Physician in the Harris County Medical Society. During World War II he was in the US Navy and later served as a flight surgeon in the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife Sandra, her two children Sondra Brooks and Gregory Raines, of Austin; son Dr. Vincent C. Bash, III and his wife Jann, of Midland: their children Katherine of London, England, David, of Houston; daughter Beverly Schneider her husband Paul and their children Eric and Lauren, all of Houston; son John Bash, of Houston; sisters Jeanne Sargent, of Tampa, Fla. and Betty Lee Brandt, of Georgetown; brothers John Bash, of Sandy, Utah and Richard Bash, of New Castle, Okla.

Preceded in death by his son Terry Michael Bash; and two sisters Mary Ann Clote and Suzanne Bash. A Memorial Service in celebration of Dr. Vincent Clarence Bash Jr.'s life will be held on his eighty-fourth birthday, April 16, 2010 at the Church of the Good Shepherd at 11:00 a.m. in Cashiers, North Carolina, followed by a reception in Hines Hall.

Contributions may be made in memory of Dr. Bash to the Summit Charter School Foundation, P.O. Box 2493, Cashiers, North Carolina, 28717 or Church of the Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 32, Cashiers, North Carolina, 28717.

## **Bryant Grant Funeral Home**

## 1. OBIE KILPATRICK

Mr. Obie Kilpatrick, age 77 of Crockett, passed away Friday, February 19, 2010 in the Hospice Home Place in Tyler. Mr. Kilpatrick was born October 6, 1932 in Houston County, Texas and had lived in Crockett most of his lifetime. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served during the Korean Era. Mr. Kilpatrick was a member of the Austonio Baptist Church, North American Fishing Club and D. A. V. He was retired having worked as a Supervisor for a Paint Manufacturing Company. Survivors include his children Eva Ludwig, Obie N. Kilpatrick, both of Crockett, Lisa Fair and husband Joe, of Corinth, Harold Lynn Kilpatrick, of Houston and Rhonda Smith and husband Tommy, of Percilla; grandchildren Jason Williams and Mary Keith Luce and Callie John Kilpatrick and Amber Amanda Luce Laura Sarubbi and Michael Phylicia Kilpatrick; great-grandchildren Makayla, Abigail, Mackenzie, Anna-Marie and Anabella; sister Melba Newman, of Grapeland; step-sister Mary Lois Patrick, of Porter Springs; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his wife Wanda Kilpatrick; father Nathan Kilpatrick; mother and step-father Dovie and Jessie Cheairs; grandson Brian Ludwig; and brother Cotton Kilpatrick. Funeral Services for Mr. Obie Kilpatrick were held Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. David Harkins officiating. Interment followed in the Brushy Creek Cemetery in Elm Town. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 212 Gene Samford Drive, Lufkin, Tx. 75904. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

# **JOHNNIE LEE (WOOLEY) FISHER**

Mrs. Johnnie Lee (Wooley) Fisher, age 89 of Crockett, passed away Saturday, February 20, 2010 in the Houston County Nursing Home. Mrs. Fisher was born January 10, 1921, in Grapeland, Texas, and had been living in Crockett for the past year, previously living in Aztec, New Mexico. She was retired having worked as a cosmetologist and was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include her daughters Glynda Sue Rowton and husband Dan L., of Manning, S C., and Sharron Anne Naab, of Aztec, NM.; son Harry Lee Fisher, of San Antonio; grandchildren Robert M. Rowton and wife Jill, Sarah Lynn Rowton all of Marlton, NJ., Heather Anne Erlandson and husband Gary, of Aztec, NM., Kevin Keith Crown and wife Rose, of Albuquerque, NM., Leann Fisher, of Austin and Rebecca Sue Fisher, of York, Neb.; seven great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband Harry M. Fisher, Jr. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## FRED M. TELSCHOW SR.

Mr. Fred M. Telschow, Sr., age 82 of Lovelady, passed away Thursday, February 18, 2010 in the St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. Mr. Telschow was born February 11, 1928 in Houston, Texas and had been living in

Lovelady for the past 20 years. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army Air Corps. having served during World War II. Mr. Telschow was a lifetime member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Salt Grass Trail Association, American Quarter Horse Association, S. P. J. S. T. and A. P. O. A. He was retired as the Chief of Police for the City of Tomball and was also a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Crockett. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Peggy Ann Turner Telschow, of Lovelady; son Fred M. Telschow, Jr. and wife Corey Leigh, of Midland; grandchildren Alexandra Marie Telschow, William Frederick Telschow, and Nikolaus Glenn Telschow, all of Midland; foster-son Volodimir Kravchuk, of Lovelady; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his brother Albert Henry Telschow, Jr.; sister Lillian Telschow Eldred; brother Burnett William Telschow; and parents Albert Henry and Marie Anna Telschow. Funeral Services for Mr. Fred M. Telschow, Sr. were held Monday, February 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Grace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Thomas St. Jean officiating. Graveside Funeral Services followed at 2:30 p.m. in the Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Lutheran Church, 925 W. Loop 304, Crockett, Tx. 75835 or Charity of Choice Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **GORDON BRUBAKER**

Mr. Gordon Brubaker, age 86 of Crockett, passed away Friday, February 19, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Brubaker was born October 2, 1923 in Houston, Texas and was a resident of Crockett for the past 50 years. He was a retired dairyman and rancher and had also worked for Bennett Equipment Company. Mr. Brubaker was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Crockett. Survivors include his wife of 61 years and 10 months: Elizabeth Brubaker, of Crockett; son John Brubaker and wife Vicky, of Jacksonville; daughter Linda Klingbeil and husband Ricky, of Portland, Ore.; granddaughter Kelsi Elizabeth Brubaker, of Jacksonville; step-grandsons Damon Whitener and wife Kristi, of Maumelle, Ark. and Andy Whitener, of Austin; great-grandchildren Caleb Whitener, Baylen Whitener and Hanah Whitener, of Maumelle, Ark.; brother Clyde Brubaker and wife Maudine, of Patterson; step-sister Edith Strom, of Ocean Springs, Miss.; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his parents John and Mary Brubaker; brother Kenneth Brubaker; and sister Molly Anna Brubaker. Funeral Services for Mr. Gordon Brubaker were held Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Tom Spath and the Rev. Jim Tom Ainsworth officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 715 E. Goliad, Crockett Texas 75835. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## RALPH HAYES "SMITTY" SMITH

Mr. Ralph Hayes "Smitty" Smith, age 81 of Crockett, passed away Sunday, February 21, 2010 in the Houston County Nursing Home in Crockett. Mr. Smith was born May 29, 1928 in Mt. Caramel, Illinois and had lived in Crockett most of his lifetime. He was a member of the Lothrop Masonic Lodge A. F. & A. M. Mr. Smith was retired having worked for Stowe Lumber Company in Crockett for many years. Survivors include his wife Hazel Smith, of Crockett; children Bob Smith and wife Gina, Sandra Smith Boyd and husband William, and Chris Smith and wife Tena, all of Crockett; grandchildren Aryn Smith, Amber Martin and husband Justin, all of Crockett, Somer Franklin and husband Tyler, of Willis, Kristy Hartley and husband Brian, Elizabeth Luce, all of Crockett, Christopher Smith, of College Station and Tiffany Smith, of Crockett; six great-grandchildren; sister Judith Steffin, of Bellville, Ill.; sister-in-law Mary Lee Smith, of Henderson, Ky; numerous other relatives. Preceded in death by his brother Edward Smith; infant brother Walter Smith; and great-granddaughter Kadance Hartley. Memorial Services for Mr. Ralph Hayes "Smitty" Smith were held Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Johnny Bear officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michelle Lynn Holsey Foundation, P. O. Box 652, Crockett, Texas 75835. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **RUTH "BERNICE" MAPLES**

Mrs. Ruth "Bernice" Maples went to be with our Lord Sunday morning February 14, 2010. Mrs. Maples was born in Weldon, Texas on November 18, 1929 to Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Ivins. One of nine children. On June 3, 1948 she married Carl D. Maples and out of the happy and wonderful union they had five children (Steve, Shirley, Danny, Randy and Linda), ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Mrs. Maples gave her life to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in 1943 and was baptized in the Goodrum's family farm pond where Carl was baptized eight years later. She attended church most of her life and was a member of First Baptist of Crockett. She enjoyed

playing the piano for the local nursing home and serving her church, family and friends. Survivors include her children Steve Maples and wife Timi, of Livingston, Shirley Burriss, of Woodlake, Danny Maples and wife Cindy, of Pasadena, Randy Maples, of Pearland and Linda Murff and husband Stan, of Crockett; grandchildren Robert Miles and wife Erica, of Katy, Jesse Burriss, of Crosby, Nicole Maples, of Houston, Sarah Maples, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Missy Maples, of South Houston, Lauren Shea Maples, Nathan Maples, both of Pearland, Heath Murff and wife Jessica, and Meagan Murff, all of Crockett; great-grandchildren Alyssa, Audrey and April Miles, Eddie and Joseph Maples and Kyle Stanley Murff; sisters and brothers-in-law Mary Romine, of Crockett, Faye Stanfield and husband Delma, of Grand Prairie and Nell Jones and husband, Roy of Latexo; brother and sisters-inlaw Jim "Trutt" Ivins and wife, Frances, of Houston and Nina Ivins, of Crockett; numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her husband Carl D. Maples; grandson Albert Steven Maples; parents C. J. and Ruby Ivins; brothers J. D. and C. J. Ivins; sisters Joyce Ann Ivins and June Bennett – Burton; sister-in-law Betty Jo Ivins; brothers-in-law James Bennett, Bill Burton and Lonnie Romine, Sr. Funeral Services for Mrs. Ruth "Bernice" Maples were held Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Crockett with the Rev. Keeney Dickenson officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the J. H. Wootters Crockett Public Library 709 E. Houston, Crockett, Texas 75835 or Weldon Cemetery Association, 5928 C.R. 3555, Lovelady, Texas 75851. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## ALICE ESTELLE KING

Mrs. Alice Estelle King, age 98 of Crockett, passed away Thursday, February 11, 2010 at Winfield Nursing Home in Crockett. Mrs. King was born April 21, 1911 in Malvern, Arkansas to William R. and Hester Louisa Cunningham Sessor. She worked as a motel clerk. Survivors include her daughter Patricia Kelley, of San Antonio; son Johnnie Lane, of Crockett; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents William R. and Hester Louisa Cunningham Sessor; first husband Thonnie Cordell Lane, second husband Walter T. King; daughter Diane Lane; and son Thonnie Ray Lane. Graveside Services for Mrs. Alice Estelle King were held Sunday, February 14, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in Garden of Memories Cemetery with Johnnie Ray Lane officiating. To view online, leave condolences or sign the guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey & Foster Funeral Home

#### **JOHN WESLEY MOORE**

Mr. John Wesley Moore age 50 of Livingston, passed away Friday, February 12, 2010. Mr. Moore was born on January 7, 1960 in Salisbury, North Carolina to parents Elmer Joe Moore and Elizabeth Jordan Moore Newman. He worked for many years for the Lake Livingston Water Supply. He loved to read, he would read anything he could get his hands on, he also loved to fish at Lake Livingston. Mr. Moore proudly served our country in the United States Navy. Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Tammy Moore, of Livingston; parents William and Elizabeth Newman, of Lovelady; sister Pamela Christine Corely and husband Rex, of Huntsville; two nieces Candi Shafer and husband Brandon, of Huntsville and Cindy Azadi and husband Cameron, and their daughter Isabelle Elizabeth, of Dallas. Memorial Services for Mr. John Wesley Moore were held Tuesday February 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cochran Funeral Home Chapel. Please sign the online guest book at www.cochranfh.com Cochran Funeral Home

## **MOZELLE PAULINE MILLS**

Mrs. Mozelle Pauline Mills, age 92 of Weches, passed away Monday, February 15, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Mills was born August 28, 1917 in Nacogdoches County, Texas and had lived in Weches most of her lifetime. She was a housewife and a member of the Weches Baptist Church. Mrs. Mills enjoyed cooking and was always happy when she could cook a good meal for family and friends. She was the last of the "Pioneer Women" she could skin a buck, run a trot line and pop a chalk line. Survivors include her children Carlon Fagan, of Calif., Duane Mills and wife Alice, of Weches; grandchildren Lesa Steele and husband Mark, of NJ., Cecil D. (Bubba) Mills, Josh Mills and wife Kay Kay, all of Weches and David Mills and wife Katherine, of Grapeland; great-grandchildren Alan Mills and wife Karen, of San Augustine, Alisha Sharp and husband Nick, of Lufkin, Matthew Steele, Michael Steele, both of NJ., Danielle Lewis, Isaac Lewis, Zachery Lewis, all of Weches, Dusty and Kimberly McMillon and Michael Pruitt, all of Lufkin; great-great-grand children Shane Alan Mills, Tory Mills, Serena Mills, all of San Augustine, Sevrin Sharp, and Nicholas Duane Sharp, both of Lufkin; brothers

William Brandon, of Nacogdoches and Charles Brandon, of NC.; and her baby, Cricket; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Cecil Mills; grandson Shane Mills; granddaughters-in-law Rashelle Mills and Donna Mills; great-great-grandson, Chazdon Sharp. Funeral Services for Mrs. Mozelle Pauline Mills were held Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Grapeland with the Rev. Duane Mills and Mr. Josh Mills officiating. Interment followed in the Mills Family Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Building Fund, 10733 F.M. 2022 North, Grapeland, Texas 75844. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## JENNIE ROSEN DAVIDSON

Mrs. Jennie Rosen Davidson, age 90 of Garrison, passed away Friday, February 12, 2010 in the Garrison Nursing Home. Mrs. Davidson was born February 3, 1920 in Cheshire, England and had been living in Garrison. She was a retired jeweler and of the Baptist faith. Survivors include her close special friends The Chandler's, of Garrison, The Baker's and The Jones's, all of Garrison Preceded in death by her husband Billie Davidson. Graveside Funeral Services for Mrs. Jennie Rosen Davidson will be held Monday, February 15, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Davidson-Cutler Cemetery in Grapeland with the Rev. Jamie Allee officiating. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **MILTON "RAY" CARLTON**

Mr. Milton "Ray" Carlton, age 73 a native of Crockett and a lifelong resident of Franklin, Louisiana, passed away Friday, January 29, 2010 in Iberia Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife Margaret LeBlanc Carlton; one son Kevin R. Carlton, of Houma, La; two daughters Leslie C. Loucks and husband Tom, of Flippin, Ark. and Rebecca C. Causer, of Mountain Home, Ark.; two sisters Cindy Engle and husband Allen, of Crockett and Dorothy Nell Carlton, of Commerce; six grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Snide Carlton and Reba Gates Carlton; four brothers Leland, Clayton, Ivy Lee and Benny Wayne Carlton; and one granddaughter Lori Comeaux.

Funeral Services for Mr. Milton "Ray" Carlton were held Sunday, January 31, 2010 at 12:00 noon at Ibert's Mortuary in Louisiana with Father Beniot officiating.

**Ibert's Mortuary Inc.** 

## RALPH LEONARD MATHER

Mr. Ralph Leonard Mather, age 93 of Crockett, passed away Sunday, January 31, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Mather was born December 12, 1916 in Clarksville, Iowa. Mr. Mather was a graduate of Colorado State University receiving a Bachelors Degree in 1940 in Forestry. On November 1, 1940, he married Eugenia Pletka and they moved to Crockett in 1941. In 1945, he served one tour of duty in the United States Army. He worked with the U. S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Department from 1941-1951 and then owned and operated Crockett Seed and Supply Store from 1951 to 1961.

Mr. Mather was a Farm Bureau Agent from 1961 until 1981 and retired as agency manager, continuing to serve on the Houston County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. He took pride in Farm Bureau's membership growth from 203 to 2,800 members at his retirement. Mr. Mather served on the Selective Service Board, Houston County Tax Appraisal Board and was past president of the American Legion. He joined the Crockett Lions Club on March 1, 1963 being a very active member having been very instrumental in the success of the annual Crockett Lions Club Rodeo. He was an active supporter of the Texas Lions Club Crippled Children Camp as well as other Lions Club functions including the annual Lions Club Mop and Broom Sales. He was heavily involved in the Houston County Livestock Show.

Mr. Mather was a member of the First United Methodist Church serving as teacher of the Builder's Sunday School Class. He also served on the Board of Stewards and a member of the Methodist Men's Club. Mr. Mather was a cattleman and enjoyed world traveling with his wife, Jean.

Survivors include his wife Eugenia Mather, of Crockett; daughter Linda Walker and husband James D., of Orleans, La.; son Mike Mather and wife Jeanne, of Chickasha, Okla.; grandchildren Heidi Rice, Elizabeth Walker, Robert Dayton Mather and Jacquelyn Hutzell; great-grandchildren Sydney Walker, Lara Rice, John David Rice, Lana Rice and Dayton Mather; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral Services for Mr. Ralph Leonard Mather were held Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Jerry House and Dr. Jerry Neff officiating. Interment will follow in the

Evergreen Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Texas Lions Camp, P. O. Box 290247, Kerrville, Texas 78029 or First United Methodist Church, Crockett, Texas 75835.

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## **SHERMAN ALLEN**

Mr. Sherman Allen, age 90 of Lovelady, passed away Sunday, January 31, 2010 in Lovelady. Mr. Allen was born July 21, 1919 in Chita, Texas and was a resident of Lovelady for the past 26 years. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served during World War II. Mr. Allen was retired having worked for Oscar Mayer as a large account salesman and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lovelady serving as deacon for many years.

Survivors include his daughters Sharon Eggleston and husband Lynn, of Fairfield and Carol Carson, of Lovelady; grandchildren Lyle Eggleston, of Los Angeles, Calif., Lori Eggleston, of Austin, T. K. Dunbar and husband Steve, of Highlands and Troy Carson and wife Susan, of Houston; great-grandchildren Ethan Tucker, Davis Carson, Andrew Carson and Steven Dunbar; sister Juanita Johnson and husband Kenith, of Diboll; special friend Pauline Greer, of Riverside; care giver Jann Hensley, of Lovelady; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his wife June Allen in 2000; parents Elbert and Drucella Allen; brothers Truett Allen and Roy Allen; and sister Evelyn Monzingo.

Funeral Services for Mr. Sherman Allen were held Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Lovelady with the Rev. Scott Matthews and the Rev. Mitchell Kleckley officiating. Interment followed in the Lovelady Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 130, Lovelady, Texas.

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#### **EDWARD LEE PERRY**

Mr. Edward Lee Perry, age 88 of Lovelady, passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at his residence. Mr. Perry was born November 3, 1921 in Lovelady, Texas and had lived in Lovelady all of his lifetime. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy having served during World War II and was self employed.

Survivors include his brothers Clifton Perry, of Lovelady and Charles Perry and wife Doris, of Temple; nephew Pat Gayle Perry and wife Helen, of Lovelady; niece Linda Forshage and husband Larry, of San Angelo; greatnephews Chuck Perry and wife Gari Shae, of Round Rock, Lee Perry, of Lovelady and Landon Forshage, of College Station; great-nieces Leslie Perry Patrick and husband Ray, of Lovelady and Laurie Forshage, of Galveston; great-great-nephews Blake and Colton Patrick, of Lovelady; great-great-nieces Avery and Reese Perry, of Round Rock and Ana Perry of Louisa, Va.

Preceded in death by his brother Eugene Franklin Perry.

Funeral Services for Mr. Edward Lee Perry were held Friday, February 5, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Mitchell Kleckley officiating. Interment followed in the Lovelady Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Hermann Foundation, Attn: M H Woodlands Palliative Care, 9401 Southwest Freeway, Suite 401, Houston, Texas 77074 and Lighthouse Hospice, 200 River Pointe Dr, #300, Conroe, Texas 77304.

## **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

#### **GENEVA ANN MOORE**

Mrs. Geneva Ann Moore, age 61 of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2010 in the Whitehall Nursing Center. Mrs. Moore was born February 12, 1948 in Crockett, Texas and had lived most of her lifetime in Houston County. She was a member of the Good Shepherd Fellowship Church.

Survivors include her mother Robbie Rodgers, of Weches; daughters Charla Kelley and husband Jonathon, of Manassas, Va., Tresha Johnson and husband Michael, of Cleveland, Missy Moore of Orlando, Fla. and Susan Stewart and husband Bruce, of Chesapeake, Va.; son Samuel Moore and wife Cheyenne, of Crockett; grandchildren Jonathon Kelley, David Kelley, Brent Johnson, McKenzie Johnson, Hunter Johnson, Savannah Lively, Kason Stewart and Malley Moore; brother Severn Rodgers and wife Neta Jane, of Burran Town; sister

Essie Kellum and husband Kennon, of Weches; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by her father R. J. Rodgers; and husband Terry Moore.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Geneva Ann Moore were held Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Fellowship Church with the Rev. Ottis Byers, the Rev. Dennis Ivey, the Rev. Nelson Neyland and the Rev. Wayne Neyland officiating. Interment followed in the Weches Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Family of Mrs. Geneva Moore, 104 El Camino Drive, Crockett, Texas 75835.

**Callaway-Allee Funeral Home** 

# LILLIAN ADELL PARRISH GIBSON-KELSEY

Mrs. Lillian Adell Parrish Gibson-Kelsey age 90 of Kennard, passed away Sunday, February 7, 2010 in the Memorial Hospital in Lufkin. On Tuesday, July 8, 1919, twins Lillian Adell and Lilly Belle were born to Lizzie Emma Poole Parrish and James Newton Parrish. Lillian got her middle name from her father's birthplace in Adell, Georgia, her height from her mother, and her sparkling wit, brilliant mind, invariable kindness, and love of reading and gardening from both of them.

She was a lively conversationalist who could entertain and amuse the youngest child, the sickest patient, or the most troubled individual. Her hobbies were reading, gardening and canning, playing with her dogs and fishing, attending the Ratcliff Sr. Citizen's Center, caring for her parents' old home place, and participating in many missions projects. For years, she went weekly with a group of friends and relatives to sing at the various nursing homes in Houston County. She loved to be outside, and considered a day to be wasted if she couldn't comfort, feed, or transport someone, chop down at least one tree, work in the yard, or use her tractor to fix the roads by her house.

Mrs. Gibson-Kelsey was a remarkable woman who more than filled the roles of daughter, sister, wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend. She was especially gifted in working with elderly or sick people and with little children in Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church of Kennard. She was born a month after the passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution that granted women the right to vote, and in the true spirit of patriotism, she immediately began expressing intelligent and strongly held opinions. When the twins got old enough to go to high school, they stayed in town during the week, and the honors of Kennard High School valedictorian and salutatorian went to Lillian and Belle, respectively. Later honors included multiple prizes and terms as President of the Garden Club of Freeway Manor, Houston, and the Masonic Community Builder's Award in 2000.

Although she grew up alongside her second husband, Joe Kelsey, and considered him to be her sweetheart, when he asked her to marry him, she had to decline. She felt that it was critical for her to go to Houston and get a good job in order to help her parents during the war. (As things happen, she and Joe didn't reconnect until 60 years later, when both were widowed. When they did meet again, they got married- right around the time of her 85th birthday in 2004.) Intent on supporting her parents, she did go to Houston as soon as she graduated from high school. There she got a job as a nanny for the disabled son of a wealthy family. She went with them to Coronado, CA, where she stayed until she felt a desperate homesickness for Deep East Texas and her own family. Once home, she recommitted to her goal of being more active in the war effort, so she went to Fort Polk, LA. There, she found the job of her dreams, running an airplane parts facility. In 1943, she met her future husband of 42 years, Robert H. (Bob) Gibson. Bob liked to joke that she had been his boss at work and at home, and she did a great job at both. They were married until his death in 1985, but she continued to be a loving and attentive daughter-in-law until her mother-in-law died at the age of 105.

After the war, they and their two boys, Jesse and Johnnie, moved to Houston where she eventually took a long-term job in management at Sears. During her tenure in Houston, she invited two of her nieces to come live with them while they got their own starts in life. When she retired, she moved back to Stubblefield permanently, and began working the farm. She loved enthusiastically tending to sick friends and relatives, taking care of her dogs, and hospitably entertaining anyone who dropped by. She was an integral part of the community and of the church and of her extended family. She will be forever missed.

Survivors include her husband Joe Kelsey, of Kennard; son and daughter-in-law Jesse and Marsha Gibson, of Crosby; step-daughter Linda Clifton, of Linden; grandchildren Jesse Gibson, Jr., and his son Seth, of Weatherford, Krista Gibson and husband Jim Coppedge, and their daughters Victoria Gibson, Sarah Coppedge, and Lillian Coppedge, Mark and Markus Werner, all of Houston, Jana and Eric Visser and their children Jessica, Gus, and

Ros, of Austin, Nicole Gibson and her children Andrew, Amber and Max, of Dallas and Kristi Grogan; three nieces, seven nephews and hundreds of friends and relatives who loved her dearly, and, of course, her dogs, Blue and Sam.

Preceded in death by her husband Robert H. Gibson; son Johnnie Gibson; parents Lizzie Emma Poole Parrish and James Newton Parrish; sisters Lilly Belle Parrish Wright (twin) and Betty Parrish English; brothers James Maurice Parrish and RG Parrish; mother-in-law Natile Simon Gibson; and niece Gwen Parrish Davis.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Lillian Adell Parrish Gibson-Kelsey were held Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel in Crockett with the Reverend Gerald Hollis will officiate, along with tributes offered by her niece Jacqueline Parrish Stewart and her sister-in-law, Jewel Kelsey. Burial followed in the beautiful historic Antioch Cemetery in Ratcliff where most of her loved ones are buried.

Pallbearers were grandsons Jesse Gibson, Jr. and Jim Coppedge and nephews Gary Parrish, Jerry Parrish, Michael ("Mike") Parrish, and Jason Parrish.

Honorary Pallbearers were nephews Carroll Stewart, James Wright, Bo Parrish, Don Parrish, and Jimmy Frank Harrison and friends Phillip Taylor and Los Aiken.

## **Callaway-Allee Funeral Home**

## **DIXIE MARIE TUCKER**

Mrs. Dixie Marie Tucker, age 82 of Crockett, passed away Monday, February 8, 2010 in Crockett. Mrs. Tucker was born February 7, 1928 in Zavalla to Willard and Revar Bealer Barkley. She was a retired secretary for Byron Jackson, and a member of Grapeland Missionary Church.

Survivors include her husband Jim Tucker, of Crockett; sons Charles Tucker, of Crockett and Michael Tucker and wife Judy Lee, of Pearland; sisters Mary Hodges, of Md. and Jan Davis, of Lufkin; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her parents Willard and Revar Bealer Barkley; son James Tucker Jr.; three sisters Barbara Skillern, Velma Ivy and Bonnie Havard; four brothers Doyle, Fred, Billy and Charles Barkley.

Graveside Services for Mrs. Dixie Marie Tucker will be held Friday, February 12, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in Huntington Cemetery, in Huntington, Tx., with Bro. Brad Forest officiating.

To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com

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## JANA LEE MUSICK FREESE

Mrs. Jana Lee Musick Freese, age 42 of Elysian Fields, passed away Monday, February 08, 2010 as a result of a car accident. Mrs. Freese was born on February 24, 1967 in Dallas, Texas to Sammy Jo Musick and Dixie Jarvis Musick. On July 06, 1990, in Jacksonville, N.C., she married Roger Freese. She was a member of the New Hebron Baptist Church and worked as the church secretary. Mrs. Freese was a member of the Elysian Fields Band Booster and was a secretary of the Community 4 Fire Department. Jana was a great supporter of her church, community and school.

Survivors include her husband Roger P. Freese, of Elysian Fields; two sons Trevor Freese and Travis Freese, both of Elysian Fields; parents Sammy Jo and Dixie Musick, of Elysian Fields; and one brother Chuck Musick, of Elysian Fields.

Preceded in death by her sister Susan Musick McQueen on May 15, 2005.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Jana Lee Musick Freese were held Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at New Hebron Baptist Church in Elysian Fields with the Rev. Joe Sherwin and the Rev. Elton Musick officiating. Interment followed in Elysian Fields Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Juan Martinez, Joseph Musick, Ryan James, Luke Cook, Bobby Stephenson and Kevin Maroney.

## **Downs Funeral Home**

## 1. WADE LEWIS PENNINGTON

Mr. Wade Lewis Pennington, age 86 of Grapeland, passed away Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Cartmell Home for Aged in Palestine. Mr. Pennington was born near Hayes Springs Community, west of Grapeland, on April 20,

1923, the youngest son of Daniel Boone Pennington and Ada Viola Ward Pennington. Mr. Pennington was part of a pioneer Houston County family whose roots here date back to the mid 1800s. His great-great-greatgrandmother was Hannah Boone Pennington, a sister of the legendary Daniel Boone of Kentucky. Mr. Pennington graduated from Grapeland High School in 1941 where he excelled in academics. He married the love of his life on September 21, 1942. On February 12, 1943 he entered the US Army where he served his country in World War II. He was stationed in the Phillipines, Luzon and other bases in the Pacific until February 22, 1946. He returned to Grapeland and began his farming and ranching career which spanned over 70 years. Mr. Pennington was a member of the First Baptist Church, Grapeland. He was one of the original founders of the Grapeland Coop, and served as president. He was also director for many years of the Houston County ASCS. He was a member of the Texas-Oklahoma Watermelon Association and the Texas Angus Association. Mr. Pennington loved sports and always backed the Grapeland Sandies. He rarely missed a football, basketball, or baseball game. He talked fondly of the 1954 quarter final game he attended, the State Championship game in 1974 where his son Stanley played, the girl's and boy's basketball state championship games in Austin. Later in his years he never missed a Sandie game on the radio. Television was his friend, and he enjoyed the news, weather, Astros, Mavericks, and Cowboys. He loved card games and dominoes with his friends and family, and with especially the annual competitive holiday poker games with his children and grandchildren. His greatest joy was his work and having his family involved with him. All his children and grandchildren have spent time with grandpa in the watermelon business, a fact he was proud of. Also thousands of young men and women and several generations have spent their summers working for him in the Grapeland watermelon fields and loading facilities. In the recent years he was so proud to be partnered in the business with Glynn, Troy and LaWanda, Stanley and Jan, Aaron and Ross and working with them on a daily basis. He saw his business grow from a small watermelon patch, selling melons on the side of the road, to the large operation it is today, Wade Pennington and Sons, and sending his beloved product not only throughout Texas, but coast to coast and into Canada. Mr. Pennington was proud on July 4th each year, he gave a watermelon to every veteran that would come to the stands. In addition to the watermelon business Mr. Pennington was a long time peanut farmer and Angus cattle producer. He was especially proud his business received the Outstanding Peanut Producer of Texas in 1991, and was honored at a ceremony at the Dallas Fair. He was presented the award by the Honorable Kiki dela Garza, longtime Texas Senator. On October 28, 2004, in a ceremony in Waco, Wade Pennington and Sons were honored by Baylor University, Institute for Family Business, as the Texas Family Business of the Year. Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Edna Arvay (Cummings) Pennington; three sons Glynndon Wade Pennington, Troy Lewis Pennington and wife LaWanda and Stanley Brent Pennington and wife Jan, all of Grapeland; two daughters Jill English, of College Station and Linda Sue Ingram and husband Curtis, of Dayton; son-in-law Mike Bennett, of Grapeland; sister Ava June Pennington Bush, of Grapeland; grandchildren Aaron Wade Pennington, of Grapeland, Lance Russell English, of College Station, Matthew Robert Bennett and wife Liza, of Shreveport, La., Ross Howell Pennington and wife Kim, of Grapeland, Ryan Glynn Pennington, of Sugarland, Ashley Marie Bennett, of Grapeland, Clayton Daniel Pennington, of Plantation, Fla., Morgan Lynn Pennington, of Houston, Jillian Elaine Erwin, of Dayton and Clancey Jayne Pennington, of Grapeland; great-grandchildren Taylor Marie Pennington, Case Howell Pennington and Colt Boone Pennington, all of Grapeland; sister-in-law Lupe Pennington Smoot, of Grapeland; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Daniel Boone Pennington and Ada Viola Ward Pennington; daughter Nita Marie Pennington Bennett; grandson Russell Brent Pennington; four brothers Sam, Jack, Dan and Hugh; and two sisters Fannie Mae Mitchell and Etta Lewis. Funeral Services for Mr. Wade Lewis Pennington were held Monday, March 22, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Grapeland with the Rev. David Bradley and the Rev. Bill Denham officiating. Interment followed in the Pennington Family Cemetery west of Grapeland, on his land his ancestors settled in 1850. Pallbearers were his grandsons Aaron Pennington, Ross Pennington, Ryan Pennington, Clay English, Lance English, and Matt Bennett. Honorary Pallbearers were Winston Sizemore, Billy Wells, Scott Talley, Mitchell Huff, David Walton, Allen Cheatham, Terry Long and Buddy Sumrall. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Grapeland, first United Methodist Church of Grapeland or to the Russell Pennington Scholarship Fund c/o Grapeland State Bank. To view online, leave condolences or sign the guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey&Foster Funeral Home

## MARGARET ELIZABETH "BETTY" ANDREWS ROGERS

Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth ("Betty") Andrews Rogers, age 80 of Georgetown, passed away peacefully on Saturday,

March 20, 2010, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Mrs. Rogers was born in Waxahachie, Texas on January 7, 1930 to Samuel Sylvester Andrews and Edith Koger Andrews. Both her father's and her mother's family were distinguished pioneer residents of Waxahachie and Ellis County. Mrs. Rogers attended public schools in Waxahachie and Denton, Texas and graduated from Waxahachie High School in 1947. During high school, she worked as a part time clerk in the Ellis County Courthouse. She attended Gulf Park College in Gulfport, Mississippi and graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Personnel Management in 1951. While at SMU Betty was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Following graduation, she worked as assistant to the Vice President of Personnel at the Dallas office of Oil Well Supply Company (a division of Bethlehem Steel). Her career also included work as personal secretary to the City Manager of the City of Temple, Texas and as personal secretary to Dr. Isaac Epstein, Chief of Thoracic Surgery at the Veterans Hospital in Temple, Texas. On December 28, 1951, she married William Allen Rogers of Ennis, Texas. Mrs. Rogers and Allen have two sons, William Allen ("Bill") Rogers, Jr. and David Andrews Rogers. Mrs. Rogers and Allen owned and operated retail shoe stores in Temple, Crockett, Ennis, and Nacogdoches, Texas for 33 years. In 1984, they moved to Austin and then to Kerrville where they were active in real estate. In 2003 she and Allen retired and they moved to Sun City Georgetown, Texas. In Temple, then Crockett, then Nacogdoches, she devoted herself to raising her sons. She encouraged them to develop to their fullest potential, and was particularly proud of Bill's legal career and David's career in musical theater, both of which were a direct result of her nurturing and championing them every step of the way. Mrs. Rogers personal relationship with God was an important part of her life. She grew up in the First Baptist Church in Waxahachie, Texas, and in 1952, she joined the Methodist Church and remained an active member for the rest of her life. She loved golf and the beach, and among her fondest memories were good times spent traveling and visiting family and friends. Sunshine was always her friend and it was never too warm for her. In 1999, She was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. In 2006, she entered the Alzheimer's Care unit of the Wesleyan at Scenic Nursing Home in Georgetown, Texas. Her family feels particularly blessed for the loving care she received from the staff at the Wesleyan. Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Allen Rogers; children Bill Rogers and his wife Meredith, of Georgetown and David Andrews Rogers, of New York City; three grandchildren Christopher Allen Rogers, of Dallas, Jonathan Marichal Rogers, of Austin and Kendall Elizabeth Rogers, of Georgetown. Funeral Services for Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth "Betty" Andrews Rogers were held Monday, March 22, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church in Georgetown. If friends wish to make donations in Betty's memory, the family suggests the Wesleyan Nursing Home, 2001 Scenic Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78626, or the First United Methodist Church, 410 E. University, Georgetown, Texas 78626. Gabriels Funeral Chapel

## **ELEANOR RUTH STEWART PATTON**

Mrs. Eleanor Ruth Stewart Patton, age 92 of Crockett, passed away March 19, 2010 in East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Patton was born March 25, 1917 to Hugh L. and Ruth Stiff Stewart of Brownwood. She attended the public schools of Waco, San Angelo and Brownwood, graduating from Brownwood High School in 1934 as salutatorian of her class. Mrs. Patton received her bachelor of science degree from Baylor University in Waco graduating in 1938 Magna Cum Laude with majors in Education and Spanish and minor in History. While in Baylor University, she served as president of Kappa Delta Pi and was also a member of the Sigma Delta Pi, an honorary fraternity for students of Spanish. Mrs. Patton received a master of education degree from Sam Houston State with a minor in history. After teaching in Falfurrias, Texas for one year, she accepted a position as Spanish teacher in Crockett High School where she taught for 29 years before retiring. In Crockett, she met and married Nat Patton, Jr., son of Congressman and Mrs. Nat Patton on August 9, 1940. One daughter, Martha Ruth Patsy Patton was born to the couple on February 21, 1942. Mrs. Patton was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School for more than forty years and served on many church committees. She was a member of the United Methodist Women and The Builders Sunday School Class. Mrs. Patton was active in civic affairs and helped to organize Crockett's first Garden Club and also served as a docent and member of the Board of Directors for the Monroe Crook House. Mrs. Patton was a member of the Gamma Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Texas State Teachers Association as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution also TSTA, NEA and the Texas Educational Theater Association. She enjoyed playing bridge and was a member of the two bridge clubs. Mrs. Patton traveled extensively and was able to visit all of the fifty states and sixteen foreign countries. Mrs. Patton was a wonderful wife, daughter, mother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend to all. Survivors include her daughter Patsy Patton, of Crockett; nieces Bonnie Weikel, of Colleyville and Jan Schroeder, of Plano; nephew James Patton, of Huntsville; niece Angela Patton Brizendine, of Huntsville; nephews Pat LeGory, of Va. and Ricky Smith, of Ore.; and cousin Garth King, of Tyler. Preceded in death by her husband Nat Patton, Jr.; and sister Dorothy Jean Schroeder. Funeral Services for Mrs. Eleanor Ruth Stewart Patton were held Monday, March 22, 2010 at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Jerry House officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Monroe Crook House, P. O. Box 1251, Crockett, Texas 75835. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **CLARA MARCIELLE NEAL**

Mrs. Clara Marcielle Neal, age 75 of DeSota, passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2010 in Charleton Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Neal was born August 12, 1934 to W.T. Bill Shuck and Clara Shuck. She lost her mother at a young age and lived with her grandmother and dad until she came to Crockett to live with her sister Lou Sroyer and became a member of the family. She graduated from Crockett High School in 1952 and moved to Dallas. Mrs. Neal began her career with Texas Employers Casualty Insurance Company. She worked there for many years and moved on to Republic National Bank where she retired as a vice president. Mrs. Neal and her late husband Garland owned a farm outside of Dallas in Italy, Texas where she enjoyed her animals and fishing in the pond. She was especially fond of horses and of her dogs. Mrs. Neal was much loved by all her nieces and nephews who survived her. She was a special person to their children, the great-nieces and nephews and even the great-greats. She grew up in Church and loved to sing. She played the piano and organ. She was a member of Windsor Park Baptist Church upon her death. Survivors include her one granddaughter Kimberly Hile, of Dallas; and two sisters-in-law Rosetta and Charlotte Shuck. Preceded in death by her parents W.T. Bill Shuck and Clara Shuck; husband Garland Neal of Dallas; brothers Jack, Billy, Chester, Donald, Dale and Jerry. sister Loudelphia Shroyer; brother-in-law Dale Shroyer; and sister-in-law Pat Shuck.

## ROBERT ALLEN FERRARI

Mr. Robert Allen Ferrari, age 31 of Grapeland, passed away Saturday, March 20, 2010 in the Southwest University Hospital in Dallas. Mr. Ferrari was born May 28, 1978 in Waco and had lived in Grapeland for the past 7 years. He attended the Cowboy Church of Houston County and was a brick mason supervisor. Survivors include his wife Christal Ferrari, of Martindale; children Emily Jean and Anthony Steven Ferrari, of Martindale; parents Steve and Barbara Ferrari, of Grapeland; brother Joshua Ferrari, of Elkhart; sister Shannon Shimer, of Spring Branch; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral Services for Mr. Robert Allen Ferrari were held Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Ricky Missildine officiating. Interment followed in the Providence Cemetery. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## LENA DELL BURKS

Mrs. Lena Dell Burks, age 90 of Huffman, passed away Sunday, March 21, 2010 at her residence. Mrs. Burks was born January 1, 1920 in Crockett, Texas and had been living in Huffman. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Huffman. Survivors include her son George Burks and wife Cheryl, of Conroe; daughters Judy Wells, of Montgomery and Lagene Story and husband Eddie, of Huffman; 14 grandchildren Mark, Mike, Jill, David, Jerry, Stephen, Deann, Carla, Elaine, Lezley Landon, Lauren, Timothy and James; 27 great-grand children; and one great-great grandchild. Preceded in death by her husband Norman Burks in 2005; son Jerry Burks; daughters Norma Dell Burks and Kathy Sue Passons; and son-in-law Vernon Wells. Funeral Services for Mrs. Lena Dell Burks were held Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Paul Shockley officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## MARIE AINSWORTH WESTERMAN

Mrs. Marie Ainsworth Westerman, age 96 of Lufkin, went to be with her Lord Tuesday, March 23, 2010 after a brief illness. Mrs. Westerman was born September 20, 1913 in Kennard, Texas to Tom and Minnie Ainsworth. Mrs. Westerman spent most of her childhood in Kennard and Nacogdoches. She was one of seven sisters and four brothers. In high school she participated on the debate team, and she was part of a singing quartet that performed in various local churches. She graduated from Nacogdoches High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Stephen F. Austin State University. Mrs. Westerman married Grover Westerman of Kennard and they had a family of four children. She taught school in Kennard and Austonia. She

and her husband were owners of Westerman General Merchandise in Kennard and she worked alongside her husband for many years in the store. Mr. and Mrs. Westerman were members of Calvary Baptist Church in Lufkin. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. After her husband's death in 1991, she was able to live in her home and take care of all her affairs up until the time of her death. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Tucker and Elizabeth Westerman, of Lufkin; daughters and son-in-law Wanda and John Rolf, of Cypress, Judy Jordan Barbour, of Kingwood; grandchildren and spouses Ann Westerman, of Texarkana, Charles and Jan Westerman, of Lufkin, Lisa Rolf Barfield, of Cypress, Lori Rolf Moore and husband Bret, of Williston, N.D., Kevin Jordan, of Magnolia and Rhonda Jordan Kersting and husband Toner, of Kingwood; greatgrandchildren Clark and Hanna Westerman, John and Wesley Barfield, Tyler and Kody Jordon and Kaleb and Kendall Kersting; sister Erma Guidry, of Deer Park; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents Tom and Minnie Ainsworth; husband Grover Westerman; daughter Charlotte; four brothers Harvey, Herman, Cloyce and Lloyd Ainsworth; and sisters Lillian Dominey, Mammie Dee Parker, Vivian Curry, Thelma Hasha and Louise Hanna. Funeral Services for Mrs. Marie Ainsworth Westerman were held Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Carroway Funeral Home Chapel, 2704 South John Redditt Drive, Lufkin, with the Reverend Jimmy Hedges and the Reverend Jim Tom Ainsworth officiating. Interment followed in the Ivie Cemetery in Houston County. Pallbearers were Tom Kelly Byrne, Bill Ainsworth, Joe Ainsworth, Jerry Ainsworth, Jimmy Guidry, Freddy Guidry, Thomas Guidry and Dennis Worsham. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice in the Pines, 116 South Raguet Street, Lufkin, Texas 75904. Memories and condolences may be added at www.carrowayfuneralhome.com. Carroway Funeral Home

## JERRY LEE PATTON

Mr. Jerry Lee Patton, age 60 of Weches, passed away Tuesday, March 23, 2010. Mr. Patton was born August 27, 1949 in Weches, Texas and was a resident of Weches for the past 6 years. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp. Mr. Patton was retired having worked as a carpenter. Survivors include his wife Joyce Elaine Patton, of Juliff; children Jeremy Cain Patton, of Juliff, Joshue Lee Patton, of Alvin, Sherry Lee Brink and husband Mike, of Austin and Jaimee Lee Patton, of Juliff; grandchildren Jacob, Seth, Dylan, Micah, Eli, Koda and Chloe; brothers Robert Larry Patton and wife Julie, of Houston, Douglas Patton, of Galveston and Billy Jack Patton and wife Sue, of Huffman; sister Bridget Cochran and husband Daniel, of Okla.; very special mother-in-law Faye Sistrunk, of Juliff; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his baby son Shane Lee Patton; parents Robert Lee and Loyce Dean Patton; and grandson Christopher Evan Chang Patton. Graveside Funeral Services for Mr. Jerry Lee Patton were held Sunday, March 27, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. at his Home Place in Weches with Jessie Ray Patton officiating. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## PATRICIA ANN "TRISH" BENNETT

Ms. Patricia Ann "Trish" Bennett, age 33 of New Waverly, passed away Tuesday, March 23, 2010 in the College Station Medical Center. Ms. Bennett was born December 3, 1976 in Galveston, Texas and had lived in New Waverly for the past 12 years. She was a mother, housewife and of the Baptist faith. Survivors include her children Christopher Brockman, Hunter Brockman and Hayden Hewitt, all of New Waverly; ex-husband Adam Brockman, of Ill.; special friend Mark Hewitt, of New Waverly; mother and step-dad Matilda Tunmire and Randy Davis, of Kennard; father and step-mother Charles Bennett and Sheila Bennett, of Weches; sister Christina Bennett Pounders and Alvin Klock, of New Waverly; brothers Charles "C. D." Bennett and Marie McDaniel, of Crockett and Justin Bennett, of Grapeland; two step-brothers; three step-sisters; niece, Andrea Bennett, of New Waverly; five step-nieces; nephews Adrian Pounders, of Crockett, Caleb Klock, of New Waverly and Colton Bennett, of Crockett; two step-nephews; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives. Preceded in death by her grandparents Beatrice and Leon Ackley; grandfather Leonard Bennett; brother Gary Bennett; and aunts and uncles. Graveside Funeral Services Ms. Patricia Ann "Trish" Bennett were held Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the Creek Cemetery with the Rev. Ottis Byers officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Matilda Tunmire c/o Callaway-Allee Funeral Home, 700 East Houston Avenue, Crockett, Texas 75835. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## JOSEPH DAVID MAY

Mr. Joseph David May, age 91 of Woodville, passed away Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Conroe Regional Hospital in Conroe, Texas. Mr. May was born June 14, 1918 to John David and Minnie Cordelia Houchin May in

Lovelady, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Woodville. Mr. May was a U.S. Army Air Corp WWII veteran, a true patriot, a farmer at heart, who loved to garden. He never met a stranger and was a very patient man. Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law Elmer and Trina May, of Woodville; daughters Georgia Ann, of Woodville and Shirley Louise, of Lovelady; and numerous grandchildren. Preceded in death by his son John David May. Funeral Services for Mr. Joseph David May will be held Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville. Interment will follow in Center Hill Cemetery in Lovelady. Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home

#### TOMMY A. JONES

Mr. Tommy A. Jones, age 77 of Flint, Passed away Friday, March 12, 2010 in Tyler. Mr. Jones was born in Lovelady on May 29, 1932 to the late Sam Paul and Ida McCullar Jones. Mr. Jones was a veteran, serving in the United States Army during the Korean War. He retired from Arco Refinery in Houston in 1985. He was a Baptist and was also a Master Mason with membership in the Anson Jones Masonic Lodge #1416 in Friendswood, Texas. Survivors include his loving family including his daughter Ada Jones Walker and husband Steve, of Bryan; son Dean Paul Jones and wife Kathy, of Seabrook; grandchildren Bre'Anna Walker, of Bryan, Charles, Tracie, and Tommy Jones, of Seabrook; step-grandson Kyle Smailey, of Norman, Okla.; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Preceded in death by his son Jeffrey Lynn Jones; parents Sam Paul and McCullar Jones; brothers Ansel, Paul, and Harold Jones; and sister Evanell Wiant. Graveside Services for Mr. Tommy A. Jones were held Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at Lovelady Evergreen Cemetery in Lovelady, Texas. Stewart Family Funeral Home

## JAMES L. SHEPHERD

Mr. James L. Shepherd, age 75 of Grapeland, passed away March 9, 2010. Mr. Shepherd was the first born child of ten to the parentage of R. L. and Jesse Bell Shepherd of Grapeland, Texas on September 4, 1934. He was reared in the Dailey Community of Grapeland and attended W. R. Banks High School. Mr. Shepherd later moved to Houston and since returned to Grapeland where he retired. He was a member of St. John Baptist Church, Head Deacon and a faithful worker, then joined Rising Star Baptist Church until demise. Survivors include his wife (Ellen); two sons (Johnny Smith and James Cal Shepherd); eight daughters (Dorothy Witherspoon, Brenda Joseph, Carolyn Bush, Janice Abrams, Tangula and Ebony Shepherd); five brothers (A.J., Edward, Willie Fadell, Lee Terrell and Winfred Shepherd); two sisters (Barbara Franklin and Wanda Black); 28 grandchildren; 32 greatgrandchildren; and a host of nephews, and nieces. Preceded in death by his parents R. L. and Jesse Bell Shepherd; first wife (Helen Shepherd); one brother (Charles Shepherd); two daughters (Juanita Shepherd and Wanda Dugas); and one grandson (Durell Joseph). Funeral Services for Mr. James L. Shepherd were held Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Rising Star Baptist Church and laid to rest at Golden Gate Cemetery in Grapeland.

## JESSIE BELL JOHNSON SHEPHERD

Ms. Jessie Bell Johnson Shepherd, age 92 of Grapeland, passed away Saturday, February 27, 2010. Ms. Shepherd was born April 4, 1917 to the parentage of Johnny Johnson and Flossie Beazley Johnson. She attended Daily High School and was an "A" student. Ms. Shepherd joined church at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Zion Baptist Church and was always a devoted worker. She later united with Greater New Hope Baptist Church in the Daily Community, St. John Baptist Church in Grapeland, Texas and Rising Star Baptist Church in Grapeland where she remained a faithful member until her demise. Ms. Shepherd was loved by all and honored by many. She was the mother of the church. Survivors include her six sons (James, A.J., Edward, Willie Fadell, Lee Terrell and Winfred Shepherd); two daughters (Barbara Franklin and Wanda Black); one adopted daughter (Nita Harrell); 45 grandchildren; 80 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her parents Johnny Johnson and Flossie Beazley Johnson; one sister (Addie Bell Shepherd); eight brothers (Elmo, Pete, Spencer, Ike, Dunk, Herbert Lee Stubblefield, Fadall and Walter Johnson); and one son (Charles Shepherd). Funeral Services for Ms. Jessie Bell Johnson Shepherd were held Saturday, March 6, 2010 at Rising Star Baptist Church and laid to rest at Golden Gate Cemetery.

## ROBERT LEE MONTGOMERY

Mr. Robert Lee Montgomery, age 73 of Ratcliff, passed away Friday, March 5, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Montgomery was born October 7, 1936 in Kennard, Texas and had lived in Ratcliff most of

his lifetime. He was a retired veteran of the United States Air Force having served as Staff Master Sergeant. Mr. Montgomery was a member of the Plain Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. Survivors include his children Robert Lee Montgomery, Jr., of Houston, Beverley Schaffer and husband Steven, of Belleville, Ill.; grandchildren Sonya LaJean Davis and husband Robert Paul, of Lufkin and Christopher Michael Harper and wife Ashley Lee, of Key Largo, Fla.; great-grandchildren Shane Richard Oehler, of Lufkin, Austin Nicole Schaffer-Harper, Logan Rose Schaffer-Harper and Tanner Ryce Schaffer-Harper; brother Kenneth Montgomery and wife Edwina, of Ratcliff; and sister Donna Montgomery, of Hemphill; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his wife Bettie Jean (Cutler) Montgomery; and parents Claude Miller Montgomery and Barbara Elizabeth (McKinney) Montgomery. Military Graveside Funeral services for Mr. Robert Lee Montgomery were held Monday, March 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conner Cemetery with the Rev. Don Hobson officiating. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

# MATTIE CORA HUGHES TROUTMAN

Mrs. Mattie Cora Hughes Troutman, age 84 of Houston, passed away Saturday, March 6, 2010 in the Spring Branch Hospital in Houston. Mrs. Troutman was born March 19, 1925 in Pennington, Texas and had resided in Houston most of her lifetime. She was a homemaker and a member of the Long Point Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband of 64 years, E. C. Troutman, of Houston; daughter Judy Gonzales, of Houston; granddaughter Lori Ann Searcy and husband Frank, of Houston; grandson Casey Anderson and wife Miranca, of Langley, British Columbia; great-grandchildren Delaney Searcy, Cailey Searcy, both of Houston and Kasen Anderson, of Langley, British Columbia; sisters Allie Arnold, Kitty Magee and Mary D. Holmes and husband Billy B. Sr., all of Pennington; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her parents Dee W. and Geneva Hughes, of Pennington; and son-in-law Ernie Gonzales, of Houston. Funeral Services for Mrs. Mattie Cora Hughes Troutman were held Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Terry Gibson officiating. Interment followed Pennington Cemetery. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **MARGIE WISE**

Mrs. Margie Wise, age 78 of Lovelady, passed away Friday, March 5, 2010 in the Centerville Nursing Home. Mrs. Wise was born December 16, 1931 in Lovelady. She was a homemaker and also a member of the Lovelady Antioch Baptist Church. Survivors include her sons Mike Wise and wife Janice, of Godley, Richard Wise and wife Elizabeth, of Trinity, Mark Wise and wife Cathy and Lloyd Wise, all of Cleburne; daughter Renn Linthicum and husband Ricky, of Cleburne; grandchildren Rhonda Martin and husband Donald, of Cleburne, Karen Snapka and husband Derek, of Godley, Molly Gray and husband Jeff, of Weatherford, Wendy Wise, of Ala., Tracy Tyukodi and husband Paul, of Dothan, Ala., Saundra Elliott and husband Josh, of Iola, Amy Kelly and husband Kevin, Leslie Brown and husband Steven, all of Centerville, Patricia Wise, Candace Pearson, both of Cleburne, Jennifer Wise, of Dallas, David Sullivan and wife Brittney, of Joshua, Joe Sullivan and wife Meredith, Cody Foster and fiancé Jennifer and Dylan and Kastan Wise, all of Cleburne; great-grandchildren Katlyn, Coby, Hannah, Abigail, O D. Lucas, Blaine, Alex, Cov. Tyler, Elizabeth, Billy Joe (B. J.), Miranda, Trista, Katelyn, Caden, Desiree, Ginger, Arianna, Travis, Jada, Makennah, Destiny, Serenity and Landon; sisters Josephine Reynolds, of Huntsville, Verna Kuykendall and husband Richard, of Lovelady; Many nieces, nephews and family and friends at Centerville Healthcare. Preceded in death by her husband O.D. Wise; parents Melvin and Phenia Searcy; and brother-in-law Bill Reynolds. Funeral Services for Mrs. Margie Wise were held Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in the Lovelady Antioch Baptist Church, Interment followed in the Lovelady Antioch Cemetery, In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Michelle Lynn Holsey Foundation, P. O. Box 652, Crockett, Texas 75835. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **SHIRLEY ROBERTS**

Mrs. Shirley Roberts, age 61 of Midway, passed away Tuesday, March 9, 2010 in Madisonville. Mrs. Roberts was born on October 31, 1948 in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Roberts was on the Board of Regents for St. Joseph Hospital and a councilwoman for the Houston County Co-op. She had been a resident of Madison County for 25 years and was an advocate for the citizens of the county and for the good of all people. She loved and enjoyed her grandchildren daily. She was their "cheerleader" at many events they participated in. She had a great affection for her dogs and all animals. She was known to be a very accurate pistol shooter and was a lady with a great

personality and was loved by all she met. Survivors include her son Kenneth Evan Searcy and wife Cheryl, of Centerville; sisters Darla Lexington O'Quinn and Terry Cates, both of Houston; grandchildren Jacqueline Christine Searcy and Kenneth Wayne Searcy, both of Centerville; nieces Michelle Coopwood and Stephanie Phillips, both of Houston; nephew Eric Phillips, of Huntsville; step-father Tom Tadlock, of Midway; half-sister Linda Lewis and husband Rusty, of Bryan. Preceded in death by her husband Stephen; and mother Christine. A Graveside Service for Mrs. Shirley Roberts will be held Monday, March 15, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Houston National Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Madisonville with Father Michael Barone officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Legion Endowment Fund, c/o The American Legion National Headquarters, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Visit our website at www.madisonvillefuneralhome.com to sign the guestbook for Mrs. Roberts. Madisonville Funeral Home

## 1. CASEY DEE PEARSON

Mr. Casey Dee Pearson, age 77 of Crockett, passed away Friday, April 16, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Pearson was born August 3, 1932 in Houston, Texas and had been living in Crockett for the past 15 years. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Pearson was retired having worked as a fabricator and was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include his daughters Cindy Hooks and husband Stan, of Conroe, Cheryl Ann Tristan and husband Anthony, of Humble and Becky Hesterley and husband Jeff, of Huntsville; sons Casey Pearson Jr., of Austin and Keith White, of Houston; children's mother Martha Rae Pearson, of Houston; grandchildren Susy Goad, of Kingwood, Paul Montealvo, of Magnolia, John Montealvo, of Spring, Michael Tristan, of Dallas, Steven Tristan, of Cleveland, Joseph Tristan, of Denver, Colo., Bobby Bates, Jennifer Franklin, both of Huntsville, Ashley White and Jessica White, both of Tomball; 15 greatgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother Leon Curtis Read, of Giddings; sisters Mary Canning, of Crockett and Junita Ann Read, of Houston; he loved his nieces to pieces, Chris, Kathy and Joann; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and his family at Whitehall. Preceded in death by his parents Willie K. and Mary A. Pearson; wives Margaret Pearson and Opal Pearson; step-daughter Robbie Goodenough; brothers Edward Wayne, Ray and Donald Pearson; brothers-in-law Walton E. White and Charles H. Canning. Military Graveside Funeral Services for Mr. Casey Dee Pearson were held Monday, April 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Copeland Chapel Cemetery in Montgomery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Waters Edge Encampment, 4139 Highway West, Crockett, Texas 75835. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## GRADY EDGE JR.

Mr. Grady Edge Jr., age 88 of Grapeland, passed away Friday, April 16, 2010 at ETMC in Tyler after a short illness. Mr. Edge was born December 221, 1921 in Grapeland to Grady Edge Sr. and Xemina Alice Harman. He was a World War II veteran where he served during the European Theatre. After the war he worked in the oil and gas fields all over the U.S. He retired at age 72 from his own oilfield construction company in 1994. Mr. Grady enjoyed working in the garden with his brother and spending time with family. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Frances Marie Dominy, of Grapeland; son Victor Edge and wife Lisa, of Palestine; one brother Harman Edge, of Grapeland; grandchildren Waylon Lejeune and wife Mary, of Sealy, Jason Lejeune and wife Melissa, of Pasadena, Johnathan Lovell, of San Antonio, Lindsey Lovell and Xemina Allison Edge, both of Palestine; and eight great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Grady Edge Sr. and Xemina Alice Harman; and daughter Judy Lynn Edge. Funeral Services for Mr. Grady Edge Jr. were Monday, April 19, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Sunset Christian Church with Dr. Vance Drum officiating. Interment followed in Davis Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jason Lejeune, Joshua Lejeune, Don Cunningham, William Yates, Geoff Weinman and Stuart Weinman. To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey&Foster Funeral Home

## **COLONEL PETER J. BARRETT**

Colonel Peter J. Barrett (retired), age 72, passed away at home in Tejas Shores, Houston County Lake, on April 21, 2010 following a brief illness. Colonel Barrett was born on February 2, 1938 in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from Fordham University in New York City and obtained a master's degree from Syracuse University in Broadcast Journalism. He began broadcasting in 1952, at age 14, as a member of The All City Radio Workshop

at WNYE-FM, New York. Worked as on-air personality for WFUV, NY and WAER, Syracuse while attending school. He worked part time as television news talent for NBC affiliate WSYR, Syracuse. Colonel Barrett was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant Regular Army upon graduation from Fordham as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He served in the U.S. Army 24 years as aviator, aviation unit commander and public affairs officer. Spent two tours of duty in Vietnam as Assault Helicopter Company Commander. He was awarded 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 2 Bronze Star Medals and 19 Air Medals. Colonel Barrett retired in 1983 as Deputy Director of Armed Forces Broadcasting Service Programming Center, Hollywood, CA. He earned the Tom Lewis Award as Department of Defense Outstanding Military Broadcaster. Upon retiring from the Army, he spent two years as staff announcer for the NBC Television Network in Burbank, and as a Free lance voice-over talent in Los Angeles and Houston. He was affiliated with KIVY, in Crockett TX as on-air talent in news and special programming, for several years. Colonel Barrett had a love for theater and performing arts of all genres. He was known as "The Voice of Piney Woods Fine Arts." He was an accomplished actor and director of performances in Houston County and all over the United States. He was also an avid ukelele player, traveling to Conroe twice weekly to perform with the Happy Strings Band at Conroe First Baptist Church. He attended the First Baptist Church, Grapeland. Colonel Barrett began playing the ukelele when he bought an "Arthur Godfrey" plastic uke for \$5.00 at age 14. He quickly progressed to a baritone uke to emulate his radio idol and has been playing ever since. His only picture in the Fordham College Yearbook is on Jones' Beach, Long Island with uke in hand. He discovered the banjo ukelele in a flea market in Saigon in 1966. Survivors include his wife Susan Barrett; children Michael Barrett, of Astoria, NY; daughter Kate Barrett and husband Robert Schroeder, of Whittier, Calif.; son Kevin Barrett, of North Attleborough, Mass.; step-sons Brad Bobbitt, of Crockett and Matt and wife Cassie Bobbitt, of College Station; four grandchildren Eric Schroeder and Rebecca Schroder, of Whittier Calif., Jackson and Kate Bobbitt, of College Station; mother-in-law Lorene Allee, of Crockett; brothers-in-law Stephen Allee, of Crockett and Ray and Chelli Turner, of Pasadena. Preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Mildred Barrett; and father-in-law Jack Allee. Memorial Service for Col. Peter J. Barrett will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to The American Cancer Society or The Piney Woods Fine Arts Center. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## ESSIE MINTER RAY

Mrs. Essie Minter Ray, age 74 of Deer Park, passed away at her home on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Mrs. Ray was born in Leon County on October 27, 1935 Essie grew up in Houston County and graduated from Glover High School. Even though she lived most of her adult life in the Houston area, she always stayed a country girl in deed and at heart. Survivors include her daughter Donna Ray Gardner and husband John, of Clear Lake; sons Wayne Coleman Ray and wife Tara, of Magnolia and Truitt Allen Ray, of Austin; grandchildren Lindsey and David Shoffitt, Amber, Brittany and Trevor Ray, Adam and Coral Gardner; great-grandchildren Ackley and Chessli Shoffitt; sister Bonnie Payne, of Crockett; brother Ferrell Minter and his wife Ann, of Latexo; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her loving husband of 48 years, Truitt Coleman Ray of Pennington; brother L.E. Minter, Jr; parents L.E. Minter, Sr. and Mae Richardson Minter; grandparents John Minter and Lillie Belle Newberry Minter and Dee Richardson and Rosia Bennett Richardson. Funeral Services for Mrs. Essie Minter Ray were held Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the New Energy Church. Interment followed in the New Energy Cemetery. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## PAULINE MADDOUX DAVIS MCCOOL

Mrs. Pauline Maddoux Davis McCool, age 75 of Pennington, passed away Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at ETMC in Crockett. Mrs. McCool was born August 18, 1934 in El Paso, Texas. She was a Health Care Provider and a member of Possum Walk Church of Christ. Survivors include her husband Kenneth McCool; daughters Cathy Sterling, Christine Deitchler and Roberta Ham and husband Tommy; grandchildren Robert Sterling, Christopher Maddoux and wife Jennifer, James Maddoux, Misty Warren, Kory Warren and Destany Yeager; step-children Martha Smith, Yvette Davis and Nolan McCool and wife Sherri; great-grandchildren Stomy Starling, Taylor Maddoux, Wesley Maddoux, Jacelyn Maddoux, Curtis Bouchon Maddoux and Charlie Bach Maddoux; verbally adopted daughters Angelee Smith abd Bobbye Sherley; numerous other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her husbands Ralph Eugene Davis and Robert Edgar Maddoux; son Robert Edgar Maddoux, Jr.; grandchildren Deborah Sue Starling Russal and Anna Elizabeth Sterling; nephews John Alan and Roy Maddoux and Michael Odis Drake; niece Patricia Collard; father-in-law and mother-in-law Pearl and Alex Maddoux; brother-in-law

Kenneth Clark; brother and sister-in-law Arlene and Mac Drake. Funeral Services for Mrs. Pauline Maddoux Davis McCool were held Friday, April 23, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Groveton Funeral Home with Bro. Carroll Norsworthy officiating. Interment followed in East Prairie Cemetery. Groveton Funeral Home

## **HUDELL MCCELVEY STEED**

Mrs. Hudell McCelvey Steed, age 71 of Kennard, passed away Wednesday, April 21, 2010, in the Hospice in Pines in Lufkin, Texas. Mrs. Steed was born November 14, 1938 in Houston County, Texas and had lived in Kennard most of her lifetime. She was a member of the Texas Bar Association and the Texas State Teachers Association. Mrs. Steed was a retired teacher having taught for 36 years and had also worked as an attorney for Sun Oil Company. Mrs. Steed attended the Good Shepherd Fellowship Church in Crockett, First Baptist Church in Kennard and First Baptist Church in Crockett. She loved to travel and loved her family and friends. Survivors include her husband Ray Steed, Sr., of Kennard: brothers Alfred Lee Smith and wife Jean, of Crockett and Jimmy McCelvey and wife Patsy of Marshall; nieces and nephews Scott McCelvey, of Houston, Shannon Page and husband Mark, of Hallsville and McCelvey Page, of Hallsville; step-children Nancy Smith and husband Jimmy, of Kennard, Rana Jones and husband Michael, of Latexo, Jennifer Day, of Kennard and Dudley Steed, of Kennard; step-grandchildren Matthew Crowe and wife Tracy, Sam Crowe and wife Janna, Ruth Anne Phillips and husband James, Barrett Steed, Gaston Jones, Ashley Day and Daniel Cook; step-great-grandchildren Jacy Maxwell, Emily Crowe, Bethany Crowe, Lacy Phillips, Anna Bella Phillips and Ava Phillips; and numerous other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her parents Hugh Alton and Adell McCelvey. Funeral Services for Mrs. Hudell McCelvey Steed were held Friday, April 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Ottis Byers officiating. Interment followed in the Conner Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 212 Gene Samford Dr., Lufkin, Texas 75904. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **MAYDELLE MORGAN STRANGE**

Mrs. Maydelle Morgan Strange, age 87 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, April 21, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Strange was born March 1, 1923 in Selma, Alabama and had lived in Crockett for the past 25 years. She was a housewife and a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband Jessie Strange, of Crockett; sons Tommy Kyle, of Midway and Paul Kyle, of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren; sister Billie Jo Shepherd, of Trinity; and special niece Katherine Renee Rodriquez, of Crockett. Graveside Funeral Services for Mrs. Maydelle Morgan Strange were held Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lovelady Antioch Cemetery. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## ROBERT ALFRED McGLOHON JR.

Mr. Robert Alfred McGlohon, Jr., age 47 beloved son of Alys and Bob McGlohon of Kerrville, Texas passed away in Bryan, Texas, Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Mr. McGlohon was born in Topeka, Kansas on May 8, 1962. He attended schools in Arizona, Mississippi, and California and graduated from the Kaiserslaughtern American High School in Germany. He graduated from Texas A&M University and St. Mary's Law School. Mr. McGlohon worked as a reporter in Clute, College Station, Killeen, and Kerrville, Texas. He clerked for the Texas Supreme Court of Appeals, was a defense attorney in San Antonio, a trust officer for Wells Fargo in Austin, and an Assistant District Attorney in Palestine, Crockett, and El Paso. Most recently he was a defense attorney in Brazos County. Survivors include his younger brother David McGlohon and his wife Kimberly, of El Paso; sister Amy Goertz and her husband Jason, of Dripping Springs; five nephews and nieces, Tyler, Ellen, and Janie of El Paso and Rebecca and Michael of Dripping Springs. A private family memorial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in the name of Robert A. McGlohon, Jr. Class of '84 to the Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Dr., College Station, TX 77840 or online at www.aggienetwork.com. The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link. Grimes Funeral Chapel

## SYLVIA JEAN (BURWICK) BRADLEY

Mrs. Sylvia Jean (Burwick) Bradley, age 58 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Mrs. Bradley was born in Cleveland, Texas on March 3, 1952 to Gilbert I. Burwick and Eunice L. Burwick. Survivors include her loving husband Jim Bradley; children Lisa Gschwind, Bryan Bradley and Jamie Bradley; granddaughter Ali

Gschwind; brothers and sisters Ira Burwick, Hampton Burwick and wife Pat, Carolyn Lewis and husband E.W., Edna Arnold and husband Carl, Larry Burwick and wife Jeanine, Gwen Bittick and husband Lester and Edgar Burwick and wife Janie; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other cherished family members and treasured friends beyond measure. Preceded in death by her parents Gilbert I. Burwick and Eunice L. Burwick. Funeral Services for Mrs. Sylvia Jean (Burwick) Bradley were held Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at Pace-Stancil Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. James Coots officiating in Cleveland, Texas. Interment followed services followed at Ryan Cemetery. Pallbearers were Larry Burwick, Ira Burwick, Chet Tims, Paul Tims, Edgar Burwick, and Hampton Burwick. Pace-Stancil Funeral Home

## DYAN DALE PILKINGTON PARMLEY

Mrs. Dyan Dale Pilkington Parmley, age 65 of Woden, Texas, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 2010 at her home surrounded by her family. Mrs. Parmley was born June 10, 1944 in Weches, Texas to the late John H. Pilkington and Martha Marie Burran Pilkington. She was born and raised in Weches and graduated fron Kennard High School. She married Jerry Max Parmley on July 19, 1976. Mrs. Parmley worked as a bookkeeper at Barnhill Poultry and Nacogdoches Lumber Company and the 10 years of her employment before her retirement was at the Stephen F. Austin State University Library. She was a member of Woden United Pentecostal Church and loved to collect cookbooks. She was known for giving personality and good heart. She would go out of her way to help anyone in need and she was very independent. While receiving her cancer treatments at MD Anderson she would refuse to be pushed in a wheelchair or ride the shuttle and she was such a strong beautiful person. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Survivors include her husband of 35 years, Jerry Max, of Woden; son Max Parmley, of Woden; one sister Jean Hammons and husband J.C., of Weches; three brothers John Pilkington and wife Sherill, of Belott, Fred Pilkington and wife Debbie, of Weches and James Pilkington and wife LeAnn, of Fairfield; numerous other relatives and friends. Funeral Services for Mrs. Dyan Dale Pilkington Parmley were held Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Laird Funeral Home with the Rev. Barry T. Rankin officiating. Interment followed Simpson Campground Cemetery. Pallbearers were Terry Pilkington, Weldon Hodge, Stephen Pilkington, Adam Pilkington, Russell Hammons, Justin Wells and Charles Wells. Honorary Pallbearers were David Vaughn and Aldon Kellum. To convey or sign an online register please log onto www.lairdfh.net Laird Funeral Home

#### AMANDA LOUISE BAGGETT

Ms. Amanda Louise Baggett, age 29 of Crockett, passed away Saturday, April 10, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Ms. Baggett was born October 13, 1980 in Nacogdoches, Texas and had lived in Crockett for the past 15 years. She had worked for Ames Fried Chicken in Crockett and was a member of the Nazarene Church. Survivors include her husband Apolinar Arteaga, of Crockett; children Destiny Nicole Baggett, Brandon Baggett, Julian Enrique Arteaga, and Christian Apolinar Arteaga, all of Crockett; nephew Lorenzo Antonio Baggett, of Crockett; parents Robert and Linda Baggett, of Nacogdoches; sister Melinda Beth Martinez and Victor Guerreo, of Crockett; brothers Robert Dale Baggett and Tina Rhoades, Danny Lee Baggett and Amber Stanley, all of Nacogdoches; nieces and nephews Zenas Whitaker, Kevon Whitaker, Austin Whitaker, Haley Baggett, and Jessie Baggett, all of Nacogdoches. Funeral Services for Ms. Amanda Louise Baggett were held Wednesday April 14, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. in the Whiterock Cemetery. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## NORMAN LEE PEACOCK

Mr. Norman Lee Peacock, age 71 of Crockett, passed away Monday, April 12, 2010 at Winfield Nursing Center of Crockett. Mr. Peacock was born August 14, 1938 in Weches to Minnie Richardson and Rush Edward Peacock and had lived all of his lifetime in the area. Mr. Peacock was retired having worked for the Texas Forest Service. Survivors include his three nieces Brenda Collier and husband Buddy, Shirley Cutler and husband Tommy, all of Grapeland and Joyce Tucker and husband Corey, of Athens; three nephews Billy Joe Clifton, Bobby Clifton and Billy Ray Clifton; four great-nieces; two great-nephews; and numerous great-great nieces and great-great nephews. Graveside Services for Mr. Norman Lee Peacock were held Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Weches Cemetery with Wayne Stewart officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Weches Cemetery Association, c/o Sharron Ivie, Rt. 2 Box 97A, Grapeland, Texas 75844. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## LOIS NELL TAYLOR

Mrs. Lois Nell Taylor, age 69 of Ratcliff, passed away Sunday, April 11, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Taylor was born June 28, 1940 in Forest, Texas and was a resident of Ratcliff for the past 29 years. She was a 1957 graduate of Kennard High School and a 1960 graduate of Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches. Mrs. Taylor had worked as a librarian and was a member of the Ratcliff Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband Jimmy Taylor, of Ratcliff; daughter Diana Smith, of Crockett; step-daughters Diann Saenz and Gail Taylor, both of San Antonio; step-son Brian Taylor, of San Antonio; grandchildren Cory Smith, of Dallas, Casey Smith and wife Lona, of Bremerton, Wash. and Kylie Smith, of Crockett; great-grandson Zane Smith, of Bremerton, Wash.; step-grandchildren Brandon Taylor, Cheyann Saenz and A. J. Saenz, all of San Antonio; two step-great-grandchildren; sister Opal McClain, of Ratcliff; brother Gene Montgomery, of Pearl River, La.; nephew Chris McClain, of Ratcliff. Preceded in death by her mother Mazie Montgomery; father Ernest Montgomery; and brother-in-law Charles McClain. Funeral Services for Mrs. Lois Nell Taylor were held Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Robert Lacey officiating. Interment followed in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Support Group of Houston County, c/o First Community Bank, P. O. Box 172, Crockett, Texas 75835. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## W. E. "BILLY" WRIGHT

Mr. W. E. "Billy" Wright, age 71 of Crockett, passed away Thursday, April 15, 2010 in Crockett. Mr. Wright was born October 10, 1938 in Beaumont to Percy and Elvie Wright. Mr. Wright married Johnnie Moore Wright on October 1, 1967. He was a farmer and cattleman. Survivors include his wife Johnnie Wright, of Crockett; four daughters Kathy Baldwin, of Humble, Rhonda Doucet and husband Bud, of Bridge City, Dawn Butler, of Baytown and Shawn Chestain; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Percy and Elvie Wright; and a brother. Funeral Services for Mr. W.E. "Billy" Wright were held Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Forest Lawn Funeral Home. Interment followed in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The family would like to request that memorials be made to the Kidney Cancer Association, P.O. Box 3516, Oak Brook, IL 60522-3516 or the American Cancer Society, 755 S. 11th Street, Beaumont, TX 77701. Forest Lawn Funeral Home

## DORA ELIZABETH (BETH) HIGGINBOTHAM BITNER

Mrs. Dora Elizabeth (Beth) Higginbotham Bitner, age 83 of Houston County, Texas, formerly a resident of the City of Houston, passed away at home on April 1, 2010, on her beloved family farm in the Lone Pine Community, near Lovelady, after a recent illness during which she was lovingly cared for by her devoted husband Orlan E. Bitner, Sr, family, and friends. Mrs. Bitner the oldest child of Joe and Laura Higginbotham, was born July 11, 1926, at the home of her maternal grandparents, Leonard Hampton (Stell) and Elizabeth Spence Sharp, on the Sharp family farm near Crockett, Texas. Her paternal grandparents were Samuel Houston and Dora Genora Hassell Higginbotham of Anderson and Houston Counties. The Bitner, Higginbotham, Hassell, Spence and Sharp families have lived in Houston and Anderson Counties for many generations, some going back to the time of the Republic of Texas. She attended school in the Lone Pine Community and Lovelady High School in Houston County, graduating from South Park High School and Lamar Junior College in Beaumont, where her family moved for her father to work in the war effort. Mrs. Bitner and Orlan married May 19, 1945, at South Park Methodist Church in Beaumont, moving to Houston where they were in the plumbing and home building business. She earned her degree from the University of Houston, taught in the Alief School District for fifteen years and began the first kindergarten program in Alief. Mrs. Bitner retired from teaching to work in the family business, Keith Plumbing Company, which Beth and Orlan continued to operate until retiring, selling their City of Houston home, and moving full-time to their Houston County farm. Survivors include her husband of sixty-five years Orlan E. Bitner, Sr. their children, Orlan E. Bitner, Jr. and his wife Jan, of Houston, Janet Elizabeth Bitner, of Austin, Judith Ann Bitner Barron and her husband Kevin, of Tomball and William Joseph Bitner and his wife Michelle, of Austin; and grandsons Jonathan, Jordan, Austin, Jameson, and Kyle; sisters Betty Jo Petty and Laura Sue Davis and her husband John Houston Davis III, of Houston; sisters-in-law Ernestine (Kelley) Bitner, of Houston and Trinity, wife of Ray Bitner, Dorothy Brasher, of Bryan, Mary Brasher Wiggins, of Leander, Jean Brasher Westmoreland, of Bryan, and Harriet "Judy" Wade Higginbotham, of Houston and Frankston, wife of Gene

Higginbotham; and by many nieces, nephews, and cousins, as well as many loving friends. Preceded in death by her parents Joe Austin and Laura Evin (Sharp) Higginbotham; father and mother-in-law William and Ola Bitner Brasher; brother Samuel Eugene Higginbotham; and brothers-in-law Gordon Ray Bitner, and Robert H. Petty. Funeral Services for Mrs. Dora Elizabeth (Beth) Higginbotham Bitner were held Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Jerry House. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## RUTH E. DRISKELL

Mrs. Ruth E. Driskell, age 95 of Crockett, passed away Friday, April 2, 2010 in the Houston County Nursing Home. Mrs. Driskell was born March 2, 1915 in Crockett, Texas and was a resident of Houston County most of her lifetime. She had worked all of her lifetime as a caregiver and homemaker. Mrs. Driskell was a member of the Central Baptist Church in Crockett. Survivors include her daughter Carolyn Turner, of Crockett; grandson Jimmy Johnson and wife Cheryl, of Crockett; granddaughter Angela Criswell and husband Ken, of Spring; great-grandchildren Sean Criswell, of Spring and Emily Johnson, of Crockett; sister Marie Beavers, of Crockett; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband James Marion Driskell; parents Zeb and Audrey (Allbright) Huntsman; brothers Nolan Huntsman and Gary Huntsman; and sister Bertha Huntsman. Funeral Services for Mrs. Ruth E. Driskell were held Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. John Goss officiating. Interment followed in the Bynum Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Central Baptist Church, 100 N. 7th Street, Crockett, Texas 75835. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## AMBASSADOR RUSH WALKER TAYLOR JR.

Ambassador Rush Walker Taylor, Jr., age 75, passed away Sunday, March 7, 2010 of cancer at Capitol Hospice in Arlington, Virginia. Ambassador Taylor was the son of Rush Walker Taylor, Sr. and Hallie Nuckols Taylor, long time Crockett residents. He graduated from Crockett High School in 19520 and received an AB from Harvard University in 1956 and a JD from the University of Virginia in 1959. After serving two years in the US Army, he joined the Foreign Service of the US Department of State as a career diplomat. In addition to assignments in Washington, his tours included Cameroun, Gabon, Italy, Portugal, Bahamas and Guinea-Bissau. His last assignment was as Ambassador to Togo, West Africa. After retiring from the State Department in 1990 he became the CEO of a bauxite mining company in Guinea, West Africa. Ambassador Taylor also worked for the Angolan Chamber of Commerce and Equator Bank. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Joanna Bellows; three daughters Ann Taylor, of Alkmaar, The Netherlands, Charlotte Taylor, of Providence, R.I. and Emily Taylor, of New York City; one son Patrick Mensah, of Woodbridge, Va.; and nine grandchildren. At his request services will be held in Corinth, MS later this summer. Memorials contributions may be made to either the National Cathedral, Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, Washinton, DC 20016, for either music or preservation, or to Capital Hospice, 2900 Telestar Court, Falls Church, VA 22042.

## **ELEANOR MARIE WHITLEY STEWART**

Eleanor Marie Whitley Stewart, age 85 of Grand Saline entered her heavenly home on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 in Tyler. Mrs. Stewart was born November 19, 1924 in Dallas, Texas to the late Earl and Annie Whitley. She was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas and married Gailen Stewart on January 30, 1947. They moved to Crockett, Texas where they raised three children. The family moved to Grand Saline, Texas in the summer of 1968 where her late husband accepted the position of school superintendent and she was his secretary. Thus began her many church and civic activities in Grand Saline and Van Zandt County. Mrs. Stewart was a member of First United Methodist Church of Grand Saline where she taught Sunday School and was a member of United Methodist Women and Administrative Board. Her civic memberships included Athena Club, Historical Society, Friends of the Library, and Retired Teachers of Van Zandt County. In Athena Clubs she held many offices, but was best known for writing the scripts for many Salt Pageants produced by the club. Mrs. Stewart helped organize the local Historical Society and worked on the history of Grand Saline for the Van Zandt County publication. The Retired Teachers Association held a special place in her heart since she and her late husband were in the school business all of their lives. She received Van Zandt County Woman of the Year in 1993. Her passions were her God, family, writing, traveling, and playing bridge. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister. Survivors include her daughter Carol Ann Davis, of Grand Saline; son and daughter-in-

law Scott and Miryam Stewart, of Fort Worth; grandchildren Glen Davis, of Mineola, Hollie Davis, of Austin, Jeremy and Jaclyn Terndup, of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. and Blake Stewart, of Stephenville; sister Lynn and Wayne Laurence, of Dallas; nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends. Preceded in death by her husband Gailen Stewart and second husband Richard Hamaker; son Charles Gailen Stewart; brother Edgar Whitley; and sister June Stevens. Funeral Services for Mrs. Eleanor Marie Whitley Stewart were held Friday, April 9, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Grand Saline with the Rev. Dan Gilliam Officiating. Internment followed in Woodside Cemetery. Pallbearers were Blake Stewart, Glen Davis, Andy Laurence, David Whitley, Charles Little and Harry Clifford. Honorary Pallbearers were Edgar Laurence, Gerald Gilbert, John Rash, Murray Means, Dr. Ron Sherbert, Dr. Richard Ingrim and Wiley Garland. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 584, Grand Saline, TX 75140 or the charity of one's choice. Bartley Funeral Home

## **JO DENNARD JONES**

Mrs. Jo Dennard Jones, age 78 of Flint, passed away Sunday, March 28, 2010 at ETMC in Tyler. Mrs. Jones was born June 1, 1931 in Nacogdoches to Marvin Henry and Mary Corine Corley Dennard. Survivors include her loving family, daughter Ada Jones Walker and husband Steve, of Bryan; son Dean Paul Jones and wife Kathy, of Seabrook; grandchildren Bre'Anna Walker, of Bryan, Charles, Tracie and Tommy Jones, all of Seabrook and Kyle Smailey, of Norman, Okla.; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. Preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Tommy Jones in March of this year; parents Marvin Henry and Mary Corine Dennard; son Jeffrey Jones; sisters Linda Angelico, Maxine White and Clydine Kueck; and brother Marvin Dennard. Graveside Services for Mrs. Jo Dennard Jones were held Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. in Lovelady Evergreen Cemetery with the Rev. Mitchell Kleckley officiating. For more information or to express condolences, visit HYPERLINK "http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com" www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com. Stewart Family Funeral Home

## MARTHA DESSIE O'PRY COURTNEY

Mrs. Martha Dessie O'Pry Courtney, age 91 of Tyler, formerly of Crockett, passed away Friday, March 26, 2010 in the Pinecrest Senior Care Center in Tyler. Mrs. Courtney was born June 19, 1918 in Jewett, Texas and had been living in Tyler for the past 6 years, previously living in the Crockett area for 40 years. She was a retired nurse and a member of the Grace Street Church of Christ. Survivors include her children James Alfred Courtney and wife Carol of Trinity, Carol Praytor, of Hurst, David Jack Courtney and wife Gloria, of Trinity and Jerry Lynn Courtney and wife Kay, of Tyler; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; half brothers and half sisters Pat, Vera Jo, Mike and Bobby; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, B. C. "Jack" Courtney in 2002; parents Julius Audie and Nancy Foley O'Pry; son-in-law Ronnie Praytor; brothers Julius and Jake; sister Mary; and half brothers Billy and Audie. Funeral Services for Mrs. Martha Dessie O'Pry Courtney were held Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Mr. Clay Thornton officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### **OLA MAE GAIL WILSON**

Mrs. Ola Mae Gail Wilson, age 83 of Crockett, passed away Thursday, March 25, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center Specialty Hospital in Tyler. Mrs. Wilson was born November 11, 1926 in Pearsons Chapel, Texas and was a resident of Crockett for the past 40 years. She was retired having worked in Accounting for American National Insurance Company. Survivors include her children Patricia Wilson Brown and husband Louis, of Crockett and Michael E. Wilson and wife, Vroni, of Houston; grandchildren Gary Simmons, of Texas City, Malisa May and husband Benecia, of Calif., Amberly O'Shea, of Nasa, Darla Fincham, of Crockett and Robert Rodgers, of Mexico; numerous great-grandchildren; brothers George Marvin Gail, of Grapeland, Frank Adolph Gail, of Santa Fe and Tony Gail, of Crockett; sister Christine Cauley, of Rusk; cousin Donie Albright, of Jacksonville; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband William "Bill" Wilson in 1999. Burial was in the Lovelady Antioch Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 134, P.O. Box 724, Crockett, Texas 75835. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## ROBERT CLIFTON BENNETT

Mr. Robert Clifton Bennett, age 77 of Grapeland, passed away Friday, March 26, 2010 at Palestine Regional Hospital. Mr. Bennett was born September 4, 1932 in Groveton, Texas and had lived in Grapeland for the past 22

years. He was a Korean War veteran of the United States Air Force. Mr. Bennett retired to Grapeland after 38 vears of service in the air Force and Civil Service as an electronic technician; most recent service was with the Federal Aviation Administration at Houston Intercontinental Airport. He was a Baptist church of Grapeland, Latexo Baptist Church, and Beaumont Place Baptist Church in Houston. Mr. Bennett loved God and had a passion for teaching God's word, actively participating in church visitation, working with other men of the church to build the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church in Grapeland, and actively coming to the aiding to those in need. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Survivors include his wife Evelyn Pauline Bennett; daughter Donna Bennett McHaney and husband Jeffrey Scott Crook; granddaughters Amy Xiao Crook and Haley Qiongyu Crook, both of Grapeland; grandson Daniel Paul Cantron, of Hemet, Calif.; sisters Jackie Richardson, Vee Ola Corso, of Kalama, Wash. and Sonia Albright and husband Doyle Albright, of Portland, Ore.; brother Travis Leland Bennett and wife Mona Bennett, of Kalama, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her son Robert Keith Bennett; father and mother Herman Bennett and Savilla Blaylock Bennett; sisters Verna Johnston, Lee Ola Middleton; and brother Chester Bennett. Memorial Services for Mr. Robert Clifton Bennett will be held Saturday, April 3, 2010 at First Baptist Church in Grapeland at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor David Bradley and Dr. Bill Jones officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Building Fund, First Baptist Church of Grapeland, 408 W. Chestnut, Grapeland, Texas 75844.

#### JUDY CALDWELL

Mrs. Judy Caldwell, age 89 of Winona, passed away Monday, March 29, 2010 in the U. T. Health Science Center in Tyler. Mrs. Caldwell was born April 19, 1920 in Trinity County, Texas and had lived in Winona for the past 5 years. She was a housewife and a member of the First Baptist Church in Winona. Survivors include her daughter Rose Friday, of Winona; grandson Fletcher Friday and wife Laura, of Friday; great-grandchildren Brittany Lea Friday and Donald Eugene Friday, both of Friday; sister Jane Boney and husband Buddy, of Woodville; brother Don Williamson, of Riverside; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband Homer Caldwell in 2000; son-in-law Don Friday in 1988; sisters Lois and Eilene; and brothers Odell, O'Neal, John and Shine. Funeral Services for Mrs. Judy Caldwell were held Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Tony Watson and the Rev. Lewis Jones officiating. Interment followed in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Trinity. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 189, Winona, Texas 75792. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## JOE EDD BOBBITT SR.

Mr. Joe Edd Bobbitt, Sr., age 69 of Weches, passed away Tuesday, March 30, 2010 in the University General Hospital in Houston. Mr. Bobbitt was born March 6, 1941 in Crockett, Texas and had lived in Weches most of his lifetime. He was a member of the Elks Lodge. Mr. Bobbitt was retired having worked as a personal manager for Fan Instruments and was affiliated with the Weches United Pentecostal Church. Survivors include his son Joe Edd Bobbitt, Jr. and wife Dana, of Kingsville; grandchildren McKayla, Weston and Morgan Bobbitt, of Kingsville; sister Beth Kleinschmidt, of Weches; niece Amy Gladden and husband Ronnie, of Weches; and numerous other relatives. Preceded in death by his parents A. E. Bobbitt and Carline Bobbitt Jacobs. Graveside Funeral Services for Mr. Joe Edd Bobbitt, Sr. were held Saturday, April 3, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Weches Cemetery with Bro. Randy Russell officiating. Joe's last request was for all people attending to be dressed in Cowboy and Western Attire, if possible. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Weches Cemetery Association, Rt. 2 Box 97A, Grapeland Texas 75844. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## JANETTE WALKER YOUNG

Mrs. Janette Walker Young, age 89, passed away on March 29th with her husband by her side. Mrs. Young was born to Sam and Clara Walker in Onalaska, Texas, on January 14, 1921. She grew up in Trinity, Texas, graduated from high school there in 1938. She then attended Sam Houston University in Huntsville until she married her husband, Dr. Ira J. Young Jr. At the time of her death they had been married 69-years. During her life she had a varied experience in the workforce; first as a switch board operator, then as a dental assistant, then a clerk for the Southern Pacific Railroad, and finally as the office manager for her husband's dental office in Galveston, Texas. She was a long time member of Methodist churches and also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Survivors include her husband Dr. Ira J. Young Jr., of Lovelady; two daughters Cheryl Brien, of Fort Worth and Julia McIntyre, of Lovelady; one son Sam Young, of San Antonio; five grandchildren Jan Davis, Jeff

Warren, Dana Moore, Eric McIntyre and Marilee Young; three great-grandchildren Warren, Autrey and Marcus James. Preceded in death by her father and mother Sam and Clara Walker; and brother Sam who was killed in World War II. Funeral Services for Mrs. Janette Walker Young were held Friday, April 2, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Lovelady with the Rev. Jim White and the Rev. Scott Matthews officiating. Interment followed in the Lovelady Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 87, Lovelady, Texas 75851. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **CLEO HENRY HAMILTON**

Mr. Cleo Henry Hamilton, age 85 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at his residence. Mr. Hamilton was born June 26, 1924 in Elkhart, Texas and had lived in Crockett for the past 30 years. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served during World War II. Mr. Hamilton was retired having worked for the American Can Company in Houston and was a member of the Family of God Ministries. Survivors include his wife Betty Hamilton, of Crockett; grandsons Billy Lee Foreman and wife Denise, of Frisco, Richard Alan Foreman and wife Treasure of Lake Jackson; great-grandchildren Stephanie and Brandon Norman, of Frisco, Keith and Kim Foreman, of Lake Jackson; niece Connie Louise Dean, of Conroe; brother Marvin James Hamilton and wife Myrtle, of Elkhart; sister Lucy Pearl Hamilton, of Houston; numerous other relatives; very special friend Rhonda Eernisse, of Crockett. Preceded in death by his son Raymond Richard Foreman; granddaughter Rebecca Renee Foreman; and brothers Leo Hamilton and Billy Joe Hamilton. Graveside Funeral Services for Mr. Cleo Henry Hamilton will be held Monday, April 5, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Latexo Cemetery with the Rev. John Goss officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 212 Gene Samford Dr., Lufkin, Texas 75904 or Alzheimer's Foundation, 1100 W. 49th Street Room # G408, Austin, Texas 78756. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## BEN F. COOKSEY

Mr. Ben F. Cooksey, age 81 of Elkhart went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Mr. Cooksey was born on May 22, 1928 in Crockett to Ben Frank and San Francisco Cooksey. Mr. Cooksey had a distinguished military career and was a veteran of the Korean War. Leaving the military as a Chief Warrant Officer in 1956, he began another career with the Federal Civil Service, serving our country as a Missile Maintenance Technician and instructor in radar and missile systems until his retirement in 1974. Among his many accomplishments, a favorite was being ordained in the service of his LORD. The Cooksey family made multiple moves during a 22 year span, enjoying an adventurous life of traveling for work and pleasure. Upon retiring to Elkhart, Mr. Cooksey completed his Bachelor's of Science Degree in Psychology and worked with CPS for 8 years. Daddy/Pa, we are eternally grateful that you have left us with a legacy of love for our Savior Jesus Christ. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Rosa L. Cooksey; daughters Kathleen Cooksey Sebenoler, Sharon Sutton, Bendetta C. Howington and husband LTC (ret.) Rick Howington; son SGT (ret.) Richard Lynn Cooksey and wife Shannon; six grandchildren Allori Leone and husband TSgt Mike Leone, David Ellis and wife Laurie, Cassandra Majauskas and husband CPT Steve Majauskas, Sally Howington, Stephanie Douglas and husband John, Richard Lynn Cooksey (Huck), Alexandra Stites; great-grandchildren: Brianna Leone, Bayleigh Kasper, Jakob Ferris, Matthew Ellis, and Abigail Majauskas, plus one little Douglas on the way. Preceded in death by his parents Ben Frank and Sa Francisco; two brothers Charles and John Robert Cooksey; sister Opal McMannus; and his beloved daughter Grace Ann Cooksey (Baby Gal). Funeral Services for Mr. Ben F. Cooksey were held Friday, February 26, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Family of Faith Church in Elkhart with the Rev. Justin Pitts officiating. Internment followed in Garden of Memories Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or Youth Group at Family of Faith Church, Elkhart. To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey&Foster Funeral Home

## **DANNY RAY BURRAN**

Mr. Danny Ray Burran, age 57 of Mexia, passed away Thursday, February 25, 2010 in Mexia. Mr. Burran was born February 9, 1953 in Brownfield, Texas and had lived in Mexia most of his lifetime. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Survivors include his parents Elder R. R. and Toy Faye Burran, of Weches; sisters Sandra Faye Hayes and husband Kerry, of Arp, Sharon Estes and husband David, of Mansfield and Verna Ann Clark, of Arp; nephews Gary McDonald, John Ray McDonald, both of Arp, Andy McDonald, of Corpus Christi and Danny Cook, of Katy; nieces Lora Gayle Cook, of Dallas and Stacey McDonald, of Oneida, Tenn.; nine

great-nieces and great-nephews; host of friends and family. Funeral Services for Danny Ray Burran were held Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Elder Darrell Inman and Elder Arnold Hendrick officiating. Interment followed in the Weches Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mexia State School, P. O. Box 1132, Mexia, Texas 76667. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **BILLY DOUGLAS EMERSON**

Mr. Billy Douglas Emerson, age 68 of Garwin, Iowa, passed away Thursday, February 25, 2010 in Round Rock, Texas. Mr. Emerson was born on September 28, 1941 to Billy L. Emerson and Margaret Douglass Emerson in Fort Worth, Texas. He was a beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, friend, and Marine Corps Veteran. Mr. Emerson was loved by all and enjoyed making everyone laugh. His kind soul will be forever missed. Survivors include his daughters Cindy Laing, Billie D. Miller, Sherrie Sandor, Bobbie Jo Vastine, and Kristen Brice; grandchildren Ryan Brice, Braeden Brice, Jamie Vastine, Joshua Vastine, Anna Sandor, Krisztian Sandor, Jordan Miller, Christopher Laing, Andrew Laing, Brendan Laing, and Daric Laing; sister Carol Scoville and husband Mike; niece Melissa Blennert; nephew Michael Blennert; and numerous other loving family and dear friends. Veteran Memorial Service was held at the DFW National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, TX 75211 on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. Please visit Mr. Emerson online memorial at HYPERLINK "http://billy-emerson.memory-of.com" http://billy-emerson.memory-of.com.

## TOMMIE JEAN AIKEN WHITEHEAD

Mrs. Tommie Jean Aiken Whitehead, age 79, passed away Sunday, February 25, 2010. Mrs. Whitehead was born May 12, 1930 in Sinton to Harold (Buster) and Ellie Lee Mitchell Aiken. She will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her. Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law Ronald and Dorothy Whitehead and Jeff and Susan Whitehead; sisters Nelva Peyton, Vivian Moore, Patsy Jones and husband Jerry; brothers Harold (Sonny) and wife Polly and Bobby and wife Jean; grandchildren Daniel Whitehead, Keila Crews and husband Mike and Britney Whitehead; and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Preceded in death by her husband Clifford; sisters Christine Crawford and Maxine Wagner; and a grandson Russell Whitehead. Service of Remembrance for Mrs. Tommie Jean Aiken Whitehead was held Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of South Park Funeral Home in Pearland officiating Mr. Roy Finner of Wallisville Road Church of Christ. Gravesides Services followed at 3:30 p.m. in the Antioch Cemetery in Lovelady. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.southparkfunerals.com SouthPark Funeral Home

## MARY SEALE TULLOS

Mrs. Mary Seale Tullos, age 80 of Crockett, surrounded by her family, passed away peacefully Sunday, February 28, 2010 at Houston County Nursing Home. Mrs. Tullos was born on December 24, 1929 to Jim and Millie Powell in Leon County, Texas. After marrying J. E. Seale July 15, 1946 they made their home in Pennington until 1965 when they moved to Crockett. Mrs. Tullos spent many years as a nurse in the 50, 60 & 70's. Mrs. Tullos started her nursing career at Crockett Medical and Surgical in the late 50's, nursing there until the early 70's when she and her husband J.E. Seale moved to Houston where she then nursed at Methodist Hospital and Doctors Clinic. After a back injury and surgery she was no longer able to nurse. Moving back to Crockett, she enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, family and friends. Mrs. Tullos was a member of the First Christian Church of Crockett. Survivors include her son Bill Seale and wife Sally, of Pennington; daughter Jeanie Driskell and husband Tommy, of Crockett; daughter-in-law Beverly Seale, of Zavala; grandchildren James Seale and wife Ann, Gary Seale and wife Karen, all of Splendora, Cindy Liles and husband Robin, of Tatum, Win Seale, of Nacogdoches, Troy Seale, of Pennington, Tommy Driskell, Jr. and wife Christine, of Round Rock, Jim Driskell and wife Sabrina, Will Driskell and wife Ashley, all of Frisco; great-grandchildren Jon Seale, of Splendora, Lacy, Dillon and Lexi Liles, of Tatum, Jack, Maegan and Josh Driskell, of Round Rock, Chayse and Jude Driskell, of Frisco; sisters Patsy Hallmark and husband George, of Arbor, Sue Kendrick and husband Don, of Crockett; brothers Alfred Powell and wife Lorine, Elmer Powell, all of Crockett and Jimmy Powell and wife Brenda, of Onalaska; brother-in-law Olan Seale and wife Walline, of Brenham; numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents Jim Powell and Millie Wilkins Powell; husbands J.E. Seale in 1983; Joe Hill in 1987; and George Tullos in 2005; sons infant Gary N. Seale in 1955 and James E. Seale in 2005; sister Ann Black in 2002. Funeral Services for Mrs. Mary Seale Tullos were held Wednesday March 3, at 2:00 p.m. at First Christian

Church in Crockett with the Reverend Tim Allen officiating. Interment followed in the Pennington Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pennington Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 216, Pennington, Texas 75856 or First Christian Church, 200 Gordon Drive, Crockett, Texas 75835. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## FRED E. ELLIOTT

Mr. Fred E. Elliott, age 93 of Creek, passed away Sunday, February 28, 2010 in the Whitehall Nursing Center in Crockett. Mr. Elliott was born February 3, 1917 in Creek, Texas and had been living in Creek. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army Air Corps having served as Staff Sergeant. Mr. Elliott was a member of the American Legion South Houston Post # 490. He was a retired operator having worked for Sinclair Oil Refinery and was a member of the Georgia Camp Baptist Church. Survivors include his son Gary E. Elliott, of Creek; granddaughters Kalen Massingill and husband James, of Fritch, Jaimie Patterson and husband John, of Huffman; great-grandchildren Morgan, Alyssa and Bryce; sister Clara Standley, of Creek; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his step-son Virgil Dewayne Elliott; and parents George and Minnie Elliott. Graveside Funeral Services for Mr. Fred E. Elliott were held Thursday, March 4, 2010 in the Creek Cemetery. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### **PEGGY HOLT**

Mrs. Peggy Holt, age 62 of Kingwood, passed away Monday, March 1, 2010 in the Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital in Kingwood. Mrs. Holt was born June 28, 1947 in Houston, Texas and had lived in Kingwood for the past 7 months. She was a member of the Family Faith Church in Huntsville and had worked as a Funeral Home attendant. Survivors include her son Kenith Dover and wife Betty, of Onalaska; mother Nora Middleton and husband Jimmy, of Kingwood; granddaughter Sophia Dover, of Houston; great-granddaughter Lilly Pena, of Houston; brothers Joe Kaigler, of Latexo and Robert Middleton, of Porter; nephews and niece Mark Kaigler, of Latexo, Robert Allen Middleton and Trisha Middleton, both of Austin. Preceded in death by her husband Rusty Holt in 2006; and brother Jimmy Middleton in 1972. Funeral Services for Mrs. Peggy Holt were held Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Phil Meadows officiating. Interment followed in the Lovelady Antioch. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## DURWOOD LYNN BRISTOW JR.

Mr. Durwood Lynn Bristow, Jr., age 53 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2010, in the East Texas Medical Center-Tyler. Mr. Bristow was born August 21, 1956 in Calexico, California and was a resident of Crockett. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army having served during the Vietnam Era. Mr. Bristow had worked as a caseworker for the Department of Human Services and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Crockett. Survivors include his wife Christine Bristow, of Crockett; daughter Kristie Parrish and husband Brian, of Huntington; son Charles Durwood Bristow and wife Fawna, of Wichita, Kan.; grandchildren Levi Parrish, Harleigh Cassandra Parrish, Raegyn McKayla Parrish, Madison Leann Reid, Ashton Matthew Reid and Sofie Leann Bristow; parents Durwood Lynn, Sr. and Janice Bristow, of Coronet; sisters Sharon Luanne McMillan and husband James, of Tyler, Cynthia Irene Thrailkill and husband Jimmy, of Madisonville; brother Roy Durwood Bristow, of Tennessee Colony; mother-in-law Mary Canning, of Crockett; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his brother Michael Phillip Bristow in 1961; father-in-law Charles Canning in 2001 and father-in-law Walton Ellis White in 1972. Funeral Services for Mr. Durwood Lynn Bristow, Jr. will be held Monday, March 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. James McMillan officiating. Interment will follow in the Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 15186, Austin, Texas 78761. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## 1. GENE RAY HUNZIKER

Mr. Gene Ray Hunziker, age 71 of Kennard, passed away Friday, May 21, 2010, at his residence. Mr. Hunziker was born December 17, 1938 in Kennard, Houston County, Texas, to Marlin Chester Hunziker and Reba Teresa Kee. He lived most of his life in Angelina and Houston Counties and was retired from Lufkin Industries. Mr. Hunziker was of the Baptist faith and dearly loved living on his grandfather's old place. Survivors include his wife

Betty Hunziker, of Kennard; son Randy Hunziker, of Lufkin; brother Bobby Hunziker and wife Berta, of Diboll; half brother Jimmy Martin, of Krotz Springs, La.; and four grandchildren. Preceded in death by his mother and father Reba Teresa Kee and Marlin Chester Hunziker; and son Marlin Hunziker. Funeral Services for Mr. Gene Ray Hunziker were held Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Durham officiating. Interment followed in the Ivie Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ivie Cemetery Association, c/o Letha King, 2502 F. M. 357, Kennard, Texas 75847 or Hospice in the Pines, 116 S. Raguet, Lufkin, Texas 75904. Condolences for Mr. Hunziker may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

# WILLIAM THOMAS "TOMMY" BULLOCK

Mr. William Thomas "Tommy" Bullock, age 68, passed away Monday, May 24, 2010 in Crockett. Mr. Bullock was born October 5, 1941 in Bryan, Texas to Polly and Tom Bullock. He was a member of the Wayside Bible Church in Crockett. He was a volunteer for the East Texas Tres Dias. Mr. Bullock started working at the young age of 10 popping popcorn in front of the "Texas Theatre" on Fridays and Saturdays. At age 15-16 years he became a projectionist at the "Ritz Theater" and worked there formany years. He also worked for the Rio Drive In, Ball Record Shop, KIVY radio, and KTRE. T.V. Mr. Bullock served in the U S Army with the 49th Armored Division stationed at Ft. Polk La. and also at Ft. Knox, Ky. After being discharged, he came back to Crockett and graduated from Crockett High School in 1963. For a number of years he worked in Beaumont, Texas, employed with Jefferson Amusement Co where he was the manager of several theatres. He was a pilot, doing his first solo flight in 1962. During his life time he worked for Brown and Root as a medic, the State School, was an EMT, an agricultural pilot, a truck driver and a gun smith. Survivors include his one son Lee Bullock and wife Susan, of Austin; two grandaughters Elizabeth and Emilee Bullock, of Austin; one grandson Easton Bullock, of Austin; one brother Rodney Bullock and wife Linda, of Crockett; one sister Jan Maiden and husband Mike, of Crockett; nieces Becky Maiden, of Houston, Cindy Jackson, Cathy Figert and Cheryl Murphy, all of Odessa; nephews Rodney Bullock Jr. and wife Lindsay, of Baytown and Bobby Maiden, of Waco; great-nephews Austin Bullock and Andrew Wilson; great nieces Anne Marie Bullock, Savanah Wilson and Lexie Bullock; best friend Charles Arnold, of Crockett; and close fiiends George Childs and Roy Adams. Preceded in death by his parents Polly and Tom Bullock; and sister, Patty Whitley. Memorials for Mr. William Thomas "Tommy" Bullock were held Saturday, May 29, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Wayside Bible Church with Dr. Charles and the Rev. Frank Smith officiating. Honorary Pallbearers Dr Dan Dubberly, Mark Stevenson, Joel Thomas, Chuck Allen, Tim Allen, and Lloyd Dickey. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to East Texas Tres Dias and to the Wayside Bible Church. Condolences for Mr. Bullock may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### **ELEANOR ELIZABETH RAGAN**

Miss Eleanor Elizabeth Ragan, age 75 of Kennard, passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2010, in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Miss Ragan was born February 9, 1935 in Houston, Texas and had lived in Houston most of her lifetime, moving back to Kennard in 1999. Survivors include Brenda and Clell Dominy, of Kennard; and numerous cousins, other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her parents James "Jimmy" Ragan and Carey Starling Ragan. Funeral Services for Miss Eleanor Elizabeth Ragan were be held Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Robert Lacey officiating. Interment followed in the Ivie Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans P.O. Box 14301 Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 Attn: Gift Processing. Condolences for Miss Eleanor Elizabeth Ragan may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## JIMMIE ED HUGHES SR.

Mr. Jimmie Ed Hughes, Sr., age 69 of Crockett, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at his home in Crockett. Mr. Hughes was born January 18, 1941 in Houston County to Marion Hughes and Mable Gardner. He was a member of the United Pentecostal Church in Crockett. Survivors include his wife Creola Wilcox, of Crockett; children Jimmie Leon Hughes and wife Robin, of San Antonio, Saundra Napier, of Trinity, Jimmie Hughes, Jr., of Grapeland, Tim Hughes and wife Trish, of Grapeland, Charles Hughes, of Plum Grove and Roy Hughes, of Crockett; two stepsons Eddie Wilcox and wife Merly and Glenn Wilcox and wife Cathy, all of Crockett; 17 grandchildren; one special granddaughter Kristina Johnson; one very special great-granddaughter

Preslee Johnson; sisters Mary Ann Laake and husband James, Janie Mulligan and husband Roy, Patricia Head and husband James, Denise Long and Ruth Poag; and brother Johnnie Hughes. Preceded in death by his parents Marion Hughes and Mable Gardner; and brothers Roy Hughes, Marion Hughes, Jr. Memorial Services for Mr. Jimmie Ed Hughes, Sr. were held Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Christ Essential Baptist Church on College Street in Grapeland, Texas. Condolences for Mr. Jimmie Ed Hughes, Sr., may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## ERNA MARSH ARDRY

Mrs. Erna Marsh Ardry, age 87 of Grapeland, previously of Trinity, passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in the Palestine Regional Medical Center. Mrs. Ardry was born June 1, 1922 in Houston County, Texas and had been living in Grapeland. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and First Baptist Church in Grapeland. Mrs. Ardry was retired having worked as a nurse's aide. Survivors include her granddaughters Kara Marsh and Kimberly Marsh; great-granddaughter Taylor Marsh; sister-in-law Betty Morrison; special nephews Steve Blackmon and Roye Blackmon; numerous other nieces, nephews and relatives; special friends Sharon Lane, Sandy Thornton, Christine Peterson, Jean Carroll and special dog "Sonny." Preceded in death by her son Lonnie Marsh; and husbands Leslie Marsh and Bill Ardry. Funeral Services for Mrs. Erna Marsh Ardry were held Friday, May 28, 2010 at 2:00 p. m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Roye Blackmon and the Rev. David Bradley officiating. Interment followed in the McCarter Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, P. O. Box 283, Grapeland, Texas 75844. Condolences for Mrs. Ardry may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **BERTHA MAE BROUSSARD**

Mrs. Bertha Mae Broussard, age 75 of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at her residence. Mrs. Broussard was born July 19, 1934 in Kingtown, Texas and had lived in Crockett for the past twenty years. She was a housewife and a supporter of the Latexo Fire Department. Mrs. Broussard was a member of the Truly God's Country Cowboy Church. Survivors include her daughters Linda Loyd and husband Hollis, Janie Seidel and husband Lawrence Duval, all of Crockett, Crystal Hughes and husband Kenny, of Latexo, Sharon Williams and husband Terry, of Crockett; son Mayne Broussard III and wife Janet, of Katy; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; best friend Karen Carroll; and numerous other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband Mayne Broussard, Jr.; son Gary Steven Broussard; and parents Forest McCauley and Dorothy (Lowery) McCauley. Funeral Services for Mrs. Bertha Mae Broussard were held Saturday, May 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Truly God's Country Cowboy Church with the Rev. Gene Kellum and Mr. Rocky Hoch officiating. Interment followed in the Simpson Camp Ground Cemetery in Nacogdoches County. Condolences for Mrs. Broussard may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **HERMAN LEO WELCH**

Mr. Herman Leo Welch, age 89 of Uvalde, passed away Monday, February 22, 2010 in University Hospital in San Antonio. Mr. Welch was born August 23, 1920 in Vance, Texas to Lon and Dora Ann Welch. Survivors include his wife Johnnie Welch, of Uvalde; four sons Dan Welch and wife Barbara, Gary Welch and wife Alma, Billy Welch and wife Shirley, all of Uvalde and Fred Welch and wife Laura, of Pasadena; three sisters Mary Lee Engelke, Billie Jo Fellers, both of Boerne and Bobbie Ray Dodd, of Carmen; three brothers Clyde Welch, of Uvalde, W.A. "Tooter" Welch, of Lovelady and Larry Welch, of Sabinal; nine grandchildren; seven greatgrandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Lon and Dora Ann Welch; first wife Leila Jo Welch; two brothers Pete Welch and Norman "Snooks" Welch; one sister Gertrude Hermes. Funeral Services for Mr. Herman Leo Welch were held Friday, February 26, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the Rushing-Estes-Knowles Chapel. Interment followed in the Vance cemetery at 1:00 p.m. Pallbearers were Gary Welch Jr., Daniel Jones, Freddy Welch Jr., Corey Welch, Krista Welch, Amanda Welch, Valerie Welch, Amy Welch and Jennifer Mosqueda. Honorary Pallbearers were Garland Armstrong, Will Elrod, Stanley Keeney, Aubrey Haynes, Gene Haynes, Sam Barron, Lonnie Horton, Bud Harrington and William Copple. Memorials may be made to ElProgreso Memorial Library 301 W. Main St., Uvalde, Texas 78801. Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary, Inc.

## HAZEL DOVEY DYES BROWN

Mrs. Hazel Dovey Dyes Brown, age 91 of Crockett, passed away on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Mrs. Brown was

born June 9, 1918 in Melrose, Texas. Her parents were Clarence and Lorena Wilkinson Dyes. She had five sisters and two brothers. She went to primary school in Melrose and graduated from Nacogdoches High school in 1936. She moved to Shreveport, Louisiana to work. Later, she moved to Houston, Texas to work for South Western Bell Telephone Company. While in Houston, she met Granville Edward Brown. They were married on October 2, 1948. They had two sons. They moved to Crosby, Texas in 1964. They moved to Crockett in 1981, when Edward retired from South Western Bell Telephone Co. in Houston. They lived on a farm on Hwy. 7 West until Edward's health failed. They moved into town in the Rolling Hills Addition in 1996. They celebrated 52 years of marriage before Edward passed away in 2001. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Crockett. She enjoyed going to the Senior Citizen Center to eat and visit with friends. She enjoyed her dog, Sam going to church, singing songs, birds and flowers. She enjoyed being with her family. She was a special lady who will be missed greatly. Survivors include her son Mark Brown and wife Nancy, of Crockett; three grandsons David Brown and wife Cristy, of Lancaster, Aaron Brown and wife Amie, of Nederland, Adam Brown and fiancé Darla, of Newton; one sister Oudie Faye Stanford, of Houston; many nieces and nephews and friends. Preceded in death by her husband Granville Edward Brown; son David Anthony Brown; parents Clarence and Lorena Dyes; two brothers Stub and Oscar Dyes; four sisters Ethel Davis, Arlene Long, Zeffie Loveless and Audie Mae Dyes, Funeral Services for Mrs. Hazel Dovey Dyes Brown were held on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Keeney Dickenson officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Memorial Park in Crockett. Condolences for Mrs. Brown may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **CLAY AARON CANTRELLE**

Mr. Clay Aaron Cantrelle, age 27, went to be with the Lord in the early morning hours Saturday, May 8, 2010, as his family and friends gathered close by the burning SCC Auto Center. Mr. Cantrelle was born in Marshall, Texas to Steven and Deborah Cantrelle on December 14, 1982. He was a graduate of Marshall High School and Texas State Technical College of Marshall with an Associates degree in Software Engineering. Clay was a member of the First Christian Church of Marshall, Texas. He loved his family and friends dearly. He was an avid computer gamer enthusiast and enjoyed playing games on his Xbox with computer friends all over the country. The family has received messages from many of his computer acquaintances, saying "you don't know me but I played games on the Xbox with Clay and am so sorry for your loss. He was a super friend." Survivors include his father and mother Steve and Debbie Cantrelle, of Marshall; brother Cody Cantrelle and fiancée Kelly Lovoi, of Marshall; grandparents The Reverend Earl and Sue Cantrelle, of Longview and Gene and Betty Bitner, of Lovelady; his only niece Aften Cantrelle; and a host of many aunts, uncles and cousins also survive him. Memorial Services for Mr. Clay Aaron Cantrelle were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 2010 at Summit United Methodist Church in Marshall, with the Rev. Carl Teel, the Rev. Janice Hill, and the Rev. Mario Parga officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Clay Aaron Cantrelle Scholarship Fund in care of Sullivan Funeral Home, 100 East Travis Street, Marshall, Texas 75670 or to BBVA Compass Bank, 412 East Grand Avenue, Marshall, Texas 75670 where a fund has been established in Clay's memory. On-line condolences may be made to HYPERLINK "http://www.sullivanheasterfuneralhome.com" www.sullivan-funeralhome.com. Sullivan Funeral Home

## **EDWARD JAMES FINLEY**

Mr. Edward James Finley, age 84, passed away Sunday, May 16, 2010 from complications of Alzheimer's. Mr. Finley was born November 28, 1925 in Meriden, Connecticut to Elizabeth Abigail Jenkins and James Finley. Survivors include his daughters Janet Finley Caliva and husband Marty and Debby Scates; sisters Patricia Cummings and Margie DeMauro; brother Bill Kraszewski; three grandchildren; one grandson; two greatgranddaughters. Preceded in death by his parents Elizabeth Abigail Jenkins and James Finley; wife Norma Jean; and brother Ted Kraszewski. Memorial Services for Mr. Edward James Finley were held Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Forest Park East Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church-Flower Fund, 5560 Laurel Creek, Houston, Texas 77017. (713)-946-8968. Forest Park East Funeral Home

## **BETTY JOAN JONES HACKETT**

Mrs. Betty Joan Jones Hackett, age 68 of Crockett, left us with her soul soaring to Heaven on the wings of angels Friday, April 23, 2010. Mrs. Hackett was born February 26, 1942, in Crockett, Texas, to Arie and Geneva Ladell

Jones. She was reared in the Post Oak Community, where she also attended school. She later attended Ralph Bunch High School. At an early age, She accepted Christ and joined Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member. She dutifully served the church in many capacities, including Sunday School Teacher, Usher, Usher Board President, and Church Secretary/Clerk/Finance Chair. On March 3, 1961, she united in holy matrimony with D. B. Hackett, Sr. and to this union they parented 7 children. Mrs. Hackett was definitely one of God's special angels here on earth. She was loved and admired by many because of her beautiful smile, kind ways, unconditional love and never ending, Christ-like advice. Mrs. Hackett retired from Allee Manufacturing as a seamstress after 20 years. During the same time, she was mother to her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and all of the other kids in the community. She was very gracious and compassionate as she spent many years caring for all of the elderly family and friends in need of loving assistance. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. II Timothy 4:6-8 Survivors include her loving husband D.B. Hackett Sr., of Crockett; one son D.B. Hackett Jr., of Rusk; five daughters Dorothy Riggins, Rose Hackett, Cynthia Hackett, all of Crockett, Jacquelyn (Richard) Johnson and Liesa Hackett, all of Huntsville; one sister Annie (Lynn) Bolton, of Crockett; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; sister-in-law; brother-in-law; countless nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her parents Arie and Geneva Ladell Jones; two brothers Richard Jones and Arther Jones; sister Eliza Jones; two sons Frank Owens and Larry Hackett; one daughter Ada Bell Simon; and one grandson Timothy Riggins.

#### JAMES WILSON FREEMAN

Mr. James Wilson Freeman, age 88 of Lovelady, formerly of Houston, passed away Saturday, May 8, 2010 in the Whitehall Nursing Center in Crockett. Mr. Freeman was born December 31, 1921 in Pennington, Texas and had lived in Lovelady for the past ten years, previously living in Houston. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served from 1942 – 1945 during World War II. Mr. Freeman was a member of the Oak Forest Lions Club where he had served as past president, served as board member for the Northwest Y. M. C. A and was a member of the American Legion Post #560. He was self employed in the Grocery business and was a member of the Antioch Baptist Church in Lovelady. Survivors include his wife Bonnie Freeman, of Lovelady; half brother Charles Ray Freeman; half sisters Bea Maxey and Rose Pillows; and half brothers-in-law Robert E. Stiles and Dan L. Williams. Preceded in death by his father Allen Ashworth and step-mother Ada Ashworth; mother Dovie Freeman and step-father Leonard Freeman; and half sisters Mattie Stiles and Louise Williams. Funeral Services for Mr. James Wilson Freeman were held Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Antioch Baptist Church in Lovelady with the Rev. Jared Burt officiating. Interment follow in the Lovelady Antioch Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Antioch Baptist Church, 3910 F.M. 230, Lovelady, Texas 75851. Condolences for Mr. Freeman may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **MELBA GLYNNE SIMS**

Mrs. Melba Glynne Sims, a resident of Burnet, Texas past away Monday, May 10, 2010 at Cedar Park Regional Hospital. Mrs. Sims was born in September 12, 1929 in Wharton County, Texas. She had worked as a nurse in Crockett for many years and then a caregiver of children including special needs children in Austin. She dedicated her life to helping others and will be greatly missed. Survivors include her son Bruce Thomas Sims and wife Tammy Sims, of Bertram; sister Gwynne Bryce, of Trinity; nieces Patsy Johnson, of Burnet and Vicki Bradshaw, of Jacksonville; and nephew Michael Bradshaw, of Spring. Preceded in death by her husband Curtis Garland Sims; and father and mother Hunter and Marie Bruce. Graveside Services for Mrs. Melba Glynne Sims were held Thursday, May 13, at 11:00 a.m. in the Latexo Cemetery in Latexo, Texas with David Coon officiating. Memorials can be made to Odyssey Vista Care Hospice Foundation, 717 N. Harwood St., Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas 75201. Condolences for Mrs. Sims may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### TRACY SOPHIE DURHAM

Mrs. Tracy Sophie Durham, age 88 of Grapeland, passed away peacefully in her home at Tejas Shores in

Grapeland, Texas on Wednesday, May 12, 2010. She was attended by her loving son. Mrs. Durham was born January 14, 1922 in Caldwell, Texas and had been living in Grapeland. She was retired from the Houston Area Teachers Credit Union. Upon retirement, she grew and marketed blueberries and was known as the "Blueberry Lady." Mrs. Durham was an avid gardener and a long time member of the Central Baptist Church in Crockett. Survivors include her children Sherry Durham, of Austin, Saundra Durham Foster and husband Charles, of Thornton, Dennis Steed Durham, of Grapeland and Rose Riley of Carrolton; grandson Brian Christopher Foster, of Pearland; great-grandson Aaron David Neason, of Thornton; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband Frank Maxie Durham; mother and father Anna Sophia Mathus and Vince Matus; sisters Julia Dismuke, Lydia Gaas and Staza Kazmur; and brothers Vince Matus, Ed Matus, Eugene Matus and Lawrence Matus. Funeral Services for Mrs. Tracy Sophie Durham were held Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. John Goss officiating. Interment follow in the Ratcliff Antioch Cemetery. Condolences for Mrs. Durham may be left may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### LOIS MILDRED GREB KRESTA

Mrs. Lois Greb Kresta, age 81 of Crockett, passed away on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the Whitehall Nursing Center in Crockett. Mrs. Kresta was born on January 20, 1929 in Crockett and graduated from Crockett High School in 1946. After briefly working as a secretary in Centerville, Mrs. Kresta moved to Houston around 1950, finding a job at National Steel. She married Frank Kresta, originally from Moulton, near Shiner, Texas, on May 31, 1952. The couple lived in Houston 45 years, raising two children in Houston and seeing them both off to college. Mr. and Mrs. Kresta moved to Crockett in August 1997 to enjoy a well-earned retirement in the Piney Woods. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Crockett. Survivors include her husband Frank Kresta, of Crockett; sister-in-law Mabel Greb, of Crockett; daughter and son-in-law Carolyn and Kirk Kendrick, of Richmond; son and daughter-in-law Ronald and Andrea Kresta, of Lonnerstadt (near Nuremberg, Germany); grandson Jerod Kendrick and wife Angela; grandchildren Vicky and Eric Kresta; and numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her parents Theodore William and Lemma Greb; brother and sister-in-law Leroy and Wilma Greb; and brother Kenneth Greb, all of Crockett. Funeral Services for Mrs. Lois Greb Kresta were held Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Crockett with the Steve Meadows officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park in Crockett. In lieu of or in addition to flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice in the Pines, 116 S. Raguet, Lufkin, Texas 75904. Condolences for Mrs. Kresta may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## DANNY LYLE ACKLEY SR.

Mr. Danny Lyle Ackley Sr., age 66, passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 20, 2010 in Crockett. Mr. Ackley was born August 8, 1944 in Crockett, Texas. He was a truck driver in the transportation industry and also worked as a plumber. Mr. Ackley was a member of the Good Sheppard Fellowship Church of Crockett. Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Zenith Ann Ackley; children Gerald Wayne Allbritton, Lisa Dumas and husband Randy, Danny Ackley, Jr. and wife Sheryl, Cheryl Harris and husband Jimmy, Marc Ackley and wife Christina; 16 Grandchildren Chandra, Gerald, Casey, Amber, Shawnna, David, Johnny, Wesley, Destanie and husband Jeffery, Kody, Savannah, Marisa, Brianna, Raven, Christian and Cameron; 10 great-grandchildren Kylie, Felicity, Aden, Olivia, Samuel, Blake, Hayden, Mason, Brooke, Gabriel; brother Paul "Sonny" Ackley and wife Laura; sister Sue Hardee and husband Joe; brother and sister-in-laws Jimmy Dann, Frances and James Lee, Billie Gillen, James Christian, Joel and Robin Christian, Millie and Ronnie Cloer, Johnnie and Wayne Cartwright, Charlie "GeNell" Langston and Rosie Landrum; numerous other relatives and good friends also survive. Preceded in death by his Parents Paul William and Loyce Laveda Ackley; sisters and brother-in-law JoNell Dann, Patricia Hamby and husband Donald and Dixie Earl Ackley; brothers Eugene Ackley, Thurman Ray Ackley; brother-in-laws W.T. Gillen and Hal Langston; and sister-in-law Cathy Christian. Funeral Services for Mr. Danny Lyle Ackley Sr. were held Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Good Sheppard Fellowship Church with the Rev. Ottis Byers officiating. Interment followed in Creek Cemetery. Waller-Thornton Funeral Home

### **RUTH BATSON CARRIGAN**

Mrs. Ruth Batson Carrigan, age 92 of Crockett, formerly of Centerville, passed away Friday, April 23, 2010 in

Crockett Hospital. Mrs. Carrigan was born in George, Madison County, Texas on June 3, 1917 to Noah and Myrtle (Adams) Batson. She moved to Centerville in 1938 and married Roy B. Carrigan in 1939. She raised their three children in Centerville. She was a room mother, sometimes for several rooms, until her children no longer needed room mothers. Mrs. Carrigan served as president of the P.T.A. more than once. She was active in her church, First United Methodist Church in Centerville, as a Sunday School teacher, V.B.S. teacher and on many administrative boards through the years. She was a homemaker but, she worked along with her husband in their grocery store and, later, clerked for the Lacey's Grocery Store. She also worked for Mr. And Mrs. Floyd Green in their funeral home and furniture store. Mrs. Carrigan was a fantastic cook and she really enjoyed cooking. Her baked products were in very high demand by organizations that were trying to raise money through cake auctions, bake sales and concession stands. She was a member of the Centerville Area Chamber of Commerce and received their Pioneer Award. She was also a member of the board of the Centerville Cemetery Association. For many years, she did volunteer work at the Centerville Nursing Home and, at one time, was the president of the auxiliary there. Later in life, she was an active and enthusiastic member of several "42" clubs. Mrs. Carrigan did hand work and made many baby blankets and Christmas stockings for the children in her life. She loved children and she loved to travel. She had a special affinity for the hummingbirds in her yard. She was very outgoing and gregarious and loved by many. Mrs. Carrigan had a great and wonderful laugh and loved to use it. She was another "grandmother" for generations of children in Centerville and will be greatly missed. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Roy B. Carrigan, Jr. and Sharon, of Franklin; two daughters Anita Carrigan, of Centerville and Mary Carrigan, of Port Lavaca; brother Joe Oren Batson and wife Linnie, of Bryan; sister Doris Gast, of Clifton; sister-in-law Eunice Carrigan; and a host of nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents Noah and Myrtle (Adams) Batson; husband Roy B. Carrigan, Sr.; three brothers Jim Pitt Batson, Lee Ross Batson; infant Elmo Batson; nephew Ross Dean Batson; and a niece Gaynell Clossin. Funeral Services for Mrs. Ruth Batson Carrigan were held Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Walters Funeral Home in Centerville with the Rev. Bud Miller, Bro. Tuffy Loftin and Pastor Joy Richards officiating. Interment followed in the Centerville Cemetery. Pallbearers were Tommy Neyland, Johnny Franks, Robert Campbell, Mike Wilson, Johnny Ellis and Elbert Roberts. Honorary Pallbearers were Alan Bass and the staff of Whitehall Nursing Center in Crockett, Tony Boykin, Reese Bellah, John Bellah and Lawrence Johnson. The Carrigan family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorials being given to: First United Methodist Church, 245 S. Commerce St., Centerville, Texas 75833-1965; Centerville Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 340, Centerville, Texas 75833; Centerville Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 452, Centerville, Texas 75833; Elmer P. and Jewell Ward Memorial Library, 207 St. Marys St., Centerville, Texas 75833 or to an organization of your choice. Walters Funeral Home

### JACK EUGENE VIAN, SR.

Mr. Jack Eugene Vian Sr., gave out today Sunday, April 25, 2010 at the tender age of 65. He suffered from COPD and lung cancer and his demise was hastened by a lifetime of cigarette habit and a stubborn refusal to listen to doctors, siblings, or children. Mr. Vian the 5th of 8 children born to Glenn Austin Vian and Mary McKeever Vian March 15, 1945, in Bad Axe, Michigan. The family moved to Houston when Jack was four years old. He attended Aldine Junior and Aldine Senior High School where he dreamed of becoming a lawyer. Unfortunately, he was never able to pursue his academic dream. Instead, he became a carpenter and longtime member of Carpenter's Local 551. Mr. Vian quickly rose to site superintendent. He worked for Turner Construction on the (then) Texas Commerce Tower and for HC Beck on the construction of Four Oaks Plaza and Four Leaf Place. During the oil bust of the 80's he was forced to relocate the family to Simi Valley, Ca. In 1990 he returned to Porter, Texas where he worked on numerous projects for Pepper-Lawson Construct-ion. He retired to his farm in Friday, Texas in 2003 where he built a new home, raised cattle, and gardened as long as he was able. He served in the Texas National Guard. He was called to active duty and was stationed in South Korea until his tour ended. By all accounts he was proud of his military service although he could have done without all the flying and the harsh Korean winters. Mr. Vian married Susan Leona Bonner July 15, 1967 in Houston. They were married 29 years and raised two children, Catrina Renee and Jack, Jr. Jack was a good father and husband who did his best to provide well for his family. Although he likely would not measure up to the modern over-protective parenting paradigm, his level of fatherly involvement seemed above average for the times. He coached little league, always made the Thanksgiving ham, attended every dance recital, choral concert, and football game, and even sat through a one-act play competition. Mr. Vian was a staunch fan of the Astros, Rockets and Oilers, but he couldn't stand Bud Adams, T-Sippers, or the Lakers. As a young man he raced cars and owned a dragster for a time. He was

known to play poker and dominoes at Union Hall, and in his dotage he took to studying the racing form and donating his children's inheritance to the ponies at Sam Houston Racing Park. He loved lotteries, occasional trips to the casinos, and two-bets on long shots and exotics. Alas, he never won any of the big prizes. Mr. Vian will not go down as one of the great men of history. His passing will not be noted by the masses, nor remarked upon outside a small circle of family friends, and co-workers, but he will be missed by those who knew him because although he was not a great man—he was a good man—and we should all be so lucky as to be remembered as such when we die. He would rather no one lament his passing because he was tired, in pain, and ready to go home. Survivors include his mother Mary Cavanaugh Vian Thomp-son, of Friday; children Jack, Jr., of Beaumont and Catrina Winters, of Kingwood; grandson Dylan "Pistol" Winter and granddaughter Jessica Winters; sisters Linda Louise and Robert Price, of Groves, Sharron and Jeff Owens, of Porter Springs, Mary Edith Siehl, of Yukon, Okla., Lorraine and Keith Minze, of Spring; brothers Thomas Vian, of Wichita Falls, Robert and Dorothy Vian, of Willis and James and Yvonne Vian, of Houston; and numerous other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by his father Glenn Austin Vian. Funeral Services for Mr. Jack Eugene Vian Sr. were held Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at Groveton Funeral Home with Bro. Lyons officiating. Interment followed in the Zion Hill Cemetery. Groveton Funeral Home

## LIBBIE DELL LAMBRIGHT

Mrs. Libbie Dell Lambright, age 94 of Spring, passed away Friday, April 23, 2010 in Conroe. Mrs. Lambright was born December 5, 1915 in Kennard to Jesse Ruben and Josie Mary Catherine Stubblefield Foster. She was a member of Airline Manor Baptist Church. Mrs. Lambright was a clerk by profession for J Weingarten. Survivors include her daughters Margie Nance, of Baton Rouge, La., Billie Merle Johnson and husband Paul, of Lancaster and Linda Ruth Cornelsen and husband Earl, of Conroe; grandchildren Pamela Porterfield, Jenna Burris, Paul Toby Johnson, Craig Cornelsen and Stacey Cates; great-grandchildren Lloyd Ray Burris II, Laura Burris Gonzalez, Lindsey Rechelle Burris, Lacie Rebecca Burris, Kyle Robert Cornelsen, Kaitlyn Elizabeth Cornelsen, Brandon Dean Cates and Sara Faye Cates; great-granddaughter Jessie Sophia Gonzalez. Preceded in death by her parents Jesse Ruben and josie Mary Catherine Stubblefield Foster; husband Chalmer Leo Lambright; and son Charles Edry Lambright. Funeral Services for Mrs. Libbie Dell Lambright were held Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Bailey & Foster Chapel in Palestine with the Rev. Lee Evans officiating. Interment followed in Guiceland Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lloyd Ray Burris II, Craig Cornelsen, Kyle Cornelsen, Davin Cates, Paul Toby Johnson and Stanley Porterfield. To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey & Foster Funeral Home

### MR. L. K. PATTON

Funeral Services for Mr. L. K. Patton age 102 of the Tad Moore Community were held Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Bethel C.M.E. Church with the Rev. Ike Wiley officiating. Interment followed in Mckelvey Cemetery. Survivors include his one daughter Mary Patton, of Tad Moore Community. Hicks Mortuary

#### **BILLY E. OWENS**

Mr. Billy E. Owens, age 72 of Grapeland, Passed away Saturday, May 1, 2010 at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler. Mr. Owens was born August 9, 1937 in Grapeland to Grady and Annie Lee Spruill Owens. He was a dedicated member of the Percilla Community Church where he served as an elder and enjoyed his involvement with the East Texas Tres Dias Community. Mr. Owens worked with the criminal court for Harris County for many years. For the past 10 years he enjoyed living on Houston County Lake. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Juanell Bush Owens, of Grapeland; two sons Stephen A. Owens and wife Lana, of Tomball and Scot Owens, of Grapeland; sister Bonnie Keen and husband James, of Grapeland; three brothers Carol Owens and wife Nancy, of Grapeland, Bobby Owens and wife Dorothy, of Longview and Jim Owens and wife Nancy, of Conroe; and five grandchildren. Mr. Owens was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Stanley Owens and Lester Owens. Funeral Services for Mr. Billy E. Owens were held Monday, May 3, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Percilla Community Church with the Rev. Kenny Bush officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. To view online, leave condolences or sign the guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey & Foster Funeral Home

#### MELBA LANE PETTY

Mrs. Melba Lane Petty, age 68 of Hagerville, passed away Thursday, April 29, 2010 in the Memorial Specialty Hospital in Lufkin. Mrs. Petty was born February 25, 1942 in Houston County, Texas and had lived in Hagerville most of her lifetime. Mrs. Petty was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Crockett and had served as secretary treasurer for the Kennard Buyers Group for the past twelve years. She had worked for Kennard I.S.D. for thirty-two years as the business manager and had also worked fifteen years for Baroid Oil Company. Survivors include her husband Jim Petty, of Hagerville; sister Jean Farley, of Bellaire; brother Billy E. Lane and wife Jackie, of Friendswood; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including; the Rhonda Flasowski Family of Crockett, and the Steed Family of Hagerville. Preceded in death by her parents Bill and Evelyn Lane; sister and brother-in-law Rita and Vic Smoldas; and father-in-law and mother-in-law J. E. and Mildred Petty. Funeral Services for Mrs. Melba Lane Petty were held Monday, May 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Crockett with Dr. Jerry House and the Rev. Ronnie Gladden officiating. Interment followed in the Ratcliff Antioch Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Houston County Cancer Support Group, c/o First Community Bank, P. O. Box 172, Crockett, Texas 75835 or American Cancer Society, 212 Gene Samford Drive, Lufkin, Texas 75904. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **DAVID ARNOLD**

Mr. David Arnold, age 88 of Houston, passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2010 in a Houston Hospital. Mr. Arnold was born September 25, 1921 in Jamestown, Louisiana to Johnny and Bennie (Buck) Arnold. In 1942, He, along with his Dad, enlisted in the Army Air Force. He worked as a medic during WWII, served in the PTO and after the war went to Japan for the clean-up. As a young man he worked in the shipyards, was a baker, liked to fish, enjoyed 'shrimping,' and riding motorcycles. He liked many sports, including boxing, baseball and football and was even a golden glove boxer. Mr. Arnold was a founding member and past President of the Ross Sterling Baytown Booster Club. He worked as an instrument technician for Diamond Shamrock, retiring after 36 years. He loved his family and will be greatly missed. Survivors include his wife of 16 years, Oma L. Arnold; sons James Arnold and wife Vicki and Pat Arnold and wife Susan; grandson James David Arnold and wife Rachael; granddaughter Stephanie Merrill and husband Jason; grandson Carl Patrick Arnold and fiancèe Caryn; greatgrandchildren Blake, Travis, Rebekka, Katelynn, Jason and Carlee; sister Mae Hargrave-Gonzales; close friend and care giver Sue Miller. Preceded in death by his father and mother Johnny Arnold and Bennie Buck Arnold; wife of 47 years Lucille Arnold; and son Larry Arnold. Funeral Services for Mr. David Arnold were held Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Sterling Funeral Home with the Rev. Jimmy Welch, Baptist and Robert Bray, LDS officiating. Honorary Pallbearers were Leo fields, J.T. frisbee, Nolan Malison, Alton Molen, Ed Parker and Art Robinson. Condolences for Mr. Arnold's family may be left at www.sterlingfuneralhome.com Sterling Funeral Home

#### ALEXANDER EDMUND BUTLER

Mr. Alexander Edmund Butler, age 75 of Palestine, passed away Monday, May 3, 2010 at Memorial Medical Center in Lufkin. Funeral Services for Mr. Alexander Edmund Butler will be held Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Herrington/Land of Memory Funeral Home with the Rev. Elvin Austin and Larry Bruce officiating. Interment will follow at Land of Memory Cemetery. Herrington/Land of Memory Funeral Home

### **BILLY EARL ALLEN**

Mr. Billy Earl Allen, age 55 of Montgomery, Texas passed away Wednesday, May 05, 2010. Mr. Allen was born in Crockett, Texas on January 23, 1955 to Clarence and Opal Neal Allen. He loved his family, and had a special fondness for his horses. Survivors include his wife Gayle Allen; son Jake Allen; sister Clarice Knighten; niece Martha Hauck; and a nephew Ricky Knighten. Preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Opal Neal Allen. Funeral Services for Mr. Billy Earl Allen were held Friday, May 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Montgomery, Texas with Pastor Randy Weaver of the Lonestar Cowboy Church officiating. Pallbearers were Jeff Knepper, Albert Mazzola, Perry Bowes, Ricky Knighten, AJ Massola and Kelly Wood. You are invited to leave memorial condolences to his family on our website at HYPERLINK "http://www.shmfh.com" www.shmfh.com. Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home

### LOREA ALLENE RUSH SMITH STARLING

Mrs. Lorea Allene Rush Smith Starling, age 81 of Groveton, passed away Tuesday, May 4, 2010 in a Tyler

Hospital. Mrs. Starling was born May 25, 1928 in the Brushy Prairie Community in Trinity County to Luther Mabry Rush and Ida Florence Stephenson. She was a homemaker and a member of the Flat Prairie Congregational Methodist Church. Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law Melvin and Linda Smith, of Grapeland, Allen (Buddy) Smith and Ellen Pollard, of Pennington and Archie and Patricia Smith, of Groveton; daughters and sons-in-law Linda and Marion Lane, of Lovelady, Marthalene and Jim Doshier, of Huntsville, Janet and Glenn Henly, of Midway and Cindy and Donald Eastepp, of Lufkin; sister-in-law Dorothy Smith, of Huntsville; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and many friends. Funeral Services for Mrs. Lorea Allene Rush Smith Starling were held Friday, May 7, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Groveton Funeral Home with Bro. Lewis officiating. Interment followed in the Flat Prairie Cemetery. Pallbearers were her Grandsons, Michael Thomas, Steven Dosheir, Johnathan Smith, Thomas Smith, Justin Eastepp and Jacob Smith. Honorary Pallbearers were her "Special Grandsons" Ronnie Hughes, Zack Holmes and Landon Smith. Groveton Funeral Home

## **JUANITA CHANCE**

Mrs. Juanita Chance, age 85 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at ETMC in Crockett. Mrs. Chance was born August 15, 1924 in Houston County to Henry L. and Gladys High Hodges. Mrs. Chance was a homemaker. Survivors include her son Carl Chance and wife Wanda, of Crockett; sister Yvonne Fenley; two grandchildren Michael Chance and wife Crystal, and Crystal J. Chance; six great-grandchildren Michael Chance II, Alexia Chance, Aliyah Sherman Chance, Alexis Mathis, Glenn Weiman and Tyler Weiman. Preceded in death by her parents Henry L. and Gladys High Hodges; and husband Elza E. Chance. Services are pending for Mrs. Juanita Chance with Bailey & Foster Funeral Home. To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey & Foster Funeral Home

### RICHARD ALLEN FREEMAN

Mr. Richard Allen Freeman, age 70 of Lovelady, passed away Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at his residence in Lovelady. Mr. Freeman was born February 26, 1940 in Houston County and was a lifetime resident of Lovelady. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving during the Vietnam Era. Mr. Freeman was a member of the Lovelady First Baptist Church and was retired from the Contel Telephone Company. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Bettye Freeman, of Lovelady; son Stacy Freeman and wife Jennifer, of Lovelady; grandchildren Cody Allen Freeman and Courtney Lea Freeman, of Lovelady; brother-in-law Montie Bagwell and wife Melinda, of Hockley; special friend Jim Smith, of Dialville; uncle James Driskell and wife Marie, of Lovelady; aunts Betty Jean Driskell and Eva Freeman, of Crockett; and numerous other relative and friends. Preceded in death by his parents Stanley and Lela Freeman; and special cousin Bill Freeman. Funeral Services for Mr. Richard Allen Freeman were held Friday, May 7, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Lovelady First Baptist Church with the Rev. Scott Matthews and the Rev. Mitchell Kleckley officiating. Interment followed in the Center Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lovelady First Baptist Church Building Fund. Condolences for Mr. Freeman may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### MARGARET CARMA (BESSO) BURNS

Mrs. Margaret Carma (Besso) Burns, age 90, passed away Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at the East Texas Medical Center Hospital in Crockett, Texas. Mrs. Burns was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, August 8, 1919, daughter of Rocco Joseph and Margaret Frances (Fanning) Besso. She had been a resident of the Bradford, Haverhill, and Plaistow area for 75 years. In 1994, after the death of her husband, J.D. Burns, she moved to Texas to be with her son, Gary Burns. She attended public schools in Bradford and Haverhill, and was a graduate of Haverhill High School. She enjoyed planning the class reunions with the Class of '39 Reunion Committee and was the Treasurer for many years. She was member of the First Baptist Church of Plaistow and the Triangle Guild. Mrs. Burns served on the Board of Directors for the Haverhill Girls Club in the 60's and 70's and actively participated in the Haverhill bi-centennial celebration in the 1970's. She was a member of the Haverhill Arts & Crafts Association and loved to tole paint the antiques refinished by her husband. She was very active at the First Baptist Church and enjoyed creating arts and crafts for their Holiday Fair. Mrs. Burns loved her Club called the "Tuesday Nighters", which was attended by some of her dearest friends. She will be remembered by all for delivering her homemade custard when a friend was ill! Mom was a very kind and a very compassionate person, who unselfishly helped others throughout her life until her health prevented her from doing so. She loved her family, she was the most

unselfish Mom, and will forever be remembered in our hearts. Survivors include her son Gary A., of Latexo; two daughters Beverly A. (Mrs. Peter D.) Malley, of Kodiak, Ala. and Margaret A. (Mrs. Michael R.) Kilcoyne, of Kensington, N.H.; one brother Joseph Besso, of Largo, Fla.; five grandchildren J. Robert, John Rocco, and Emily Caroline Burns, of Latexo, and twins Mary and Mariah Kilcoyne, of Kensington, N.H.; as well as many nieces and nephews. Perceded in death by her beloved husband of 50 years, J.D. "Tex" Burns; sister Frances (Mrs. Ernast) Desmarais and Henry Vincent Besso; and beloved daughter-in-law Lori Ann McCurley Burns. Funeral Services for Mrs. Margaret Carma (Besso) Burns will be held Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., at the First Baptist Church of Plaistow, Main Street, Plaistow, N.H. Burial will be in Plaistow Cemetery, Plaistow, NH. Condolences for Mrs. Burns may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### RALPH OWEN YATES

Mr. Ralph Owen Yates, age 83 of Conroe, passed away Monday, May 3, 2010 in Houston. Mr. Yates was born July 4, 1926 in Malakoff, Texas. He served his country in the U. S. Army during World War II. Survivors include his loving wife Esther Yates, of Conroe; daughters Karen Yates, of Conroe and Deborah Robbins and husband Hal, of Willis; son Ronnie Yates and wife Lynell, of Cleveland; brother Lawrence Yates, of Conroe; grandchildren Renee Moore, Dean Yates, Krystal Green, Nathan Robbins, Ashley Robbins and Shane Robbins; great-grandchildren Wyatt Moore, Elizabeth Moore, Wade Yates, Michael Yates, Nico Yates, Shane Robbins, Jr., Addisson Robbins, Camryn Robbins and Brantley Robbins; numerous other relatives and friends. Funeral Services for Mr. Ralph Owen Yates were held Friday, May 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Cashner Colonial Chapel with Brother Barry McConathy officiating. Interment followed in Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Crockett. Cashner Funeral Home

### 1. CLYDE ELTON GILMORE

Mr. Clyde Elton Gilmore, age 77, passed away on Sunday, June 20, 2010 in Crockett. Mr. Gilmore was born Friday, November 11, 1932, in Cleveland, Texas to the late William Bryant and Nina Beatrice Gilmore. Survivors include his former wife Daurece "Dee" Gilmore; daughters Brenda Christian and husband Billy, of Crockett, Terri Sanderson and husband Marlon, of New Waverly and Pam Murphy and husband B.J., of Huntsville; sons Ron Murphy and wife Polly, of Centerville, James Gilmore, of Crockett; brothers Daniel Gilmore and wife Charlene, Charles Gilmore and wife Thelma; sisters Emogene Cartwright and husband Gerald, Louise Carr and husband Albert, Geraldine Anderson and husband Jake; grandchildren Melissa Ledbetter and husband Bill, Mandy Hyman and husband James, Lisa Marie Neal and husband Chad, BJ Matlock, Jr. and wife Alicia, Amber Martin and husband Justin; Kristina Derr, Jonathan Murphy, Jennifer Murphy, Rachel Murphy, Luke Murphy; 12 great-grandchildren; numerous other loving family and friends. Preceded in death by his sons William Ellis and Richard "Bo" Alton Gilmore; brothers Raymond, Olen and Bill Gilmore. Funeral Services for Mr. Clyde Elton Gilmore were held Wednesday, June 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Neal Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Morgan Cemetery, Tommy Hutto, of Crockett officiating. Neal Funeral Home

### **GEORGE THOMAS EVANS**

Mr. George Thomas Evans, age 79 of Crockett, passed away Saturday, June 19, 2010 in the Houston County Nursing Home. Mr. Evans was born August 15, 1930 in Porter Springs and was a lifetime resident of Houston County. He was former owner of Evan's Discount Auto World and was a member of the South Loop Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Aloise Freeman Evans of Crockett; son David Earl Evans and wife Patti, of Crockett; daughter Kathy Evans of Crockett; six grandchildren Nikki Richburg, of Grapeland, Christina Evans, of Crockett, April Hansen, of Tyler, Tiffany Vickers, Brooke Evans, both of Crockett and Megan Griffin, of Lufkin; five great-grandchildren, Kadie, Callie, Colby, Jayden and Jakob; two sisters Janie Russell and Joyce Fain, both of Mesquite; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Funeral Services for Mr. George Thomas Evans were held Monday, June 21, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Tommy Hutto officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. Condolences for Mr. Evans may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### EDYTHE MARIE HOLLIS PROZE

Mrs. Edythe Marie Hollis Proze, age 75, passed away Friday, June 18, 2010. Mrs. Proze was born August 21, 1934 to Lenzy Hollis and Minneola Pearson Hollis. A native of Lovelady, a former resident of Kenner and

Destrehan and a resident of Bush, Louisiana for the past 17 years. Mrs. Proze was a founding member of the Krewe of Aquila, an avid Saints fan and horse enthusiast. She was a former employee of Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co. Beloved wife of the late Charles J. Proze; mother of Pamela Rider, David Franks, Karon Franks and James Abney; grandmother of Tina, Paul, Jason, Carolyn, Charlotte, Shelena, Jessica and Jonathan; great-grandmother of Michael, Charles, Grayson, Cheyenne, Tyler, Renee, Hannah and Micah; sister of Wallace "Sonny" Hollis and the late Wanda Wilson and Eddie Hollis; daughter of the late Lenzy Hollis and Minneola Pearson Hollis and granddaughter of the late Inez Ashworth Hollis Satterwhite of Pennington and Groveton. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the memorial visitation at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home Inc., 2260 W. 21st. Ave., Covington, LA 70433 on Sunday, June 27, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to St. Joseph Hospice Foundation, Box 241, Baton Rouge, LA 70810 (www.stjosephhospicefoundation.org) or a charity of your choice. E. J. Fielding Funeral Home

### JESSIE BELL STRINGFELLOW

Mrs. Jessie Bell Stringfellow, age 83 of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at her residence. Mrs. Stringfellow was born September 18, 1926 in Weches, Texas and had lived in Crockett for the past 20 years, previously of Houston. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church and was a homemaker. Survivors include her brothers Charlie Roscoe Burran and special friend Nona Hennigan, of Weches, James Edward Burran, of Weches, Homer Arthur Burran and wife Betty, of Brenham; sister Mary Lou Craig, of Crockett; daughter Barbara Jane Lucas, of Latexo; son Troy Glenn Stringfellow, of Fort Worth; grandchildren Margaret Ramirez, Leona Lannette Lucas, both of Crockett, Sheena Renea Stringfellow and daughter Winter White, of Gainesville; eight great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband Elton Earl Stringfellow; and parents Henry W. and Margaret Victoria (Dorsett) Burran. Graveside Funeral Services for Mrs. Jessie Bell Stringfellow were held Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the New Energy Cemetery with the Rev. Roy Lee Bobbitt officiating. Condolences for Mrs. Stringfellow may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### ANNIE ELIZABETH WASHINGTON WHITTING

Ms. Annie Elizabeth Washington Whitting, age 96, passed away Thursday, May 27, 2010. Ms. Whitting was born October 16, 1923, the eldest of six children born to John I. and Augusta Baker-Washington in Crockett. The family was sharecroppers and lived on the Brown Farm. Ms. Whitting attended the Mt. Moriah Community School, a one room schoolhouse. She walked 1 ½ miles one was to school and received her high school certificate. The family moved to the Austonio Community. "Mama Annie," as she was lovingly called, accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Mt. Mariah Baptist Church all of her life. She was in love with the Lord and exemplified it in every facet of her life. Possessing a passion for service, she sang in the choir, was a Sunday school teacher and church secretary. Her faithfulness was steadfast and she remained an active member until her health failed her. She met and married John B. Whitting. To this union, nine children were born. Ms. Whitting was an honorary lifetime member of the Order of Eastern Star. She was recently honored for 50+ years in the organization. A virtuous women, "Mama Annie" stayed active and busy by quilting, cooking, canning, feeding her livestock and gardening. Survivors include her son John B. Whitting, Jr. (Myrtle), of Crockett; adopted daughter Betty Ruth Simon (Earl), of Crockett; a granddaughter she raised Betty Evans, of Crockett; sister Mame (Ma Pig) McKnight, of Crockett; aunt Josie Riggins, of Crockett; 33 grandchildren; countless great, great-great and great-great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, O.E.S. and church members and friends. Preceded in death by her parents John I and Augusta Baker-Washington; seven brothers and sisters; and eight children Fred "Ted," Willie B "Buddy," Zelma Lee "Snowball," Oscar Lee "Red Man" and Rufus "Steamboat" and three who passed away shortly after birth. Funeral Services for Ms. Annie Elizabeth Washington Whitting were held Monday, May 31, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Crockett with the Rev. Larry J. Mouton, Jr. and the Rev. Charles Easterling Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Active Pallbearers were Clarence Jolly, Randy Jones, Johnny Ray McKnight, Terrell McKnight, Alvin Pope, Jr. and Brandon Whitting. Honorary Pallbearers were John B. Whitting, Jr., Grandsons, Great and Great-great-grandsons. Barkley Mortuary

# ANDREW DICKEY LONG

Mr. Andrew Dickey Long, age 66, of Porter Springs, passed away Sunday, June 6, 2010 in the East Texas

Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Long was born March 1, 1944 in Houston, Texas and had lived all of his lifetime in Porter Springs. He had worked as a water well Driller for many years. Survivors include his wife Linda Long, of Porter Springs; children Jacob Long, Andrew Long, Jim Long and wife Misty, and Terria Brent and husband Jerry; grandchildren Justin Long, Christopher Long, Dillan Brent, Kaylee Brent, Casey Brent, Alex Long, Calob Long and Ashlynn Long; adopted grandchild Joshua Darragh; brothers and sisters-in-law Jimmy and Betty Long, Terry and Cheryl Long and Jerry Long; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Memorial Services for Mr. Andrew Dickey Long were held Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Joe Paul Granberry officiating. Honorary Pallbearers are Johnny Shroyer, Gary McDonald, Troy Turner, Sam Wayne Leathers, Dean Cook, David Cook, Danny Culp, James Dunn, Grady Wakefield, Tommy Boles and honorable mention, Mr. John Caldwell. Condolences for Mr. Long may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

# ANNIE M. KING

Mrs. Annie M. King, age 87, entered into rest Wednesday, June 16, 2010 in Lovelady. Mrs. King was born September 30, 1922 in Elkhart, Texas to William M and Ola Price. She was a charter member of Southside Baptist Church in Conroe, Texas. Survivors include her loving daughter Barbara and her husband Ray Blair, of Lovelady; grandchildren Dr. Christopher Blair and his wife Heather, of Fla., Sidney Blair and wife Samantha, of Montgomery and Angela Robinson and husband Thom, of Montgomery; great-grandchildren, Justin Blair, Amanda Blair, Noah Blair and Morgan Blair; numerous other relatives and friends also survive. Preceded in death by her parents William and Ola Price; husband James T. King; son William "Bill" Beard; sister Doris Salinas; and brothers Albert and Glenn Price. Funeral Services for Mrs. Annie M. King will be held Monday, June 21, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Metcalf Funeral Chapel. Metcalf Funeral Home

### REVEREND CLETUS LOVELADY

Reverend Cletus Lovelady, age 77 of Crockett, formerly of Amarillo, passed away Tuesday, June 15, 2010 in The Concierge Nursing Home in Houston. Reverend Lovelady was born March 9, 1933 in Weches, Texas to Otis Frances and Annie Mae Lovelady. He moved to Amarillo, Texas at 5 years old and graduated from Amarillo High School in 1951. Reverend Lovelady worked at the Haney grain elevator as he worked his way through Amarillo College. He then attended Howard Payne University, and was head yell leader and vice president of the "Jackets for Jesus", a ministerial service organization. He was a member of student council and the Ministerial Alliance. He was chosen by his classmates for Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. He graduated from Howard Payne in 1955, then went on to attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. While in seminary, he pastored First Baptist Church of Dobbs Valley in Santo, Texas. Upon graduation, he became pastor of First Baptist Church, Allison, Texas. He then served as assistant pastor of Second Baptist Church in Amarillo. Later, he served as the Minister to Singles at Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo. He began working at the Pantex plant near Amarillo in 1965 and retired in 2002. Survivors include his one son Jeff Lovelady and wife Janet, of Houston; one daughter Jane Wilson and husband Charles, of Allen; six grandchildren Tanya and Alek Lovelady, and Jonathan, Abigail, Joshua and Joel Wilson; nieces and nephews LaWanna Graf, Dennis Cowan, Sandra Miller and Jerry Cowan all of Amarillo. Funeral Services for Reverend Cletus Lovelady were held Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Crockett with the Rev. Barbara Kent officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Howard Payne University, Office of University Advancement, P. O. Box 2369, Brownwood, Texas 76804. Condolences for Rev. Lovelady may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com

## **GLENN FRANKLIN MCQUEEN**

Mr. Glenn Franklin McQueen, age 46 of Grapeland, Passed away Friday, June 4, 2010 at the David E. Foster Hospice Unit at Palestine Regional Medical Center. Mr. McQueen was born February 18, 1964 in St. Louis, Missouri to Frank McQueen and Nellie Agnes McQueen. Mr. McQueen had worked as a City Supervisor with the City of Grapeland for 17 years. He had been a member of the Grapeland Volunteer Fire Dept. and EMS for over 20 years. Mr. McQueen was Baptist. Survivors include his father Frank and Step-mother Mary McQueen, of Grapeland; wife Tanya Frisby McQueen, of Grapeland; daughters Courtney Stephenson and husband Bobby, of Alto and Meagan Cook, of Porter Springs; sons Ryan James and wife Becca, of Grapeland and Casey Barlow, of Fort Polk, La; step-children Samatha, Nicholas and Tabitha Wolfford; sister Nola Noble and husband Craig, of

Wylie; five grandchildren: Kaylie and Lacey Stephenson and Brycelynn, Blake, and Bridgette James; and four step-grandchildren: Neomi, Alexis, and Renee Lopez and Matrick Wolfford. Preceded in death by his mother Agnes McQueen and his first wife Susan Musick McQueen. Funeral Services for Mr. Glenn Franklin McQueen, were held Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Bradley and the Rev. Tommy Hutton officiating. Interment followed in Parker Cemetery. Pallbearers were Roger Dickey, Lonnie Squires, Fred Reynolds, Darrell McDaniel, Ron Smith, Tom Wade, Dewitt McQueen, Vince McQueen, Bob Rounsavall, Kenny Peterson and Bruce Collins. Bailey&Foster Funeral Home

## JAMES EDWARD "JIM" HAMPTON

Mr. James Edward "Jim" Hampton, age 68, passed away Thursday, June 3, 2010, at St. Dominic-Jackson Memorial Hospital. A native of Blackwater, Ky., Mr. Hampton had been a resident of Vicksburg most of his life and was the son of the late John Henry Hampton and Laura Cheek Hampton. He served in the Navy. Mr. Hampton was president of Hampton Inc. and had recently been awarded the prestigious Lennox Lifetime Achievement award for 35 years of service to the heating and cooling industry. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother. Mr. Hampton was a member of the American Legion Post 3, Loyal Order of the Moose, the Shiloh Hunting Club and First Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife Susan Palmer Hampton, of Vicksburg, Miss.; one daughter, Angela Hampton Lang and her husband Calvin, of Inverness; son Ed Hampton and his wife Bobbie, of Vicksburg, Miss.; eight grandchildren Peyton Scott, Christian Hampton, Connor Lang, Hannah Hampton, Andrew Marshall, Brandon Marshall, Kristen Marshall and Jeremy Marshall; one great-grandson; a sister Wanda Vinson and her husband Jesse, of Birmingham, Ala.; brother Gene Hampton and his wife Lamyrle, of Crockett; and numerous nieces and nephews. A celebration of life service for Mr. James Edward Hampton was held Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Tim Brown, pastor, officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 1501 Cherry St., Vicksburg, MS 39180. Riles Funeral Home

#### **EULA MAE PYLE**

Mrs. Eula Mae Pyle, the last of four children of Thomas Henry Fannin and Jessie Elizabeth Ashworth, passed away on May 30, 2010. She was born in Pennington on August 28, 1912. She and her twin sister, Beulah Mae were the youngest. She had two brothers, Elmer Edward and Jessie Otis. Her parents and siblings all predeceased her. She married William Pyle of Crockett in 1950. He also predeceased her. She left Crockett in 1943, moving to Houston and making a career of managing restaurants. She and Beulah purchased their own home prior to either of them marrying. She was living alone in this same home until she became unable to do so. She passed away peacefully at her niece's home in Groveton where she had been since breaking a hip just over two years ago. Numerous nieces and nephews including her caregiver, Ivor Smith survive her. A step-daughter, Norma Brazzil, of Crockett and a sister-in-law, Lorine Fannin of Groveton also survive. Mrs. Eula Mae Pyle was laid to rest at Brookside Memorial Park in Houston on June 2, 2010. She and William had prearranged their services and purchased burial plots many years ago.

## **CLIFFORD T. ADAMS**

Mr. Clifford T. Adams, age 87, of Lovelady, passed away Monday, June 7, 2010 in the Houston County Nursing Home in Crockett. Mr. Adams was born July 2, 1922 in Houston County, Texas and had lived most of his lifetime in Houston County. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served during World War II. Mr. Adams was a member of the Lovelady Masonic Lodge #539, Livestock Producer and Soil Conservationist. He had served on Lovelady School Board, four Electrical Boards and the Beef Producer Board. He was a farmer and rancher and was affiliated with Weldon Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Shada Adams, of Lovelady; sister Florene Little, of Lovelady; brother Amos Adams, of Austonio; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives, including the Trapani Family. Preceded in death by his parents Wallace Howard Adams and Ella Jane (Maxey) Adams; brothers Leon Adams and Harmon Adams; and sister Nelda Salsbury Arceneaux. Funeral Services for Mr. Clifford T. Adams were held Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Weldon Baptist Church with the Rev. Lloyd Trapani and the Rev. Reggie Gregory officiating. Interment followed in the Salem Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Weldon Baptist Church or Salem Cemetery Association, C/O Tonya Fulsom, Rt. 1 Box 175A, Lovelady, Tx. 75851. Condolences for Mr. Adams may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### FRANCES DOMINY EDGE

Mrs. Frances Dominy Edge, age 79 of Grapeland, passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Elkhart Oaks Care Center. Mrs. Edge was born December 11, 1930 in Grapeland, Tx. to Clayton Dominy and Nannie Lou Brimberry. She was a housewife, loving mother, and grandmother. Mrs. Edge loved spending time with family and friends and was a member of Sunset Christian Church. Survivors include her son Victor Edge and wife Lisa, of Palestine; brother Larry Yates, of Grapeland; grandchildren Waylon Lejeune and wife Mary, of Sealy, Jason Lejeune and wife Melissa, of Pasadena, Johnathan Lovell, of San Antonio, Lindsey Lovell and Xemina Allison Edge, both of Palestine; eight great-grandchildren; and brother-in-law Harmon Edge, of Grapeland. Preceded in death by her parents Clayton Dominy and Nannie Lou Brimberry; husband of 60 years, Grady Edge, Jr.; daughter Judy Lynn Edge; and a brother Harold Dean Yates. Funeral Services for Mrs. Frances Dominy Edge were held Sunday, June 13, 2010 at Sunset Christian Church-Grapeland with Dr. Vance Drum officiating. Interment followed in Davis Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jason Lejeune Jr., Joshua Lejeune, Ty Yates, Travis Yates, Guy Yates and Will Yates. To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey&Foster Funeral Home

#### **BOBBY GLEN MINTER SR.**

Mr. Bobby Glen Minter Sr., age 65 of Fort Worth, passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2010. Whether you knew his as brother, father, Grandpa Bob, Bebop, uncle or friend, through his extraordinary faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, He was a shining example of unconditional love to all who were blessed to know him. Survivors include his son Bobby and wife Joanna and their children, Taylor, Trevor and Tricia; son Reymundo; step-children Mike, Nelda and husband Lucio, Sandra and husband Ariel, Linda and husband Victor, Kristy and husband Armondo and Robin; 21 grandchildren; brother Billy Minter; sister Ester Due and husband Grady. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### DARREN LEE RAGAN

Mr. Darrwn Lee Ragan, age 50 of Crockett. passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2010 in Tyler. Mr. Ragan was born June 26, 1959 in Jefferson City, Missouri to Leroy and Dixie Ann Ragan. He served in the US Army, worked as an electrician, was a member of Kennard First Baptist Church and lived previously in Arnold, Missouri. Survivors include his wife Mary Jane Ragan, of Crockett; sons Darren Lee Ragan Jr., of Crockett, Jason Ragan and Jonah Ragan, both of Mo.; daughters Shawna Lynn Cagle, Baytown, Destiny Danielle Sutton, all of Crockett, Jessica Moran, of Ill. and Jennifer Ragan, of Mo.; mother Dixie Ann Ragan; brothers Robert "Bob" Ragan, of N.C., Kevin Ragan, of San Antonio; sister Kimberly "Kim Woolf," of Ind.; and 12 grandchildren. Preceded in death by his father, Leroy Ragan; and step-son Michael "Mikey" Cagle. Memorial Services for Mr. Darren Ragan was held Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Kennard First Baptist Church with Jim Durham and Tony Moye officiating. Hilliard Funeral Home

### **SAMMY JOE MUSICK**

Mr. Sammy Joe Musick, age 77 of Marshall, passed away Thursday, June 10, 2010 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Marshall. Mr. Musick was born January 22, 1933 in Houston County, to Charles Barton and Birdie Mae Hamb Musick. Mr. Musick was a superintendent for the City of Grapeland, and was a retired fireman/EMT. He was a member of De Berry Baptist Church in Panola County. Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Dixie Musick; son Chuck Musick; sisters Alice June Seiley, Gunita Harrell, Willie Mae Hilyard; step-sisters Joyce Keen and Mirnie Roberson; step-brother Floyd Salmon; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Charles Barton and Birdie Mae Hamb Musick; two daughters Susan McQueen and Jana Freese; infant son Joe Vaughn Musick; brothers Charles Musick and Travis Wayne Musick; step-brother Cleon Salmon. Funeral Services for Mr. Sammy Joe Musick will be held Monday, June 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church Grapeland, with Bro. David Bradley and Bro. Elton Musick officiating. Interment will follow in Parker Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Lonnie Squires, Roger Dickie, Roger Freese, Shane Davenport, Kevin Maroney and Darrell McDaniel. Honorary Pallbearers will be Ryan James, Bobby Stephenson, Juan Martinez, Truman Cooper, Trevor Freese and Travis Freese. To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com

#### **FAYE FOWLER**

Mrs. Faye Fowler, age 85 of Crockett, passed away Saturday, May 29, 2010 at her residence. Mrs. Fowler was born February 20, 1925 in the Pine Hill Community and had lived in Crockett for the past 47 years. She worked in retail sales for many years and was a past member of the Pythian Sisters and SPJST Lodge. Mrs. Fowler attended the Baptist Church. Survivors her husband Andy Fowler, of Crockett; sons Bobby L. Whitten, of Dallas, Steve Fowler and wife Sandra, of Willis and Drew Fowler, of Crockett; two grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; two brothers Onie Holt, Jr and wife Mary, of Gladewater and Jimmy W. Holt, of Carthage; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Funeral Services for Mrs. Faye Fowler were held Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel. Interment followed in the Antioch Cemetery in Carthage. Pallbearers were Eugene Bowden, Robert Bowden, Sam Fowler Jr., Jimmy Pinnell, Michael Jones and Wayne Stewart. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Fowler Family. Condolences for Mrs. Sims may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **FLOYD GEORGE MCKINNEY**

Mr. Floyd George McKinney, age 84, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 28, 2010, in Bedford. Mr. McKinney was born on July 1, 1925, in Emory to James and Agatha and was one of four children. He served in the Air Force for eight years during World War II and the Korean War, earning several medals. He was employed by Texas Power and Light as a community development manager. Mr. McKinney married Dotty on October 19, 1945. They had two children and were longtime residents of Euless. They were members of Bedford Road Church of Christ. Survivors include his children Diane and husband Chuck Guild, and Jim McKinney and wife Suzanne; brother Jim and wife Virginia; sister Mary-Margaret Brady and husband Ed; grandchildren Rob Guild, Justin McKinney, Russell Guild, Randy Guild and Courtney Rogers; two great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents James and Agatha; and older brother C.E. McKinney. Funeral Services for Mr. Floyd George McKinney were held Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Chapel. Memorials or Donations may be made to Christ's Haven, P.O. Box 467, Keller, Texas 76244. Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home

#### LOIS "DOTTY" MCKINNEY

Mrs. Lois "Dotty" McKinney, age 84, joined George McKinney on Saturday, May 29, 2010, in Bedford. Mrs. McKinney was born June 20, 1925, in McAlester, Oklahoma, to Rufus and Beulah Rose Munn and was one of four children. She was retired from the Irving Independent School District. Mrs. McKinney and George were married on October 19, 1945. They had two children and were longtime residents of Euless. They were members of Bedford Road Church of Christ. Survivors include her children Diane and husband Chuck Guild and Jim McKinney and wife Suzanne; sister Eula Wilson; grandchildren Rob Guild, Justin McKinney, Russell Guild, Randy Guild and Courtney Rogers; two great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her parents Rufus and Beulah Rose Munn; and sisters Mildred Walker and Ruth Mandeen. Funeral Services for Mrs. Lois "Dotty" McKinney were held Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Chapel. Memorial or donations may be made to Christ's Haven, P.O. Box 467, Keller, Texas 76244. Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home

### LOIS MILDRED GREB KRESTA

Mrs. Lois Greb Kresta, age 81 of Crockett, passed away on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the Whitehall Nursing Center in Crockett. Mrs. Kresta was born on January 20, 1929 in Crockett and graduated from Crockett High School in 1946. After briefly working as a secretary in Centerville, Mrs. Kresta moved to Houston around 1950, finding a job at National Steel. She married Frank Kresta, originally from Moulton, near Shiner, Texas, on May 31, 1952. The couple lived in Houston 45 years, raising two children in Houston and seeing them both off to college. Mr. and Mrs. Kresta moved to Crockett in August 1997 to enjoy a well-earned retirement in the Piney Woods. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Crockett. Survivors include her husband Frank Kresta, of Crockett; sister-in-law Mabel Greb, of Crockett; daughter and son-in-law Carolyn and Kirk Kendrick, of Richmond; son and daughter-in-law Ronald and Andrea Kresta, of Lonnerstadt (near Nuremberg, Germany); grandson Jerod Kendrick and wife Angela; grandchildren Vicky and Eric Kresta; and numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her parents Theodore William and Lemma Greb; brother and sister-in-law Leroy and Wilma Greb; brother and Kenneth Greb; and sister and brother-in-law Hazel and Harold Skinner. Funeral Services for Mrs. Lois Greb Kresta were held Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Crockett with the Rev. Steve Meadows officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park in Crockett. In lieu of or in addition to flowers, memorial contributions may be made to

Hospice in the Pines, 116 S. Raguet, Lufkin, Texas 75904. Condolences for Mrs. Kresta may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### JAMES L. MILTON

Mr. James L. Milton, age 89 of Huntingburg, Indiana passed away at 4:07 a.m. Sunday, May 30, 2010 in the emergency room of Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. Mr. Milton was born on December 20, 1920 in Huntingburg, Indiana to Daniel R. and Catherine (Krueger) Milton. He was united in marriage to Janice M. McClure on February 4, 1950 at the Methodist Church in Huntingburg. He was a retired furniture sales representative. Mr. Milton served in the Armed Guard of the U.S. Navy during WW II and was part of the D-Day invasion at Normandy. He was a member of the Huntingburg United Methodist Church, Y.M.I. Club, Huntingburg High School Class of 1939, American Legion Post #147; was a charter member of the V.F.W. Post #2366, actively serving on the Memorial Honor Detail and formerly served two terms as Post Commander in 1950 and 2000; was a tour guide at the Huntingburg League Stadium; and acted in the role as an umpire in the movie "A League of Their Own". Survivors include his son Keith Milton, of Huntingburg, Ind. Preceded in death by his wife Janice M. Milton, passed away November 29, 2005; six brothers Charles, Walter, Ralph, Hilbert, Arthur, and Elmer Milton; and three sisters Mildred Andrews, Geneva Elshoff, and Frances Henderson. Funeral Services for Mr. James Milton were Wednesday, June 2, 2010 held at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at the Nass & Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg with the Rev. Allen Phillips. Interment followed at Fairmount Cemetery in Huntingburg. The V.F.W. Post #2366 Memorial Detail will conduct Military Graveside rites. Memorial contributions may be made to: The Huntingburg United Methodist Church or The League Stadium Fund in care of the Huntingburg Foundation. Nass&Son Funeral Home

### LENA BARTEL BABB

Mrs. Lena Bartel Babb, age 87 of Austonio, passed away Friday, May 7, 2010 at her home. Mrs. Babb was born December 7, 1922.

### 1. JAMES RAY LOW

Mr. James Ray Low, age 76 of Latexo, passed away Tuesday, July 13, 2010 in the Community Care Center in Crockett. Mr. Low was born April 22, 1934 in Houston County, Texas and had lived in Latexo most of his lifetime. Mr. Low was a veteran of the United States Air Force having served four years stationed in Reno, Nevada. He was a retired newspaper carrier and was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include his daughter Kathy Stamper, of Jacksonville; sons Dr. James Ray Low, Jr. and wife Patty and Brad Low, all of Jacksonville; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister Mary Ann McKnight and husband George, of Porter Springs; brothers Bill Low and wife Toby, of Latexo and Garland "Pete" Low and wife Elizabeth, of North Zulch; special friend Claude Phipps, of Crockett; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his parents James D. Low and Leatha (Davidson) Low; and sister Peggy Phillips. Memorial Services for Mr. James Ray Low were held Sunday, July 25, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in the Porter Springs Baptist Church. Burial was held in the Denson Cemetery. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **ALTA E. SHIRLEY**

Mrs. Alta E. Shirley, age 90 of Jasper, passed away Monday, July 19, 2010 at Rosewood Assisted Living in Jasper. A native of Crockett, she enjoyed reading, cross stitching, was a former square dancer and loved Sunday School Class. Survivors include her son Edward H. Shirley, III and wife Sandra, of Jasper; two brothers Jerry Ellis and wife Ester, of San Antonio and Charles Ellis, of N. Little Rock, Ark.; one grandchild Capt. Jennifer Leigh Shirley Wong; and one great grandchild Kevin Ryan Wong, of Plumas Lake, Calif. Preceded in death by her husband Edward H. Shirley, Jr.; and daughter Marja Ann Shirley. Funeral Services for Mrs. Alta E. Shirley were held Thursday, July 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home in Jasper. Graveside Services will be Saturday, July 24, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in San Antonio. Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home

## POLLY HAMMETT DAWSON

Mrs. Polly Hammett Dawson was born on October 26, 1925 in Luling, Texas to Watterson N. and Dula Taylor Hammett. She went to schools in Crockett and Louisiana, graduating from Lockport High school in 1942. She

attended Southern Louisiana College before returning to Crockett where she met and married local farmer and rancher, James Edwin Dawson, Junior, The couple raised their 3 children Jim, Paul, and Polly Ann in Houston County until J.E.'s untimely death in 1967. Mrs. Dawson was the owner of Polly Ann's Shop on the square in Crockett. She worked as a bookkeeper for many area businesses and physicians. In 1981, Mrs. Dawson moved to Bryan, Texas where she was employed by the Brazos County Transit Authority. Mrs. Dawson was an active member of the First Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school. She was a member of the Garden Club, the Pilot Club, and the Crockett Sewing club. In Bryan, Polly served as the president of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She enjoyed cooking and needle point, and she loved to entertain her many friends. She was famous for her annual Christmas party which she hosted for over 40 years. Survivors include her sons James Edwin Dawson, III and wife Ellen and David Paul Dawson and wife Carol, all of Crockett; daughter Polly Ann Morrison and husband Chuck, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; seven grandchildren Christine Allen and husband Carson, of Gainesville, Ga., David Dawson and wife Shannon, of Dallas, Brant Dawson, of Houston, Lauren Dawson, of Crockett, James, Max, and Charlie Morrison, of Colorado Springs; great-grandchildren Jackson, Ellie Kate, Wright, Jackie, Jake, and Emme; The family is especially grateful to Polly's caregiver, Mrs. Nelda Callier. Preceded in death by her parents and her husband, James Edwin Dawson, Junior. Services for Mrs. Polly Hammett Dawson were held Thursday, July 22, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Crockett with the Rev. Jim Tom Ainsworth officiating. Pallbearers were Howard Edmiston, Sandy MacKenzie, David Baker, Phil Broxson, Chris von Doenhoff, Jim Land, Bert Brewer and Carroll Sullivan. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Colorado Springs Down's Syndrome Association, P.O. Box 2364, Colorado Springs, CO 80901 or to the C.O. Murray Community Clinic, 500 East Houston Avenue, Crockett, Texas 75835. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## HENRY LEE "JAKE" DRISKILL

Mr. Henry Lee "Jake" Driskill, age 98 of Latexo, passed away Tuesday, July 20, 2010 in the Winfield Nursing Center in Crockett. Mr. Driskill was born August 26, 1911 in Latexo, Texas and had lived all of his lifetime in Latexo. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served during World War II. Mr. Driskill was a rancher and carpenter and had also worked as a building supply salesman for Stowe Lumber Company. He was a member of the Latexo United Methodist Church. He also served on the Latexo School Board for many years, as well as the Houston County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Mr. Driskill, was chairman for the Latexo Cemetery Board of Directors for over 50 years. He was active for many years in the Latexo Community Council and other community organizations. Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law Linda Lee Bear and Danny Bear, of Latexo; granddaughter and grandson-in-law Rebekah Lee Riemenschneider and Chad, of Grapeland; niece Sue Ross and husband Joe, of Latexo; nephew Bill Driskill and wife Kathy, of La Porte; numerous other relatives. Preceded in death by his wife Berline Rushing Driskill in 1992; parents Arthur and Sallie Jones Driskill; and brother Wayne Driskill. Funeral Services for Mr. Henry Lee "Jake" Driskill were held Friday, July 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Dr. Jack Shultz officiating. Interment followed in the Latexo Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 15186, Austin, Texas 78761. Condolences for Mr. Driskill may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **SMITH SATTERWHITE**

Mr. Smith Satterwhite, age 87 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, July 21, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Satterwhite was born October 27, 1922 in Crockett, Texas and lived all of his lifetime in Crockett. Mr. Satterwhite was a veteran of the United States Army Air Corp. having served during World War II. He was past Vice President at Crockett State Bank from 1940-1942 and a director until it sold. Mr. Satterwhite was retired owner and operator of Satterwhite Wholesale Grocers. He was a member of the First Baptist Church since 1934. Survivors include his wife Ann Allee Satterwhite, of Crockett; children Smith Satterwhite and wife Deborah, of Pittsburg, Stephen Satterwhite and wife Janalyn, of Rogers, Ark. and Elizabeth Overstreet and husband James, of Lufkin; grandchildren Chris, JoAnna, Jonathan, Lauren, Jessica and Katie; great-grandchildren Annah Grace and Trenton Blayne; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his parents B. L. Satterwhite and Charm Satterwhite; brothers B. L. Satterwhite, Jr., George Shepard Satterwhite and A. C. "Pud" Satterwhite; and sister Julia Satterwhite Dickey. Funeral Services for Mr. Smith Satterwhite were held Saturday, July 24, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel. Interment followed in the

Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 212 Gene Samford Drive, Lufkin, Texas 75904. Condolences for Mr. Satterwhite may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **DAVID EARL EVANS**

Mr. David Earl Evans, age 58 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, July 21, 2010 in the Whitehall Nursing Center in Crockett. Mr. Evans was born April 01, 1952 in Crockett, Texas and had lived all of his lifetime in the area. Mr. Evans was a veteran of the Texas National Guard. He was former owner of Evans Discount Auto World in Crockett and Evans Towing and Recovery in Crockett. Mr. Evans had developed a strong work ethic and worked beside his father for 43 years. His hobbies were few because of his love for work. His priorities were his girls and his yard, when not working he was on his lawn mower. Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Patty Evans, of Crockett; children Niki Richburg and husband Brandon, of Grapeland, Christina Evans, of Crockett and her mother, Mel Pinnell, of Crockett, Brooke Lynn Evans, of Crockett; grandchildren Kadie and Callie Richburg, of Grapeland, Colby Thornton, of Crockett and his father, Brian Thornton, of Grapeland; mother Aloise Evans, of Crockett; sister Kathy Reed, of Crockett; brothers-in-law Bubba Erickson and wife Lynne, of Crockett, Paul Erickson and wife Karen, of Crockett; sisters-in-law Martha Browning and husband Elwin, of Crockett, Mary Brown and husband Wyman, of Grapeland; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives, his beloved dachshunds, Louie and Trucker. Preceded in death by his father George T. Evans; and father-in-law and motherin-law John and Annie Erickson. Memorial Services for Mr. David Earl Evans were held Saturday, July 24, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Condolences for Mr. Evans may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### ARTHUR MACK TOLBERT

Mr. Arthur Mack Tolbert, age 66, passed away Monday, July 5, 2010. Mr. Tolbert was born September 24, 1943 in Freeport to Jack Marion and Ella Mae Shiflett Tolbert. He grew up in Texas City, but lived in Weldon, where his paternal grandparents lived, for several years as a child. He graduated from La Marque High School. Mr. Tolbert was a member of Pipefitter Local #211 and had worked 25 years for Becthel Corporation at Union Carbide in Texas City. Mr. Tolbert was honored to serve his country where he was Vietnam veteran and a lifetimetime member at both VFW Post #6378 and the American Post #554. Survivors include his mother Ella Mae Shiflett Tolbert; wife Olivia Strom Tolbert; son Andy and wife Keila Tolbert; children by marriage Michael and Susie Strom and James and Carrie Menotti; grandchildren Madison and Mackenzie Tolbert, Clay and Cory Menotti and Robert Strom; sisters Gladys and husband John Woodard and Fran and husband Loyd Morris; brother Chet and wife Betty Tolbert; numerous nieces and nephews and many great friends. Preceded in death by his father Jack Marion Tolbert. Funeral Services for Mr. Arthur Mack Tolbert were held Thursday, July 8, 2010 at the Crowder Funeral Home in Dickinson. Interment followed at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster. Pallbearers were John Woodard, John Woodard, Jr., Richard Lopez, Michael Strom, James Menotti, David Strom, David Stom, Jr. and Kenneth Strom. Honorary Pallbearers were Andy Tolbert, Clay Menotti, Cory Menotti and Robert Strom; Honor Guard from VFW and the American Legion.

#### DANNY MATLOCK

Mr. Danny Matlock, age 52 of Athens, passed away Wednesday, July 14, 2010 in Athens. Mr. Matlock was born in Eureka, Kansas September 23, 1957 to Elbert Lee and Arcella Mae Baker Taylor. He had been a resident of Athens all of his life. On June 9, 1979 he married his high school sweetheart Mary Anne Smallwood. Mr. Matlock was a contractor, mechanic and heavy equipment operator. He was a member of Ash Baptist Church. Danny was an avid hunter and loved horses. He was an awesome husband, father, brother, son, papa and friend. Survivors include his wife Mary Anne Matlock, of Athens; sons Micheal Matlock and wife Kay, of Glen Heights and Erick W. Matlock, of Athens; daughters Cassandra L. Matlock, of Houston and Andrea D. Matlock, of Athens; grandchildren K.D. Matlock and Kayla Matlock, both of Glen Heights; mother Arcella Matlock-White, of Athens; brothers David Matlock and wife Ethel, of Mesquite, Billy Matlock and wife Shirley, of Athens and Terry Taylor and wife Ann, of Chandler, Okla.; sisters Linda Sifford and husband Alan, of Athens, Tena Andrews and husband Sammy, of Bennington, Okla., Debbie Taylor, of Lawton, Okla., and Lisa Taylor, of Longview; father and mother-in-law Wayne and Roberta Smallwood, of Athens; numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts, uncles and

a host of friends. Preceded in death by his father Elbert Lee Taylor in 1978; and step-father Orville L. Matlock in 1986. Funeral Services for Mr. Danny Matlock were held Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Bill Pemberton officiating. Interment followed at Oaklawn Memorial Park. Pallbearers were Micheal Matlock, Doug Quigg, Erick W. Matlock, Lee Fender, George Quigg, Cody Stephens, Shawn Barnard, Keith Matlock. Honorary Pallbearers were Richard Jones, Chris Matlock, Bryan Matlock, Adrian Basham. If desired, you may sign the guest register or leave a message of condolence for the family at www.carrolllehr.com Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home

#### WILLIS BAKER JR.

Mr. Willis Baker Jr., age 62, passed away on Thursday, July 1, 2010 in Centerville, Texas, the Heavenly angel whispered to him while he was sitting on his tractor. Mr. Baker was born April 13, 1948 in Hopewell in Leon County to Willis Baker Sr. and Carrie Mae West Baker, He was their first born child. Mr. Baker attended and received his education and graduated from Douglas High School. He accepted Christ at an early age and united with Hopewell Baptist Church. He occasionally attended Progressive Baptist Church. Mr. Baker joined in Holy Matrimony with Dorothy Johnson Baker in 1969. A union that lasted many years and touched many lives. He was a loving father and devoted husband. He worked construction, part time farmer, and as a truck driver for 38 years. Survivors include his wife Dorothy Johnson Baker; children Forrester Ray (Shree) Baker, of Crockett, Artmetria Warfield, of Richmond and Amanda Baker (Demetric) Love, of Houston; grandchildren Forrester, Jr. Kaelon, Cranston, Jr., Demetric, Jr., Valencia, Jaelan, Charane, Shemira, Bri'An Treya, Jordan; brothers Earl (Amberee) Baker, Marshall (Doris) Baker; sister Marilyn (Rev. William) Baker McCullough; and a host of nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, relatives and friends. Preceded in death by his father and mother Willis Baker, Sr. and Carrie Mae Baker; Margie Nell Baker. Funeral Services for Mr. Willis Baker Jr. were held Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Herman D. West officiating. Interment followed in Hopewell Cemetery. Active Pallbearers were Darrell Harris, Willie West, Jackie Riley, Ralph Hightower, Bobby Thomason, Sam Ducan, Jr., Larry Moten and Leo King, Jr. Honorary Pallbearers were Forrester Baker, Demetric Love, Juan McCullough, Ernest West, Sammie Johnson, L.O. Epps, Earl Baker, Ryan Baker, Tommy West, Rev. William McCullough, Floyd Stewart, Larry Moten, Surella Walker, Marshall Baker, Jarrett Baker, Jeremiah Baker, Andrew Johnson, Anthony Moten and Edward Shepherd. Emanuel Funeral Home

### JOHN BEN CARRABBA

Mr. John Ben Carrabba, industrialist, entrepreneur, husband, father, and friend passed away on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, California, after a brief illness. Mr. Carrabba was born on November 9, 1927 to Sam and Frances Carrabba in Bryan, Texas. A natural born businessman, John Ben Carrabba started more businesses than can be listed. His first job was at the ripe old age of six when he sold peanuts on the streets of Bryan on Saturdays. During his entrepreneurial career, He owned a filling station, a miniature golf course, a cleaning and alterations shop, a furniture store, a construction business, an assisted living center, a trailer manufacturing plant, a stable bedding plant, a cattle auction barn, an oil and gas company, a vineyard, and various other businesses. He developed subdivisions, commercial lease spaces, and an industrial park, and he raced horses and raised cattle. With eight hundred dollars of borrowed money and an incredible work ethic, he founded Gooseneck Trailer Manufacturing Company in Bryan. The Gooseneck Trailer changed the way that beef cattle were marketed in the Southwest, because of the courage, dedication and intelligence of John Ben Carrabba. Whenever he spotted a trailer on the highway, he would look to see if the Flying Goose was emblazoned on the side. He was one of the four founders of the Bryan Woodbine Oil Field in Brazos County, one of the most prolific fields found in Texas in the late 1970's. While developing that field, he drilled or participated in 73 wells before ever hitting a dry hole. By the time the field had been completed, he had interest in 113 wells in that field. In 1985 he met the love of his life, Cherie, whom he married two years later. John Ben left the only home that he had ever known, Bryan, Texas, to have a life with Cherie. He moved to Crockett, Texas and was constantly quoted as saying it was the best move of his life. He loved Crockett and quickly integrated himself into the community. He moved Carrabba Enterprises to Crockett and began doing what he did best, developing businesses and dabbling in oil and gas. John Ben and Cherie were blessed to find a wonderful and supportive circle of friends in Crockett. They entertained often and were involved in numerous community activities. John Ben loved Cherie's two children, Randy and Ryan, and as a family they traveled throughout the United States showing livestock. During this time he became close friends with several others who showed livestock. He loved

to regale his Crockett friends with tales of their adventures on the road. While John Ben and Cherie were married, they built three homes, an Assisted Living Center, and two office buildings in Crockett, the Panola County Livestock Auction Barn in Carthage, and a home in College Station, along with numerous renovation projects. When people asked them how their marriage survived those building projects, he would say, "We like having a project we can work on together. And, besides that, she knows that I am the boss." Everyone recognized John Ben's love for Cherie, and Randy and Ryan. He was the best step-father that he could possibly be, becoming totally involved in the boys' activities to the point of working in the concession stand at Friday night football games and decorating for the Junior -Senior Proms. He was a member of the "Kollege of Knowledge", a local group of businessmen who met for breakfast five days a week and solved the problems of the world. He was a stockholder in Spring Creek Country Club as well as serving as a member of the Endowment Committee, Financial Committee, and Board of Trustees at First United Methodist Church. He was an Honorary Lifetime Member and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Junior Livestock Association. John Ben was one of the most generous men that ever lived, and he eagerly helped anyone whom he thought he could aid. He was constantly listening to the aspirations of young people and counseling them with the benefit of his experience. In January of 2009, John Ben and Cherie's son, Randy, died, and John Ben's strength and wisdom helped the entire family through that horrible ordeal. John Ben always thought like a young man. He surrounded himself with young people and said that was one of the things that kept him young. The other was Cherie. He drew from her energy and vitality, and he looked and acted like a much younger man. An Aggie, John Ben closely followed Aggie athletics, cheering their victories and agonizing over their defeats. He is pre-deceased by his son, Randall E. Rash, his sister, Rosalie Carrabba Lobello, his mother Frances Carrabba and his father, Sam Carrabba. He is survived by his wife, Cherie Carrabba, his son Ryan Rash of Crockett, and his sister-in-law Michelle Howles, of Crockett. He is also survived by his children from his first marriage and their spouses: David and Candice Carrabba, Mark and Kay Carrabba, and three grandchildren: Grant, Travis, and Ross Carrabba, all of Bryan. He is survived by his employees and friends, Howard Thomas, Mary Jane Walker, Daniel Pasho, Bill Poplin, Earl Krieger, Francisco Arvizu, and Francisco Tapia of Crockett. William Lewis of Crockett was like another son to John Ben. In addition, he is survived by a wealth of friends from all across the country who sent countless messages and phone calls during this period. He was a one of a kind, and will be so deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to have crossed his path. Pallbearers will be George Beeler, Burl Hobson Sr., Dr. Richard Kelly, James Land, Larry Lehman, William Lewis, Bobby Maddox, Dr. Ernst Schwarz, and Howard Thomas. Honorary Pallbearers will be Barbara Beeler, Karen Huffman, Debbie Kelly, Nancy Land, Robbie Lehman, Francisco Arvizu and Mary Jane Walker. Funeral Services are scheduled for Monday, July 19th at 2:00 P.M. at First United Methodist Church in Crockett. Interment will be at the Carrabba's home, La Bella Vista, on Highway 21 West in Crockett, Texas. Donations in his memory may be made to the John Ben Carrabba Memorial, in care of Citizens National Bank, P.O. Box 1420, Crockett, Texas 75835. Proceeds will be distributed to his favorite charities. Geo. H. Lewis & Sons Funeral Home

## SHARON ELAINE NAILL

Ms. Sharon Elaine Naill, age 54 of Pharr, Texas, passed away Friday, June 25, 2010 in the McAllen Medical Center. Ms. Naill was born June 25, 1956 in Harris County, Texas and had been living in Pharr for the past 13 years. She had worked for Medical Solutions. Survivors include her son John E. Jones, of Pharr; mother Lillian Naill, of Crockett; brother Jerry Naill, of Conroe; sister-in-law Jane Mullican and husband Roy, of Gun Barrel City; numerous other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her son Jason Jones; father Walter E. Naill, Sr.; and brother Walter E. Naill, Jr. Funeral Services for Ms. Sharon Elaine Naill were held Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Ivey officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. Condolences for Ms. Naill may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **BOBBY CHARLES BAKER**

Mr. Bobby Charles Baker, age 62 of Lovelady, passed away Friday, July 2, 2010 in the Huntsville Memorial Hospital. Mr. Baker was born July 25, 1947 in Crockett, Texas and had lived in Lovelady most of his lifetime. Mr. Baker was a veteran of the United States Army having served during the Vietnam Era. He was a member of the Dutch Oven Society. Mr. Baker was retired having worked for Lovelady State Bank as second Vice President and Head Cashier. His number one favorite thing was being Papa Bob. He loved to fish and tinker and he loved

reading. Survivors include his son Justin Baker and wife Kris, of Lovelady; daughter TTione Currie and husband Neal, of Trinity; grandchildren Bailey Currie, Holden Currie, Lilly Sizemore, Cynthia Sizemore, Marshall Sizemore, all of Trinity and Morgan Thrasher and Ejay Baker, of Lovelady; sisters Brenda Reed and husband Woody, of Magnolia, Cathy McHargue, of Huntsville; brother Kenny Ray Baker, of Barnes Switch; children's mom Karen Baker, of Trinity; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his parents E. J. and Mary Alice Baker; and sister Winnie Kay Baker Frey. Funeral Services for Mr. Bobby Charles Baker were held Tuesday, July 06, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Mike Loftin and the Rev. C. F. Hazelwood officiating. Interment followed in the Lovelady Antioch Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lovelady Antioch Cemetery Association, c/o Joan Little, 4846 C. R. 3455, Lovelady, Texas 75851. Condolences for Mr. Baker may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### MARCHETA MCANALLY BRANCH

Mrs. Marcheta McAnally Branch, age 84 of Deer Park, Texas, passed away Thursday, July 1, 2010 at her home. Mrs. Branch was born December 10, 1925 in Belott, Texas to the late William and Ollie Thames McAnally. Survivors include her granddaughter Elesha Branch; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her husband Victor C. "Vic" Branch, and her daughter Donna Kay Branch. Funeral Services for Mrs. Marcheta McAnally Branch were held Saturday, July 3, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in Niday Funeral Home with the Rev. Bob Hotton officiating. Graveside Service and interment followed at 4:00 p.m. in Old Glover Cemetery in Grapeland. Niday Funeral Home

### INFANT JORDAN JAMES MOORE

Infant Jordan James Moore, son of James L. Moore, Jr. and Jennifer Ross of Crockett, TX, was reunited with the Lord on Wednesday, June 30, 2010. During his brief two weeks on earth, Jordan brought joy and happiness to his entire family. Jordan also took enjoyment in holding his parents fingers, hugs and kisses from his family, listening as his mommy and daddy talked to him, and being told "I Love You" unaccountable times. Jordan will always remain his parents' precious angel and they will hold him again in heaven one day. Jordan is survived by his parents James L. Moore, Jr. and Jennifer Ross, of Crockett; big brothers Kalen Reed and Tramine Simmons; big sisters Kaniesha Simmons, Nakeita Moore and Silvia Moore, all of Crockett; grandparents Terry Ross, Sr. and Charlotte Johnson, both of Crockett, James L. Moore, Sr., of San Antonio and Mary Johnson, of Gatesville; great-grandmothers Frieda Johnson and Dorothy Ross, both of Crockett; aunts Stacy Ross, Richella Johnson, Deborah Ross and Lois Ball, all of Crockett, Tina Hines, of Gatesville, Diane Smith, of Austin and Sarah Reagans of Rosharon; uncles Terry Ross, Jr., of Houston, Kenny (Cynthia) Moore and Benny (Cindy) Moore, all of Gatesville; a host of cousins, great uncles and great- aunts. Jordan is being greeted in Heaven by his great-grandparents Richard K. Johnson, Sr., and Jake Ross; and great-great grandparent Rebecca Duren. Funeral Services for Infant Jordan James Moore were held Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, 906 North 6th Street, Crockett. Interment followed in Jasper Road Cemetery in Crockett. Emanuel Funeral Home

### JERRY EDWARD MCCLAIN

Mr. Jerry Edward McClain, age 66 of Ratcliff, passed away Tuesday, July 06, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. McClain was born April 09, 1944 in Hagerville, Texas and been living in Ratcliff since 1978. He was a veteran of the United States Army. Mr. McClain had worked as an exterminator for McClain's Pest Control. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing. Survivors include his son Jeffrey "Lance" McClain, of Lumberton; daughter Melissa Ann Roy and husband Phillip J., of Spring; daughter-in-law Cristy McClain, of Lumberton; children's mother Linda McClain, of Ratcliff; grandchildren Ally Roy, Slade Smith, Kaleb Renfro and Kole McClain; brothers Bob McClain and wife Dorothy, of Deweyville, Larry McClain, of Kennard; sister Joan Connally, of Silsbee; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his father Otha H. McClain; mother Mamie McClain; brother Otha H. McClain, Jr.; sister Billie Jean McMullen; and brother Charles McClain. Funeral Services for Mr. Jerry Edward McClain were held Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Ratcliff Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Lacey and the Rev. Jim Durham officiating. Interment followed in the Mount Vernon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Houston County Cancer Support Group, c/o First Community Bank, P.O. Box 172, Crockett, Texas 75835 or American Cancer Society,

212 Gene Samford Drive, Lufkin, Texas 75904. Condolences for Mr. McClain may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### MADGE BREWTON HADID

Mrs. Madge Brewton Hadid, born in Houston County March 1, 1917 to Sam Jones Brewton and Vanona Smith, was born to Eternal Life June 12, 2010. She was one of four siblings: Madeline Adkins, her twin, Virginia McCain and Reva Brewton. After graduating from Crockett High School she worked for Miss Montie's (Monzingo) dress shop in downtown Crockett until she met and married George Hadid of Palestine, Texas. They were married sixty years at the time of George's death in 1999. The driving force in her life was to care for her family, her husband and daughter. She provided a peaceful home, a sanctuary from the everyday cares of daily living. She was a devoted, loving, and selfless wife and mother. "Well done good and faithful servant.....enter thou into the joy of the lord." (Matthew 25:21) Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law Jean and Joe Underwood; nieces and cousins Milton McCain, Rita Moore and Leah Jo Adams, their spouses and children. A private interment for Mrs. Madge Brewton Hadid was held on June 15, 2010 in the Evergreen Memorial Park, Crockett. Condolences for Mrs. Hadid may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### WINWARD GEORGE "WIN" BRADSHAW

Mr. Winward George "Win" Bradshaw, age 86 of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, June 29, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Tyler. Mr. Bradshaw was born September 05, 1923 in Grapeland, Texas and had lived in Crockett most of his lifetime. He was a retired veteran of the United States Army having served during World War II as Sergeant First Class. Mr. Bradshaw was also a retired veteran from the United States Army National Guard having served as First Sergeant for 25 years. He had worked as a car salesman for King Motor Company and had served as Officer for the Houston County Veterans Service for 25 years. Mr. Bradshaw was a supporter of Crockett Merchants Little League, 15 year member and past president of the S.P.J.S.T. Lodge, lifetime member of the National Guard Association of Texas, lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a lifetime member of the American Legion Post # 134. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Crockett. Survivors include his wife Joyce Bradshaw, of Crockett; children Vicki Lynne Bradshaw, of Jacksonville, Michael Win Bradshaw, of Spring and their mother Gwynne Bryce, of Trinity, Eddie Kendrick and wife Karen, Christi Short and husband Clay, all of Crockett; grandchildren Mason Short, Chaice Short, Erin Kendrick, Lauren Newsom and Heather Newsom; sister Pauline Aishman, of Fort Worth; special nieces Cynthia Yahr and Glendia Smoldas, both of Crockett; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives; many special friends including; James Waldrop, Elaine Erwin, Ricky, Rhonda, Jennie and Jessie Flasowski, all of Crockett; special little friend, Caleb Anderson, of Crockett. Preceded in death by his parents Charlie Lee and Fannie Bell (Burns) Bradshaw; brothers Woody Bradshaw, Roy Bradshaw and Vernon Bradshaw; and sister Inez Winn. Funeral Services for Mr. Winward George "Win" Bradshaw were held Saturday, July 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Bro. Jamie Allee officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Crockett and Latexo Athletic Programs and Crockett Merchants Baseball and Softball. Condolences for Mr. Bradshaw may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### DR. WILLIAM HENRY "BILLY" WALTON

Dr. William Henry "Billy" Walton, age 82, went to be with his Lord and Savior on July 1, 2010. He passed away while resting peacefully at his home. His family is grateful for the life he led and the time that they had with him. They also draw comfort from the faith that he lived and trust in the security of his salvation through Christ. Dr. Walton retired in 1987, after working for 19 years as a college administrator. His last position was Dean of Academics at Panola Junior College in Carthage, Texas. Previous jobs included serving as President of Texas Southmost College and pastoring several Methodist churches in East Texas. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Martha Messer Walton; daughter and son-in-law Nancy and Phil Reicheneker; son and daughter-in-law Harold and Brenda Walton; son and daughter-in-law Wyche and Cyndi Walton; daughter and son-in-law Kathleen and Ralph Richardson; three sisters Ruth Logan, JoAnn Larkin, and Dorothy Larkin; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Graveside Services for Dr. William Henry "Billy" Walton" were held July 3, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery in Percilla, Texas with Dr. Jack Schoultz and the Rev. Kenny Bush officiating. To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com

#### 1. IDA MARZEE HARRISON

Mrs. Ida Marzee Harrison, age 91 of Weches, passed away Tuesday, August 10, 2010 in Lufkin. Mrs. Harrison was born September 19, 1917 in Emory. Mrs. Harrison and her husband J.W. Harrison of Weches lived in Houston before moving to the Weches area in 1972. Both were members of the Weches Baptist Church. Survivors include her children Dean Lawler, of Porter, Lawanna (Lawler) Martin, Jessie Lawler, all of Cypress, Joella (Lawler) Jones, of Montgomery, Robert Lawler, of Porter and Sylvia (Harrison) Oliver, of Ratcliff; 24 grandchildren; numerous great and great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband J.W. Harrison. Funeral Services for Mrs. Ida Marzee Harrison were held August 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at O.T. Al-len&Son Funeral Home in Alto with the Rev. Duane Mills officiating. Interment followed in the Weches Cemetery.

#### **CURTIS MORRIS SIDES**

Mr. Curtis Morris Sides, age 79 of Angleton, passed away Saturday, August 14, 2010. Mr. Sides was born February 15, 1931 in Weldon, the oldest child of James Edgar and Mary Shiflett Sides. He moved to Angleton at a young age and attended school in Angleton, where he was a member of the class of 1949. Mr. Sides was a member of Operator's Union Local 450, and a member of Angleton Masonic Lodge #829, where he served as an advisor for the Angleton DeMolay Chapter. Mr. Sides was a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Lucille Yates Sides, of Angleton; son Donald Sides, of Algoa; daughters Vickie Smilie and Nicki Sides, of Angleton; grandchildren Rhonda, Rene, Christopher, Jeff, Amy and Thomas; great-grandchildren Derrick, nicholas, Lane, Cole, Cy, Devin, Sabrina, Jared, Brandon, Bobby, Jeffrey and Alex; great-grandchildren Lukas and Alanna; sisters Georgia Side Bailey and husband Leon, of Livingston and Bette Sides Sweeny, of Alvin; as well as two special aunts. Preceded in death by his parents James Edgar and Mary Shiflett Sides; two sisters Lorene Sides Wade and Nola Sides Matheny; brother James Sides; and granddaughter Tammy Hargrove. Funeral Services for Mr. Curtis Morris Sides were held August 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Palms Funerall Home. Interment followed in Angleton Cemetery. Palms Funeral Home

### **CLAYTON S. BROWN**

Mr. Clayton S. Brown, age 87 of Grapeland, passed away Monday, August 16, 2010 at his residence. Mr. Brown was born January 05, 1923 in Fredericksburg, Texas and had lived the last 27 years in Grapeland, formerly living in Dripping Springs. Mr. Brown was a veteran of the United States Army having served during World War II. He was retired having worked as a plumber and was also a rancher. Mr. Brown attended the Sunset Christian Church in Grapeland. Survivors include his daughters Robin Whittenbaugh and husband John, of Dripping Springs, Beverly Ann Alba and husband Domingo, of San Marcos; grandchildren Lance Alba, Eric Alba, Ian Alba and Robert Alba, of San Marcos; great-grandchildren Lilly Alba and Alena Alba, of San Marcos; sisters Louise McConnell, of Austin, Ruth Thomsen, of Calif.; brothers Lee Brown, of Magnolia and James Brown, of Houston; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his wife Penny Brown; son Clay S. Brown; sisters and brothers Luzettie Monroe, Cora Koenig, Aiderline Churchwell, G. E. Brown, Bascom Brown, Larry Brown, Douglas Brown and Alfreda Whitley. Funeral Services for Mr. Clayton S. Brown were held Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Vance Drum officiating. Military Graveside Services followed in the Brown Family Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 212 Gene Samford Drive, Lufkin, Texas 75904. Condolences for Mr. Brown may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## MICHAEL CHRIS "BIG MIKE" PARVIN

Mr. Michael Chris "Big Mike" Parvin, age 53 of Crockett, passed away Friday, July 23, 2010 after a brave and valiant battle with cancer. Mr. Parvin was born November 17, 1956 in Alhambra, California and had been living in Crockett. Mr. Parvin was a member of the Crockett Elks Lodge. He had worked for K&S Plumbing and he loved bass fishing. Survivors include his wife Nancee Parvin, of Crockett; stepdaughter April Hatfield; stepgrandchildren Scott Hatfield, Jacobb Hatfield, Mia Hatfield and Kaleb Hatfield, all of Crockett; brother Jackie Parvin and his wife Lorrie, of Pomona, Calif.; nephews and nieces Brian Parvin and wife Tonja, and their children, Tyler, Ian and Lauryn Parvin, all of Las Vegas, Nev., Matthew Parvin, of Bozeman, MT, Natalie Parvin, Tracy Parvin, Mark Parvin and Bridgette Parvin, all of Seattle, Wash.; cousins Rita Yotti and husband John, Connie Stroud, Tommy Stroud, all of San Dimas, Calif., Susie Boggs, of Las Vegas, Nevada, Larry Boggs and Charlie Boggs, both of San Dimas, Calif. Preceded in death by his father Jack Parvin; mother Fayette (Mason) Parvin; and

brother Ray Parvin, all of La Puente, California. Memorial Services for Mr. Michael Chris "Big Mike" Parvin will be held Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Crockett with the Rev. Todd White officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael Parvin Memorial Fund, c/o Callaway-Allee Funeral Home, 700 East Houston Avenue, Crockett, Texas 75835. Condolences for Mr. Parvin may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### O. K. MCCARTY

Mr. O. K. McCarty, age 87 of Crockett, formerly of Lovelady, passed away Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at his residence. Mr. McCarty was born April 15, 1923 in Houston County, Texas and had lived most of his lifetime in Lovelady. Mr. McCarty was retired from Lovelady I. S. D. with 33 years of service and attended the Lovelady Church of Christ. Survivors include his daughters Marlene Sanders and husband Ernie, of Lovelady, Frances Martin, of Crockett, Marsha Popillion and husband Boyd, of Grapeland; eight grandchildren Teresa Whitney and husband Gary, of Lovelady, Melissa Allen and husband Andrew, of Latexo, Julie Hernandez, of Crockett, Crystal Jaurez and husband Salud, of Crockett, Lea-Ann Hargrove and husband Randy Jr., of Crockett, Misty Ross and husband Tony, of Crockett, Wesley Kosechata and wife April, of Crockett and Amanda Popillion and husband Travis, of Crockett; 14 great-grandchildren; sons-in-law Curtis Wolf, John Little and Walter Kosechata; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his wife, Annie Belle McCarty; great-grandson Maurice Martinez; and sisters Viola McCarty and Lois McCarty. Funeral Services for Mr. O. K. McCarty were held Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Mr. Randy Jones Officiating. Interment followed in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Condolences for Mr. McCarty may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### JEANETTE CASKEY EWING

Mrs. Jeanette Caskey Ewing, age 79 of Frisco, Texas passed away Tuesday, August 17, 2010 in Grace Presbyterian Village in Dallas. Mrs. Ewing was born July 30, 1931 in Crockett, Texas and had been living in Frisco for the past 7 years. Survivors include her son Christopher Ewing and wife Ashley, of Little Rock, Ark.; daughter Kari Mason and husband Carrington, of Dallas; grandchildren Brennan Mason, of Dallas, Preston and Elizabeth Ewing, of Little Rock, Ark.; sister Charlene Caskey Chapman, of Dallas; uncle C.B. Saxon, of Crockett; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, William Boyd Ewing. Funeral Services for Mrs. Jeanette Caskey Ewing were held Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Ottis Byers officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 212 Gene Samford Drive, Lufkin, Texas 75904. Condolences for Mrs. Ewing may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### **EUNICE MCCELVEY**

Mrs. Eunice McCelvey, age 95 of San Marcos, Texas, beloved and cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, passed away on Monday, August 16, 2010. Mrs. McCelvey was born March 3, 1915, in Houston County, Texas, to Walter E. and Ida (Evans) Ellisor. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in San Marcos for many years. Survivors include her two sons R.B. McCelvey and wife Becky, of Luling and Rex McCelvey, of Cotulla; four daughters Maxine Barnes, of New Braunfels, Shirley Saathoff, of San Marcos, Lajean McCelvey, of San Antonio and Jo Jones and husband Randy, of Marble Falls; sister Nollie Woolley, of Houston; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband Robert (R.D.) McCelvey (2008); son-in-law P.H. Barnes; grandsons Rob McCelvey and Brett McCelvey; and great-grandson James Jones. Private family graveside services will be held. Obituary and guestbook online at HYPERLINK "http://www.penningtonfuneralhome.com" www.penningtonfuneralhome.com Pennington Funeral Home

## ARMINTA MARY CARTER ARNOLD

Mrs. Arminta Mary Carter Arnold, age 90 of Crockett, passed away Friday, July 30, 2010 in the Methodist Hospital in Houston. Mrs. Arnold was born April 19, 1920 at home in Galveston, Texas while her father was attending medical school. She grew up in Austin. While attending the University of Texas she met and married Douglas Harold Arnold. They returned to make their home in Crockett after World War II. As an active member

of First Baptist Church, Arminta served tirelessly as church librarian, WMU director, Girls Auxiliary leader and many other roles. She was especially honored to serve as trustee for East Texas Baptist University, one of Doug's alma mater's. Always involved in the Community, she was a member of the Magnolia Garden Club, past president of the Crockett PTA, and a docent for the Downes-Aldrich House. She also served as drive chairman for the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association. In her later years, she loved to travel and join her friends for bridge games. She was happiest when doing for others and will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Survivors include her daughters Lynda Habbinga and husband Dr. Richard Habbinga, of Austin and Gail Matthews and husband Mike Matthews, of Crockett; grandchildren Ellen Matthews, of College Station, Lara Liebhart and husband Joseph, of Jersey City, N. J. and John Habbinga, of Lubbock; great-grandchildren Shawn Liebhart and Eric Liebhart; nieces Cynthia Love and husband Jack, of Shreveport, La. and Shannon McNeil, of Austin; numerous other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her husband Doug Arnold; parents Dr. Carl Estes Carter and Vida Lenora (Baker) Carter; brother Wendell Carter; sister-in-law Faye Carter; father -in-law and mother-in-law Leonard and Della Arnold. Funeral Services for Mrs. Arminta Mary Carter Arnold were held Tuesday, August 03, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Crockett with the Rev. Keeney Dickenson officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Library, 801 E. Goliad, Crockett, Texas 75835 or Charity of Choice. Condolences for Mrs. Arnold may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **MAXINE MAGEE MABRY**

Mrs. Maxine Magee Mabry, age 80 of Pennington, passed away Friday, August 6, 2010 in the St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. Mrs. Mabry was born October 13, 1929 in Trinity County, Texas and was a resident of Pennington. She was a housewife and a member of the Pennington Baptist Church. Survivors include her nieces Cinda Norsworthy and husband David, of Pennington, Pam Kemper and husband Jason, of Woodlake and Brenda Callahan and husband Dennis, of Crockett; sister-in-law Jenny Magee, of Groveton; aunt Annie Lee Reynolds, of Pennington; uncle Hoyt Thompson, of Friday; great-nieces Amy, Erika, Tera, Amber, Amanda; great-nephew Kyle; great-great-nephews Blake, Troy, Chad; great-great-nieces Carley, Madison, Allisyn, Sydney, Clara Jewel, Sarah Beth and Mallory. Preceded in death by her husband Marshall Mabry; parents Willie and Erma Magee; and brother Jamie Magee. Funeral Services for Mrs. Maxine Magee Mabry were held Monday, August 9, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Pennington Baptist Church with Bro. M. L. "Bud" Magee officiating. Interment followed in the Pennington Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pennington Baptist Church Building Fund. Condolences for Mrs. Mabry may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### RENA PRICE PRINGLE

Mrs. Rena Price Pringle, age 91 of Longview, formerly of Crockett, passed away Saturday, August 7, 2010 in the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview. Mrs. Pringle was born August 16, 1918 in Houston County, Texas and had been living in Longview, previously living in Crockett. Mrs. Pringle was retired having worked for Continental Telephone Company and was a member of the Judson Road Church of Christ. Survivors include her daughter Patricia Collins, of Longview; grandson Gavin Collins and wife Karen, of Hallsville; great-grandson Steven Collins, of Hallsville; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Weldon and Ruth Pringle, of Alto. Preceded in death by her husband A. J. Pringle; and parents Mood Price and Maude (Turner) Price. Graveside Funeral Services for Mrs. Rena Price Pringle were held Monday, August 9, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Evergreen Memorial Park with Mr. Carl Allen officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michelle Lynn Holsey Foundation P.O. Box 652, Crockett, Texas 75835. Condolences for Mrs. Pringle may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### JOHN ROLAND "JOHNNY" BEAR

Mr. John Roland "Johnny" Bear, age 65 of Crockett, passed away Sunday, August 8, 2010, in the East Texas Medical-Center. Mr. Bear was born July 21, 1945 in Crockett, Texas and was a lifetime resident of Crockett. Mr. Bear was a member of the Lothrop Masonic Lodge #21 A.F. & A.M. having served as Worshipful Master in the past. He was a 33° Master Mason. He belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 509 and was currently serving as Worthy Patron. He was a 2008 Initiate of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Mr. Bear was owner and operator

of Bear Machine Shop for many years and was a U.S. Census worker. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Crockett. Survivors include his children Elizabeth Moore and husband John, of Crockett and John Robert Bear and girl friend Amanda Starr, of Fairfield; grandchildren Charity and Chasidy Starr, of Fairfield; special friend Nancy Reynolds, of Madisonville; numerous nieces and other relatives. Funeral Services for Mr. John Roland "Johnny" Bear were held Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Crockett with Dr. Jerry House and Ms. Cindy Parker officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church Children's Fund, P.O. Box 984, Crockett, Texas 75835. Condolences for Mr. Bear may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## JOYCE ELAINE LUCAS HOBSON

Mrs. Joyce Elaine Lucas Hobson, age 74 of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at her daughter's residence in Jennings, Louisiana. Mrs. Hobson's wish was to be cremated. During the 60's and 70's Mrs. Hobson was a resident of Jennings, La., where she and her former husband (Gerald Hobson) were the owners of Hobson's Gulf Service and Hobson's Wrecker Service. She returned to Texas in 1980 where she began working as a cashier for convenience stores. For more than 30 years she greeted customers with a friendly smile and a warm welcome. For the last nine years she was a loyal and dedicated employee of Tetco on the Loop in Crockett, Texas. Survivors include her daughter Deidra Reed and husband Kyle, of Jennings, La.; sister Edna Bounds Kirk, of Cut and Shoot; two brothers Norman Lucas and wife Carla and Dorman Lucas and wife Joan, all of Crockett; two grandchildren Kylie Reed, of Lafayette, La. and Macie Reed of Jennings, La.; nieces and nephews Debbie Bounds, of Spring, Randy Bounds, of Cut and Shoot, Keith Lucas, of Crockett and Becky George, of Wynn, Ark. A Memorial Service for Mrs. Joyce Elaine Lucas Hobson will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at Harvest Church with the Rev. Dennis Ivey officiating. The family requests that donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or flowers may be sent to the Harvest Church, 1405 E. Loop 304, Crockett, Tx. Words of comfort may be expressed to the family at www.miguezfuneralhome.com. Miguez Funeral Home

### **BONNIE FAYE SAUERS**

Mrs. Bonnie Faye Sauers, age 75, passed away Monday, July 26, 2010 at her home near Nixon. Mrs. Sauers was born in Lovelady, Texas on June 5, 1935. Survivors include her husband Donald Lee Sauers, of Victoria; daughters Nancy Stepherson O'Donnell, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Glenda Pompa, of Goliad; son Scott E. Allee, of Karnes City; two sisters Nelda Moore, of Lovelady and Janet Robison, of Spring; seven grandchildren Michael, Kara, Carol, C.J., Amber, Tyler and Austin; four great-grandchildren Sierra, Tanner, Aidan, and Evan; numerous nieces and nephews; as well as other relatives and many friends. Preceded in death by her parents Hollis and Eunice (Alverson) Moore; two brothers Guy Gene Moore and Hollis Moore; and a sister Nanette Vondra. Funeral Services for Mrs. Bonnie Faye Sauers were held Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Smiley United Methodist Church with Dr. Robert Price officiating. Interment followed in the Smiley Baptist Cemetery. Pallbearers Robert Henry Pattillo, Willie Bustamante Jr., Ben Whitsitt, Danny Goynes, Tyler Goynes, and Austin Goynes. Memorial contributions may be made to the Smiley United Methodist Church or to the charity of one's choice. Finch Funeral Chapel

### DONALD LEE "BUDDY" SAUERS

Mr. Donald Lee "Buddy" Sauers, age 78 of Nixon, passed away Wednesday, July 28, 2010. Mr. Sauers was born in Victoria, Texas on August 1, 1931. Survivors include his daughters Nancy Stepherson O'Donnell, of Murfreesboro, Tenn. and Glenda Pompa, of Goliad; son Scott E. Allee, of Karnes City; step-mother Cassie Mae Sauers; four siblings Marilyn Shriver, Lionel R. Sauers, Horace Lloyd Tettleton, all of Corpus Christi and Gilbert Keys, of Lockhart; seven grandchildren Michael, Kara, Carol, C.J., Amber, Tyler and Austin; four great-grandchildren Sierra, Tanner, Aidan, and Evan; numerous nieces and nephews; as well as other relatives and many friends. Preceded in death by his parents Ben and Elsie Marie (Adams) Sauers; and his wife Bonnie Faye (Moore) Sauers, on July 26, 2010. A Memorial Service for Mr. Donald Lee "Buddy" Sauers were held Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Finch Funeral Chapel of Nixon with Dr. Robert Price officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Smiley United Methodist Church or to the charity of one's choice. Finch Funeral Chapel

## **EVA RUTH HOGAN**

Mrs. Eva Ruth Hogan, age 79 of Grapeland, passed away Sunday, August 1, 2010 at Trucare Living Center in Palestine. Mrs. Hogan was born February 28, 1931 in Grapeland to E.H. and Emma Lively Denman. Survivors include her son James Michael Hogan, of Grapeland; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents E.H. and Emma Lively Denman; husband Harold Hogan; brothers O.T. Denman, and Boyd Denman; and a twin sister Lottie Sue Denman Bedford. Graveside Services for Mrs. Eva Ruth Hogan were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at Evergreen Cemetery with Mr. Lloyd Dickey officiating. To view online, leave condolences or sign the guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey & Foster Funeral Home

### **ROY DEAN SMITH**

Mr. Roy Dean Smith, age 64 of Kennard, passed away Sunday, August 1, 2010 at his residence. Mr. Smith was born December 28, 1945 in Crockett, Texas and had lived in Kennard. Mr. Smith had worked as manager for Piccadilly Cafeteria for 37 years and had also worked for Consumer's for 6 years. He was of the Baptist Faith. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Sally Smith, of Kennard; sons Roy Dean Smith, Jr., of Bossier City, La. and Randy Smith, of Shreveport, La.; sister Marilyn Bock and husband Phil, of Loveland, Colo.; sister-in-law Jean Ward, of Grapeland; brother-in-law James Jackson and wife Elsie, of Rockport; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his parents Elmer Smith and Gladys Martin Smith; brothers Timothy Lee Smith, Elmer Smith, Jr. and John Henry Smith; and sister Louise Smith. The family will be having a private graveside service for Mr. Roy Dean Smith. Condolences for Mr. Smith may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### DAVID LYNN WHITEHEAD

Mr. David Lynn Whitehead, age 60 of Weimar, passed away Sunday, July 25, 2010. Mr. Whitehead was born in Crockett, March 24, 1950, to Clifton and Corene Whitehead. He was a 1968 graduate of Grapeland High School and received his teaching degree from Sam Houston State University. Mr. Whitehead was an educator for many years and upon retiring from the school system, he opened his own antique shop. Survivors include his three children, son Christopher Whitehead, of New Ulm, daughters Kimberly Taylor and husband Donnie, of Seattle, Wash. and Allyson Whitehead, of Corpus Christi; one sister Peggy Emmons, of Grapeland; and four brothers John Whitehead, of San Antonio, Winston Whitehead, of Grapeland, Leon Whitehead, of Kurten and Anthony Whitehead of Huffman. A Private Memorial Service was held for the family. A memorial marker in his honor will be placed at Whitehead Cemetery.

### JAMES W. WOOLLEY

Mr. James W. Woolley, age 69 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, August 4, 2010 in Hospice in the Pines in Lufkin. Mr. Woolley was born July 19, 1941 in Houston County, Texas and had lived in Crockett most of his lifetime. Mr. Woolley was a veteran of the United States National Guard. He was a past member of the Lions Club and was a member of the Shady Grove Baptist Church. He had worked for Cameron Iron Work. Survivors include his wife Barbara Woolley, of Crockett; son Jimmy D. Woolley and wife Danica, of Corsicana; grandchildren Jada and Jaylee Woolley, of Corsicana; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his parents Jimmy and Annie Mae Woolley. Graveside Funeral Services for Mr. James W. Woolley were held Saturday, August 07, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Shady Grove Cemetery with the Rev. John Goss officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice in the Pines, 116 South Raguet, Lufkin, Texas 75904. Condolences for Mr. Woolley may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **MARGUERITE "MAGGIE" RICHARDS**

Mrs. Marguerite "Maggie" Richards, age 91 of Lovelady, passed away Thursday, August 5, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Richards was born November 19, 1918 and enjoyed living in the country. Mrs. Richards was retired having worked in the Banking business in bookkeeping. She loved her grandkids and great-grandkids. Mrs. Richards was a member of the Lovelady Church of Christ and was a faithful Christian. She loved birds and history of Houston County. Mrs. Richards enjoyed quilt making and crocheting. Survivors include her son Bill Cannon, of Palacios; daughter Frankie Wells and husband Leron, of Lovelady; grandchildren Leron Thomas Wells III and wife Jenny, of Sugar Land and Shelly Bellis and husband Bobby, of Lovelady; great-grandchildren Kyle Bellis, Leah Bellis and David Lee Wells; very special and dear friends, Carol and Mike

Broxson, of Lovelady; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband Homer Richards; first husband Homer Franklin Cannon; one infant daughter and twin infant sons. Funeral Services for Mrs. Marguerite "Maggie" Richards were held Saturday, August 7, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lovelady Church of Christ with Mr. David Baker officiating. Interment followed in the Lovelady Antioch Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice in the Pines, 116 Raguet, Lufkin, Texas 75904 or Houston County Home Health Care, P. O. Box 1372, Crockett, Texas 75835. Condolences for Mrs. Richards may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **CODY RYAN POPP**

Cody Ryan Popp, age 20, on July 23, 2010 a cowboy was taken from his place on earth to be with his Lord and Savior. Cody was born on April 25, 1990. Cody graduated from Huntsville High School in 2008. He was a Senior Flagman for the class of 2008 and was a Life Time Member of the Walker County Fair Association where he showed goats. Cody loved life and most of all his family and friends. He was a true outdoorsman, loving to hunt, fish and his new found love for BULL RIDING. Those left to cherish his memories are his parents Dale Popp and Cindy Tatsch; sister Brandy Popp and fiancé Blake Turner; step-dad Richard Tatsch; stepbrother and sister Cole and Leah Tatsch; grandmothers and grandfather Josephine Popp and Jessie and Winfred Estell; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Preceded in death by his Grandpa's Herbert Popp and Preston Warren. Funeral Services for Cody Ryan Popp were held Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at 10:00 am, at University Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas. Interment followed at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Nada, Texas. In lieu of flowers Memorial Donations should be made to the Walker County Fair Association or Charitable organization of your choice. RIDE COWBOY RIDE Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home

### JAMES WILLIAM REED

Mr. James William Reed, age 76 of Grapeland, passed away at his home Sunday, July 25, 2010. Mr. Reed was born August 14, 1933 in Teague to Wesley Aden and Mary Modine Reed. He was a self employed Lease Operator Contract Truckman. He was a wonderful devoted husband, loving father and grandfather a devout Christian and a hard worker. Mr. Reed was a member of the First Baptist Church Grapeland, a Godly leader obedient to the call of Christ. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Marie Reed; daughter Penny Howard and husband Tim Howard; son James Wesley Reed; sisters Janice Choate and husband Norman Choate and Syble Minter and husband Johnny Minter; brother Glynn Reed and wife Nita Reed; mother-in-law Matti Nick; sisters-inlaw Pearl Moss, Eva McKinney, Matti Lou Richardson and Edwena Martin; grandchildren and greatgrandchildren T. C. Howard and wife Amy Howard, their children Blake and Emma Howard, Melissa Cobb and husband Chuck Cobb, their children Loren, Madison and Ryleigh Cobb, Nicole Reed and her children Casey and Caylee Morris, Jerred Reed and Jamie Reed. Preceded in death by his parents Wesley Aden and Mary Modine Reed; and brother Herbert Reed. Funeral Services for Mr. James William Reed were held Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Grapeland with the Rev. David Bradley and the Rev. Wes Johnson officiating. Interment followed in Whitehead Cemetery in Grapeland Pallbearers will be Chris Minter, Wesley Minter, Randall Wash, Brian McKechnie, Jason Lansford, Tim Reed and Ross Richardson. In lieu of flowers family request donations may be made to First Baptist Church Grapeland Building Fund, P.O. Box 283, Grapeland, Texas 75844. To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey & Foster Funeral Home

## **BEN WINFRED MILLS**

Mr. Ben Winferd Mills, age 89 of Lovelady, passed from this life on July 23, 2010 while at his son Kim's house in Highlands, Tx., which is a suburb of Houston. He had been living with his son since falling ill 2 months ago. Mr. Mills was born near Lovelady on a farm and was the youngest child. During his lengthy life, he was a laborer, farmer, chauffeur, Chevrolet mechanic, welder, construction worker and as he phrased it, a "Jack-Of-All-Trades." He was also a self-professed country singer, often playing his guitar and singing at Nursing Homes in Trinity, Crockett and Groveton and many others in the Houston and Grandbury area. Even well into his 80's, Mr. Mills jokingly declared he enjoyed "playing music for the "old folks." He performed several times in Lovelady's Old School Gym with notables such as Moe Bandy, Johnny Rodriguez and Johnny Horton. He also performed at a fundraiser for the Tex Ritter Monument in Carthage when he lived with his niece Annette Burnum. Mr. Mills

always loved the country life, so when given the opportunity, he moved back to Lovelady in 2005 with his wife, Doris Vaughn Mills. They lived on Houston Street in a house owned by his niece, MaeDean Harrelson, who graciously made it possible for him to fulfill one of his final wishes by returning back to Lovelady where he was raised. He started school at age 5 at Antioch and in 1926 began attending Prairie Point School which was later consolidated with the Lovelady Schools. when he was 16-years-old, He quit school in order to help his family with expenses and at age 17 enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corp. (CCC). At age 19 he re-enlisted in the CCC in Apple Springs, at a cost of \$44. Later he was discharged, "at the convenience of the Government," then went into the military service. In 1942 He enlisted in the Coast Guard, training for combat in Lapoorte. At the time of his enlistment, both his brothers were already in the service, stationed in Australia, so Mr. Mills hoped to meet up with them. However, during WWII he fought in the Philippines Liberation, taking shrapnel from a Japanese bomber in both legs and received medical treatment aboard the hospital ship, "USS Mercy" and later at a hospital in New Guinea. Mr. Mills received a Purple Heart and earned a Bronze Star. He was a lifetime member of the DAV and VFW, making regular donations to both organizations. Mr. Mills hobbies included playing music, gardening, hunting and fishing. He had a garden and enjoyed growing a variety of vegetables, including "Yard Long Beans." He joked that it took only one long bean to feed him and Doris. In September 2008 he had his picture in the "Houston County Courier" newspaper for growing an extremely large pear. Survivors include his one daughter Sherry Lewis, of Woodville, Ala.; two sons Bennie Dale Mills, of New Braunfels and Kim Winferd Mills, of Highlands, with his former wife of 41 years Evelyn Killingsworth; eight grandchildren Richard Moore, of Splendora, Laura Chambers, of Woodville, Ala., Tanya Novosad, of Crosby, Deanna Mills, of Temple, Erica Staufer, of Georgetown, Deidra Mills, of Austin, Dale Mills, of New Braunfels and Kevin Wayne Mills, of Beaumont; nine greatgrandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. Preceded in death by his parents Frank Watson Mills and Sarah Ringo Mills his father passed away when Ben was 6-months-old; two brothers frank James Mills and Jesse Dean Mills; three sisters Mamie Mills, Daisy Morgan and Ola Mae Robison Mr. Ben Winferd Mills was buried in his family's plot in Evergreen Cemetery in Lovelady. Waller-Thornton Funeral Home

### JUDY BETH SHUPAK

Mrs. Judy Beth Shupak, age 60 of Lovelady, passed away Monday, July 26, 2010 at her residence in Lovelady. Mrs. Shupak was born February 17, 1950 in Crockett, Texas and had lived her lifetime in Lovelady. She had worked as a bookkeeper. Survivors include her husband Rex Shupak, of Lovelady; sons Brian (Peewee) Shupak and wife Stacey, Burt Shupak, and J. R. Shupak and wife Danna, all of Lovelady; daughter-in- law Polly Shupak, of Austonio; grandchildren Dalton, Dillon, Dustin, Dayton, T. J., Samantha, Haley, Shelby and Jaxson; brothers Billie Hill and wife Sue, of Crockett, Bobbie Hill, of Dew, Jimmy Hill, of Nacogdoches, Jerry Hill and wife Rae, of San Augustine and Mack Hill and wife Donna, of Corsicana; sister Bettie Estell, of Nacogdoches; brother-inlaw and sister-in-law Larry and Barbara Shupak, of Lovelady; numerous nieces and nephews; lifelong friends Louise Woodson and the late Faye Woodson; special friends Tuffy and Jo Ann Van Dyke; God sent friends Kandias and Blue Choate; special friends through medicine Dr. Alan Mobley, Dr. E. Abbasi and Dr. Maria Sosa. Preceded in death by his parents Joe and Pauline Hill; brothers Cleo Pierce and Jack Hill; and sisters-in-law Lettie Hill, Madeline Pierce and Glenda Hill. Funeral Services for Mrs. Judy Beth Hill were held Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel. Interment followed in the Lovelady Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lovelady High School Scholarship Fund, Lovelady, Texas 75851. Condolences for Mrs. Shupak may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### JIMMY FRANKLIN HARRISON

Mr. Jimmy Franklin Harrison, age 62 of Kennard, passed away Monday, July 26, 2010. Mr. Harrison was born in Crockett, Texas on December 13, 1947 to Jack and Geneva English Harrison and lived most of his lifetime in Kennard. He was baptized at the early age of nine and in later years was a member of Centerhill Methodist Church. In August of 1966, he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors include his mother Geneva Harrison, of Lufkin; daughters Tiffany Harrison Stubblefield and Shanna Harrison James and husband Michael, all of Lovelady; mother of his children Lana VanDeaver, of Huntsville; and four grandchildren, all of Lovelady, Ty and Jacy Stubblefield and Madelyn and Cody James; sister Brenda and husband Terry Stubblefield, of Kennard; niece Mandy and husband Kyle Palmer, of Tyler; and nephew Trevor Stubblefield, of Kennard. Preceded in death by his father Jack Allen Harrison. Funeral Services for Mr. Jimmy

Franklin Harrison were held on Friday, July 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel. Military Graveside Services will followed in the Harrison Family Cemetery. Condolences for Mr. Harrison may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## WILLIAM BOYD "BO" EWING

Mr. William Boyd "Bo" Ewing, age 81 of Frisco, passed away Wednesday, July 28, 2010 in the Grace Presbyterian Rehabilitation Center in Dallas. Mr. Ewing was born January 21, 1929 in Mercedes, Texas and had been living in Frisco for the past 7 years. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force having served during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Ewing was a retired real estate investor. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Jeanette Caskey Ewing of Dallas; son Christopher Ewing and wife Ashley, of Little Rock, Ark.; daughters Kari Mason and husband Carrington, of Dallas and Emily Finchum of Oklahoma City, Okla.; grandchildren Brennan Mason, of Dallas, Preston Ewing, Elizabeth Ewing, both of Little Rock, Ark. and Kristi Puerta, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; great-grandchild Jett Puerta, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; sister-in-law Charlene Caskey Chapman, of Dallas; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Funeral Services for Mr. William Boyd "Bo" Ewing were held Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Keeney Dickenson officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 212 Gene Samford Drive, Lufkin, Texas 75904. Condolences for Mr. Ewing may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## JUANITA LUCILLE "NITA" (HARRINGTON) TROUTMAN

Mrs. Juanita Lucille "Nita" (Harrington) Troutman, age 85 of Crockett, formerly of Baytown, passed away Tuesday, July 27, 2010 in the Houston County Nursing Home in Crockett. Mrs. Troutman was born February 25, 1925 in Gainsville, Texas and had lived in Crockett for several years, previously living in Baytown. She was a housewife and ministers wife for 53 years and a member of the Harvest Church in Crockett. Survivors include her two daughters Saundra Grace "Sandy" McCullough and special son-in-law Daniel Lee "Dan" McCullough and Sharon Anita Bruner, all of Crockett; special adopted daughters Peggy Whiteaker, of Baytown and Mary Ann Huff, of Johnson City, Tenn.; four grandsons Dwayne Lee Caswell, of Beaumont, Mark Olen McCullough and wife Heather Danielle McCullough, of Spokane, Mo., James Darren McCullough and wife Sara Jeanette McCullough, of Crockett and Michael Lee Little and wife Charlotte Little, of Ozona; special adopted granddaughter Melissa Whiteaker, of Baytown; nine great-grandchildren Taylor Lee Caswell, of Beaumont, Devin Edward Caswell, of Huntsville, Devin Anthony McCullough, Alayna Jordyn McCullough, Madison Avery McCullough, all of Spokane, Mo., Alexander Grace "Allie" McCullough, of New Caney, Brady Warren McCullough, of Crockett, Gage Little and Jakob Olen Little, both of Ozona; special friends Frank Horton and Betty Martinka. Preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Rev. Olen Troutman; mother Lula Small Harrington; father John Henry Harrington; brothers Hubert John Harrington, Robert Francis "Bob" Harrington and Eugene Ray "Gene" Harrington; and sisters Ollie Mae Minter and Ruby Marie Ellis. Funeral Services for Mrs. Juanita Lucille "Nita" (Harrington) Troutman were held Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Jimmy Charles and the Rev. James Shepard officiating. Interment followed in the Latexo Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charity of Choice. Condolences for Mrs. Troutman may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### 1. ETHEL EARLINE BIRDWELL CLINE

Mrs. Ethel Earline Birdwell Cline, age 74, went to be with the Lord Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 1:47 p.m. at Conroe Regional Hospital after a short illness. Mrs. Cline was born September 24, 1935 to Floyd and Lillie Mae Birdwell. She graduated from Willis High school in 1954, where she played the clarinet in the band. Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Kenneth C. Cline; daughter Debora Cline Nelms and husband Robert; brother Jimmy Birdwell and wife Eloise; sister Martha Birdwell Matchett and husband Glenn; brother Eddy Birdwell and wife Kathy; numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews and great and great-great-grand nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her Parents Floyd and Lillie Mae Birdwell; and brother Delbert Birdwell. Funeral Services for Mrs. Ethel Earline Birdwell Cline were held Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 10:00 am in the First Baptist Church of Grangerland. Interment followed at 2:20 p.m. at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Crockett. You

may leave a tribute to the family at HYPERLINK "http://www.metcalffuneraldirectors.com" www.metcalffuneraldirectors.com. The family request in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association at 2400 Augusta Dr # 175 Houston, TX 77057-4954. Metcalf Funeral Directors

## MODENE PLATT BRABHAM

Mrs. Modene Platt Brabham, age 95, graduated to glory on September 19, 2010. Mrs. Brabham was born September 12, 1915 to John and Lois Mae Platt in Latexo, Texas. Her long and full life was made up of many devotions. She was devoted to her husband and soulmate, C.L. "Brab" Brabham, until he died in 1993. She was devoted to her five children, their spouses, her seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was devoted to her friends and to a life that always included room for a visitor or two or 12. Mrs. Brabham was devoted to her favorite sport - baseball - and the team she loved - the Texas Rangers. She was very gifted and talented in her long life, being involved in leadership in the PTA plus a long-standing member of the Republican Women in Fairfield, Texas. She also had a great love for animals - cows, horses, cats and dogs, especially Angel, Lady and Tabby (the cat). Most of all, however, she was devoted to her Savior, Jesus. She loved His church as her family. She always sought to include, not exclude and she would remember your name from the first time she met you. She did that because, to her, everyone was special. Those who knew her loved her. Those who loved her will miss her. Those who knew her love for her God, rest in the comfort that she has gone to be with Him in glory for eternity. Her unbounded love will be missed, but we all look with hope to the reunion with her in the life to come. Survivors include all five of her children Larry Brabham, Brenda Gibbs, Sandy Terry, Marilyn Holland and Donna Lange; dear sister and brother-in-law Rosie and John Simmons; four children-in-law Ann Brabham, Bob Gibbs, Phil Terry and Ron Holland; grandchildren Michelle Brabham, Kenny Brabham, Bryce Gibbs, John Terry, Shelley Park, Sara Holland and Meghann Jones; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral Services for Mrs. Modene Platt Brabham will be Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Christ at 700 Post Oak Road in Fairfield. Graveside Services will be 2:00 p.m. at Center Hill Cemetery near Lovelady. The family is asking that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Pearl Harbor Church of Christ-England Mission Fund for the mission efforts in the UK of Sandy and Phil Terry. The address for the church is 515 Main Street Honolulu, HI 96818. Another option, because of Modene's love for animals, a donation in her memory to the S.P.C.A. Chapter of your choice would be appropriate and appreciated. To view an online obituary, send a personalized sympathy card, or leave the family a personal tribute, please visit our website at www.cappschapel.com Capps Memorial Chapel

### SYLVIA LEAMONS LIVELY

Mrs. Sylvia Leamons Lively, age 92 of Grapeland, departed this life Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at ETMC-Crockett. Mrs. Lively was born January 11, 1918 in Grapeland, Texas to William Duke and Mattie Ann Morehead Leamons. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She married M.T. (Red) Lively July 23, 1938. They were the parents of two daughters Virginia and June. Survivors include her daughters Virginia Ann Higgon and husband George, of Brazoria and June Garst, of Conroe; grandsons James Franklin Thompson, Christopher Wayne Hinman and Douglas Anthony Landry; great-grandchildren Jamie, Chris, Lauren and Tiffany Thompson, Amanda and Cassie Hinman and Elizabeth Landry, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. Preceded in death by her husband M.T. (Red) Lively May 18, 2000; parents William Duke and Mattie Ann Morehead Leamons; six brothers Wallace Leamons, Arthur Leamons, J.D. Leamons, A.C. Leamons, E.T. Leamons and Howard Leamons; four sisters Willie Mae Stockbridge, Johnie Lee Marable, Gertrude Adams and Marjorie Graham Gale. Funeral Services for Mrs. Sylvia Leamons Lively were held Sunday, September 26, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Grapeland with Alan Sowders and Gary Taylor officiating. Interment followed in Livelyville Cemetery. Pallbearers were her grandsons. To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey&Foster Funeral Home

### DIANNA ELIZABETH (BUFF) DEAN WILLIAMS BOWMAN

Mrs. Dianna Elizabeth (Buff) Dean Williams Bowman, age 68, of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, September 21, 2010. She was born September 7, 1942 in Crockett, Texas and was a resident of Crockett all of her lifetime. Buff graduated from Crockett High School in 1961 after spending four active years with her friends and classmates. During her high school years she served on the student council and was involved in many school clubs. She was an organizing member of the Crockett Drill Team, the Crockettes, and served as an officer and Choreographer for

this organization. She was President of the Crockett Pep Squad and was elected Senior Class Favorite by her class. During these years she sang with the choral group, the Clarettes, directed by Mrs. Paul Stokes. She grew up as a member of the First Baptist Church and served them at an early age as both organist and pianist, working alongside her mother, Albertine, who served many years as choir director. She participated in all youth programs of this church. Buff attended Mary Hardin Baylor and SMU where she studied music education. She taught piano and voice lessons in Crockett and as a married adult, once again served as organist and pianist for the First Baptist Church. She organized and conducted the Newcomer Singing Group for young girls and directed the Melody Makers, a singing group of adult seniors. Buff served as a trustee of the Crockett Independent School District. She served CISD as a volunteer for the band and other school activities while her children attended school. Buff was a 41 year member of the Major Jarrell Beasley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, having joined as a Junior member. She served as Chaplain of this organization. She was Sweet Heart and member of the Crockett Lions Club. Buff was a member of the Crockett Chamber of Commerce and worked as an Ambassador for the chamber. For the past fifteen years, Buff made her church home at the First Baptist Church in College Station where she was a staff member. She served as organist for her beloved church and participated as a member of Cornerstone, a church singing group that performed in the area and presented musicals for their congregation. Buff leaves a legacy of service and leadership to her community, a marvelous musical talent and unsurpassable love for her family, her friends and those she served. Survivors include her husband Kenneth Bowman, of Crockett; brother Smitty Dean and wife Rae Pat, and their children, Cameron and Catherine, of Crockett; sons John Williams and wife Tracy, of Katy, Scott Williams and wife Shannon, of Huntsville, David Williams and wife Jennifer, of Knoxville, Tenn. and Russell Williams and wife Amanda, of Prosper; grandchildren Cody, Chris, and Cami Williams, of Katy, Kaitlin, Karlee and Klaire Williams, of Huntsville, Avery Williams, of Knoxville, Tenn., Marcus and Maggie Williams, of Prosper; nieces Ashley Dean Florez and husband David, and their children, Madison, Meredith, and Makayla, Lindsay Dean Switzer and husband Chris, and their children, Kelsey, Bailey and Brantley; numerous other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her parents Dr. John L. Dean and Albertine Smith Dean; brother John L. (Johnny) Dean III; and sister Joanelle Dean. Funeral Services for Mrs. Dianna Elizabeth (Buff) Dean Williams Bowman were held Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Crockett with the Rev. Rodney McGlothlin officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hattie S. Wootters Scholarship Fund c/o First Baptist Church Crockett 801 E. Goliad Avenue, Crockett, Texas 75835, First Baptist Church College Station Mission Fund, 2300 Welsh Ave., College Station, Texas 77845 or Covenant Fellowship Vision Fund, P.O. Box 10769, Huntsville Texas 77340. Condolences may be made online for Mrs. Bowman at www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### JERRY MELVIN FRIZZELL

Mr. Jerry Melvin Frizzell, age 66 of Crockett, passed away, Sunday, September 12, 2010 at his residence in Crockett. Mr. Frizzell was born May 7, 1944 in Crockett, Texas and had lived all of his lifetime in the area. He was retired having worked for Allee Work Clothes as a cutter. He will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. Survivors include his sisters Jessie Estell and husband Winford, Jannie Kelley and husband James, Judy Neel and husband James, all of Crockett; brother James Frizzell and friend Becca Caspelich, of Latexo; nieces and nephews Cathy Rickaway, Mary Baker and husband Dennis, Cynthia Tatsch and husband Richard, Kay Vogler and husband Brian, Preston Warren and wife Helen, David Warren, Charles Warren and wife Laurie, Michael Warren and wife Tammy, Sheila Kirkendall and husband Roy, Jerry Kelley and wife Deidra, Jason Kelley and wife Erica, Sylvia Gore and husband Richard, William Kelley, Chris Frizzell and wife Carrie, Kimberly Henley and husband Robert; caregiver Mike Howell; numerous great-nieces, great-nephews and other relatives; Beloved pets, pit bull, Ahlee and cat, Hobo. Preceded in death by his parents Candy and Evelyn Frizzell; brothers William Frizzell and Jimmie Frizzell; Infant niece Jennifer Leann Frizzell; and brother-in-law Preston Warren. Funeral Services for Mr. Jerry Melvin Frizzell were held Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Tom Ainsworth officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association 1701 North Beauregard Street Alexandria, VA 22311. Condolences for Mr. Frizzell may be left online obituaries at www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## LYDIA KENNEDY JONES

Mrs. Lydia Kennedy Jones, age 75, passed away Tuesday, August 31, 2010 while illness may have claimed her body the Lord has claimed her soul. There is rejoicing in Heaven. Mrs. Jones was born January 15, 1935 in Kennard the second of twelve children to Fred and Effie Kennedy. In 1955 she married Ralph Jones who was serving in the U.S. Navy and moved frequently and raised four children. She had an ease about her that always welcomed new adventures and new friends into her life. She worked as a dental assistant, hospital aid, and Sunday school teacher. Her meek spirit, gentle kindness and zest for life touched the lives of many. During retirement, she kept busy as a volunteer receptionist, baking bread, playing bingo and attending Red-Hatter events. Mrs. Jones loved being a wife and mother, she never smiled brighter than when her husband would gaze at her. Their love for each other endured all of life's troubles. Her patience, kindness, and understanding were her strengths, ever modeling Christ's unconditional love and forgiveness. Survivors include her children Vance Evan Jones, Patricia Jones Bower and Michael Wayne Jones; grandchildren Cameron Pittman, Whitney Keltch, Kristopher Mario and Jennifer Mario; great-grandparents are Hudson Pittman, Hunter Pittman, Grace Pittman, Michah Mario and Leon Bowman; 10 siblings Dorothy, Bessie, Barbara, Clara, Clarence, Claude, Jane, Mary, Joe and Eva; many nieces, nephews and numerous friends. Preceded in death by her husband Ralph Jones; and daughter Theresa Lynne Jones. Grove Hill Funeral Home

## **BILLY JOE "MR. BILL" DOWDY**

Mr. Billy Joe "Mr. Bill" Dowdy, age 67 of Ratcliff, passed away Thursday, September 2, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Dowdy was born February 19, 1943 in Ratcliff, Texas and had lived all of his lifetime in Ratcliff. Mr. Dowdy was a past member of the Elks Lodge in Crockett and member Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. He was a retired truck driver. Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Debbie Dowdy, of Ratcliff; daughters Irene and Felipe Medina, of Ratcliff, Sandra and Daniel Galvan, of Neb., Paula and Billy Waters, of Ratcliff, Brenda and Randy Burran, of Kennard, Barbara Medina, of San Antonio, Dora Vega and George, of Houston, Stephanie Valle, of Waelder, Billie Joe and Bode Williams, of Lufkin, Bobbie Dowdy and Daniel Carrillo, of Kennard; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brothers L.E. Dikes and wife Rebecca, Mark Dowdy and wife Sharon, all of Lufkin; sister Dot Carney and husband Fred, of Snyder, Okla.; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by his parents Henry and Virgie Lee Dowdy; brothers Leonard Dowdy and wife Pauline, Ray Dowdy; grandson Brian; and mother-in-law Exie Lee Parrish. Funeral Services for Mr. Billy Joe "Mr. Bill" Dowdy were held Sunday, September 5, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial with the Rev. Bobby Whisenant officiating. Interment followed in the Old Zion Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Old Zion Cemetery Association C/O John Bednarski, Rt. 1 Box 8, Kennard, Texas 75847. Condolences for Mr. Dowdy may be left online obituaries at www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### SHARON FRENCH HADLEY

Mrs. Sharon French Hadley, age 54 of Golden Acres, passed away Monday, September 13, 2010 at her residence. Mrs. Hadley was born March 14, 1956 in Houston, Texas and had lived in Crockett for the past 7 years. Mrs. Hadley was retired from working in the medical profession as an Administrative Assistant in the Emergency Room for the past 17 years for Memorial Hermann Hospital and was a member of the Alvin-Heights Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband Bill Hadley, of Golden Acres; children Laura Gresham and husband Gary, of Kennard, Larry Hadley, of Golden Acres, Billy Hadley and wife Charlotte, of Santa Fe and Timothy Hadley, of Grapeland; grandchildren Gage Gresham, of Kennard, Kelsey Hadley, of Crockett, Dakota Hadley, of Grapeland, Colt Hadley, of Santa Fe and Brett Hadley, of Santa Fe; sister Judith Frankell and husband Nick, of Pearland; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Graveside Funeral Services for Mrs. Sharon French Hadley were held Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the South Park Cemetery in Pearland with the Rev. Gary Bowman officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charity of Choice. Condolences may be made on line for Mrs. Hadley at www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## FRANKIE GREER

Mrs. Frankie Greer, age 78 of Willis, on this day, Wednesday, September 15, 2010, our precious mother was delivered from this life to feel the pain no more. Mrs. Greer was born August 15, 1932 in Lovelady, Texas. She was an avid sportsman and a fierce competitor in everything she did. She loved to hunt, fish, and play softball; but most of all she loved to cook for her family. Not how he dies, but how he lives. Not what he gains, but what he

gives. These are the units to measure the worth of a person as a person, regardless of birth. Survivors include her children son Glenn Greer, of Pasadena; daughters Shirley Roberts and Mike Merdian and Carolyn Etheredge and husband Bill, all of Willis; grandchildren Misti Etheredge, Bryan Roberts and wife April, Lauren Peterson and husband Justin, Amanda Etheredge, and Chad Roberts and wife Hillary; several great-grandchildren; many very special nieces and nephews; and special friend and caregiver Bobbie Price. Preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Bud Greer; sisters Bessie Alexander and Jewell Massey; and brothers W. J. Rains, and Fred Rains. Graveside Services were held Saturday, September 18 at 3:00 p.m. at the Antioch Cemetery in Lovelady. You are invited to leave a written condolence to the family on our website at www.shmfh.com. Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home

#### ROSE MARIE SKALICKY

Mrs. Rose Marie Skalicky, age 102, of Crockett, passed away Thursday, September 16, 2010 in the Houston County Nursing Home. Mrs. Skalicky was born May 13, 1908 in Crockett Prairie, Houston County, Texas and had lived in Crockett most of her lifetime. She was a volunteer for the Houston County Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs. Skalicky was a housewife and a member of the First Baptist Church in Crockett. Survivors include her children Joe Skalicky and wife Nancy, Linda Skalicky Moore and husband David and Larry Skalicky and wife Judy, all of Crockett; grandchildren Jody Skalicky and wife Lori, of Crockett, Laura Skalicky, of Cary, N.C., Shalane Christiansen, of Alvin and Christie Kennedy, of Lovelady; great-grandchildren Kaleb, Jace, Elizabeth, Megan, Jake, Dalton, Bryan, Suzanne and Joshua; great-grandson Adrian David Moore; brother Jerry Cermak and wife Juanita, of Lake Jackson; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband Joe Skalicky; grandson David Lee Skalicky; parents Charles and Rose (Pecha) Cermak; sisters and brothers-in-law Vlasta Porter and N. G., Emilie Trammell and Howard, Eva Lawrence and Arnold, Cecelia Collins and Melvin and brother, George Cermak. Funeral Services for Mrs. Rose Marie Skalicky were held Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Steve McCeig officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. Condolences may be left on line for Mrs. Skalicky at www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### JUDY TURNER WHITLEY

Mrs. Judy Turner Whitley, age 68 of Crockett, passed away Sunday, September 5, 2010 in the Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. Mrs. Whitley was born April 10, 1942 in Crockett, Texas where she was born and raised. Mrs. Whitley was a graduate of Crockett High School and lived in Crockett most of her lifetime. She was a retired business owner having owned and operated several businesses in Crockett including; the Royal, Judy's Drive In, Cattlemen's Royal and Kings Inn. Survivors include her daughters Brenda Guyton, Glenda Roberts, both of Crockett and Cheryl Whitley, of Athens; son James V. Whitley, of San Antonio; grandchildren Michael, Angela, Daniel, Chad, Sarah, Brad, Adam and Jacob; great-grandchildren Logan and Kyle; step-children Derlene Schmidt, of New Caney, Betty Lacy and husband Melvin, of Houston and Ted Colvin and wife Mary, of Livingston; several step-grandchildren and numerous other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband Vernon Whitley; parents C.M. Turner and Ada (Womack) Turner; sister Gladys Wortman; and step-son James Allen Whitley. Memorial Services for Mrs. Judy Turner Whitley were held Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Grace Street Church of Christ with Mr. Rick Kelley officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society 212 Gene Samford Drive, Lufkin, Texas 75904. Condolences for Mrs. Whitley may be left online obituaries at www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## MARIE WOODSON BENDER

Mrs. Marie Woodson Bender, age 94 of Sugarland, passed away Monday, September 6, 2010 in Atria in Sugarland. Mrs. Bender was born March 11, 1916 in Fort Worth, Texas and had been living in Sugarland for the past 2 years. She was a graduate of Rice University and was named Mrs. May Fete receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Mrs. Bender was a retired Fourth Grade Teacher having worked for West University Elementary with 20 years of service and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Crockett. Survivors include her sons J. D. Woodson III, of Danville, Calif., John Woodson, of Bethel Island, Calif. and Jim Woodson and wife Kim, of Sugarland; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband Dudley Woodson; parents Lucian and Marie Wallace; sister Annie Gay Sealy; mother-in-law Margaret Forster Woodson; father-in-law Dudley Woodson, Sr.; second husband Commander

William Bender; and daughter-in-law Marty Woodson. Funeral Services for Mrs. Marie Woodson Bender were held Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. David Valentine officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. Condolences for Mrs. Woodson may be left online obituaries at www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### MATT WOOTEN JR.

Mr. Matt Wooten Jr., age 67 of Shreveport, Louisiana, passed away Saturday, September 4, 2010 at VA Medical Center after a long illness. Mr. Wooten was a native of Crockett and had resided in Shreveport, Louisiana for 22 years. He was self-employed. Survivors include his two sons Timothy Wooten (Donnell), Kenneth B. Wooten (Monica); one daughter Tracy Turner (Christopher); sisters Della Vern Nelms (Henry Jr.), Alvertis R. Carr (Willie Joe), Deloris McCullough (Claudie B.), Celerea J. Simon (Willie); 11 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Graveside Services for Mr. Matt Wooten Jr. were held Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Northwest La. Veterans Cemetery in Keithville, La. with Pastor Al Smith of Light Hill Baptist Church. Heavenly Gates Funeral Home

### JESSIE BOX JR.

Mr. Jessie Box Jr., age 87 of Crockett, passed away Tuesday morning, September 7, 2010 at Methodist Sugarland Hospital in Houston with his three daughters at his bedside. Mr. Box was born February 9, 1923 in Crockett, he was the son of the late Jessie Sr. and Beatrice (Terry) Box. He was the proud graduate of Crockett Colored High School in 1947. Mr. Box enlisted in the United Stated Army July 3, 1942 where he acquired the nickname, "Hound-dog," because of in innate ability to identify and troubleshoot potential hazards. Corporal Box received honorable discharge in October 1945 from 3501st Quartermaster Truck Company. He was a Master Mechanic and Wrecker Service Drive for many years at King Motor Company in Crockett. Mr. Box began a law enforcement career as a Correctional Officer with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in the late 1960's. He later received the Law Enforcement Officer Standards Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and served as a Police Officer with the Crockett Police Department until his retirement in the late 1970's. Among his favorite hobbies during retirement were custom accessorizing his Chevrolet pickup truck, collecting art, monitoring information on his Citizens Band radio, and watching westerns on television. Survivors include his children Claudean Mathis, of Houston, Jesselyn Reese and spouse Billy, of Huntsville, and Jessica Woodson and spouse Jeffrey, of Houston; seven grandchildren Rodney Bennett, Rochelle Bennett, Andre Jackson, Deraunda Hyman, Miiko Rowley, James Fisher, Jr., and Jeremy Woodson; a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Preceded in death by his two sisters Bernice Johnson and Florence Chatman; two brothers Henry Earl Box, and James Box; one grandson Obi Richardson; and one great-grandson Joseph Trent Jackson; and 14 greatgrandchildren. Funeral Services were held Friday, September 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pruitt's Mortuary Chapel, 7518 North Main Street, Houston. Internment followed at the Houston Veterans Administration National Cemetery, 10410 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77038.

### JOHN EARL DOWDY

Mr. John Earl Dowdy, age 85 of Kennard, passed away Saturday, August 28, 2010 in the Lufkin Memorial Specialty Hospital. Mr. Dowdy was born July 9, 1925 in Houston County, Texas and had lived all of his lifetime in Kennard. Mr. Dowdy was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps having served during World War II. He was a past member of the Woodmen of the World. Mr. Dowdy was a member of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church where he served as deacon and was self employed working in the Construction Business. Survivors include his wife, Mary Dell Dowdy, of Kennard; sons Johney Dowdy and wife Ramona, of Kennard and Mike Dowdy and wife Bonnie, of Lufkin; grandchildren Joseph Dowdy and wife Kristi and Elizabeth (Liz) Dowdy and fiancé Logan Gallant, all of Kennard; great-grandchildren Elijah and Nick; nephew Ricky Alfred and wife Rose Lee, of Houston; niece Linda Janice Alfred, of Shepherd. Preceded in death by his parents Oscar Lee Dowdy and Leona (Smith) Dowdy; and uncle John C. Smith. Funeral Services for Mr. John Earl Dowdy were held Monday, August 30, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Jimmy Hedges. Interment followed in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Vernon Cemetery Association, 3683 C. R. 1170, Kennard, Texas 75847. Condolences for Mr. Dowdy may be left at online obituaries at www.callaway.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### JAMES D. JORDAN

Mr. James D. Jordan, age 92 of Crockett, passed away Friday, August 27, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Jordan was born June 16, 1918 in Laurel, Mississippi and has lived in this area since 1997. Mr. Jordan was a veteran of the U. S. Navy having served during World War II. He was a 32 degree Mason and member of the Masonic Lodge in Orange. Mr. Jordan was a retired Construction Supervisor for the Pipe Line Industry and was a member of the Grace Street Church of Christ in Crockett. Survivors include his wife Wanda Jordan, of Crockett; children Gerald W. Jordan, of Dallas, Judith L. Cooley and husband Mark, of Singer, La., Karen Clark, of Crockett, Judy Hall and husband Steve, of Paris, Ark. and Dan Casbeer and wife Jane, of Katy; grandchildren Alan, Christopher, Amanda, Kelly, Haley, Ryan, John, Spencer, Jameson and Patrick; greatgrandchildren Mikaylah, Bradley and Morgan; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives; and his dog Chester. Preceded in death by his children James D. Jordan, Jr., Robert W. Jordan and Richard A. Jordan; grandchildren Matthew Cooley and Jill Jordan; and brother Willard Jordan. Funeral Services for Mr. James D. Jordan were held Monday, August 30, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Judy Hall officiating. Interment followed in the Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charity of Choice. Condolences for Mr. Jordan may be left online obituaries at www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## C. W. MCOUEEN

Mr. C. W. McQueen, age 83 of Groveton, passed away Saturday, August 28, 2010 in the Lufkin Memorial Specialty Hospital. Mr. McQueen was born July 17, 1927 in Carmona, Texas and had lived in Groveton since 1981. Mr. McQueen was a veteran of the United States Army having served during World War II. He was a retired operator for Dow Chemical Company and a member of the Pennington Baptist Church. Survivors include his sons Don McQueen and wife Betty, of Tomball and Jeff McQueen and wife Tammie, of Lake Jackson; grandchildren Melissa Day and husband Shannon, of Lake Jackson, Dan McQueen, of San Antonio, Hope Williams and husband Caleb, of Bryan and Brooke Burwell and husband Aaron, of Marshall; great-grandchildren Shawna and Shayln; sisters Lillian Paduh, of Grapeland and Lucille Jones Land and husband Roy, of Friday; brothers H. E. McQueen and wife Nadine, of Gilmer and William McQueen and wife Nina, of Pasadena; sistersin-law Maurine Ray and husband Jim, of Clute and Glenna Morlan, of Richwood; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his wife, Wanda McQueen in 2009; parents Cary and Pearl McQueen; and sister Mary Alice McQueen. Funeral Services for Mr. C. W. McQueen were held Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Pennington Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Butler and the Rev. Bud Magee officiating. Interment followed in the Flat Prairie Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pennington Baptist Church Building Fund. Condolences for Mr. McQueen may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **REBA LOIS (JACK) LARUE**

Mrs. Reba Lois (Jack) LaRue, age 89 of Port Neches, passed away Monday, August 23, 2010 at Christus St. Mary Hospital in Port Arthur, Texas. Mrs. LaRue was born on May 13, 1921 in Lovelady, Texas to Arthur and Ella Bitner. She was a resident of Port Neches for 61 years, and she was married to her husband, Cleland, for nearly 70 years. She was a homemaker who enjoyed quilting, cooking and growing flowers. She cherished spending time with her family and friends. Mrs. LaRue was of the Church of Christ faith. Survivors include her husband C.F. (Cleland) LaRue, of Port Neches; one daughter Karen Cross and husband Tom, of Nederland; three sons Sammy LaRue and wife Sharon, Larry LaRue and wife Debbie, and Barry LaRue, all of Port Neches; one brother Ray Bitner, of Vidor; and two sisters Evelyn Faver, of Crockett and Olene Langham, of Euliss; grandchildren Dana LaRue, of Port Neches and Lance LaRue and wife Michelle, of Lumberton; and one great-grandchild Kate Danielle LaRue, of Lumberton. Preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Ella Bitner; three brothers Lee Bitner, Elmer Bitner, Charles Bitner; and two sisters Lucille West and Cova Atkins. Funeral Services for Mrs. Reba Lois (Jack) LaRue were held Thursday, August 26, 2010 at Levingston Funeral Home in Port Neches. Interment followed in Oak Bluff Cemetery in Port Neches.

## **NELVA EARLIINE (NEEL) HAM**

Mrs. Nelva Earline (Neel) Ham, age 81 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, September 1, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Ham was born October 20, 1928 in Latexo, Texas, and had lived most of

her lifetime in Crockett. She was a member of the United Pentecostal Church in Crockett and was a retired restaurant worker. Survivors include her children Ila Ruth Gore, of Lovelady, Horace Marshall Ham, Jr. and wife Edna, Charles Glynn Ham and wife, Donna, all of Crockett, Melba Jean Gibson and husband John, of Elkhart, Mary Ethel Anderson and husband Mike, of Grapeland, Charlene Flowers, of Lufkin, Ricky Wayne Ham and Roger Dean Ham and wife Carol, all of Crockett; grandchildren Richard, Sheila, Hollie, Heather, Shane, Angela, Tonya, Savanah, Caleb and Rachel; numerous great-grandchildren; sisters Maydelle Brown, of Latexo, Albertine Hutchinson, of Spring, Betty Jo Stanrich and husband Floyd, of Elkhart; brother A. C. Neel and wife Mary Lois, of Latexo; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband Horace Marshall Ham, Sr.; grandson Shawn Anderson; parents Albert and Alice Neel; one brother; and several sisters. Funeral Services for Mrs. Nelva Earline (Neel) Ham were held Saturday, September 4, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Ron Johnson and the Rev. Roy Lee Bobbitt officiating. Interment followed in the Center Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1100 W. 49th Street, Room #G408, Austin, Texas 78756. Condolences for Mrs. Ham may be left at online obituaries at www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### 1. ANITA BYRDE CRADDOCK BIGGER

Mrs. Anita Byrde Craddock Bigger was resurrected to her new life with Jesus Christ on Sunday, October 24, 2010. A native of Crockett, Texas, Anita Byrde was born August 24, 1926 to Delha Mildred and Samuel Weldon "Chappie" Craddock. An only child, she grew up nurtured in love from her parents as well as her beloved Grandmother, Byrde Eastham Wootters. All four lived together in the family home, "the homeplace", built by Byrde and Andrew Henry Wootters in 1900. Her paternal grandparents were Augusta Daniel and Henry Franklin Craddock, Jr. She graduated "Most Beautiful" from Crockett High School. In 1945, she earned a diploma from The Hockaday School Junior College, Dallas. Ela Hockaday, the school founder, attended a program at the Crockett Women's Building to hear Anita Byrde sing an aria. Named the soprano songbird from Crockett, Anita Byrde earned the nickname "Tweet". She transferred to The University of Texas in Austin to continue her music and voice studies. She joined Kappa Kappa Gamma and was tapped Blue Bonnet Belle nominee. She married Kappa Alpha President, Morton Bigger, Jr. of Dallas in December of 1947. After a brief residence in New Orleans, Anita Byrde and Morton made their home in Dallas where they became parents of three daughters, Anne, Margaret, and Carolyn. She became associated with Artha Garza Realtors in the '70's. In 1989, after the passing of her Mother, Anita Byrde returned to her childhood home in Crockett and rejoined The First Presbyterian Church where she was an active supporter of the Presbyterian Women of the Church. She followed her Mother in serving on the boards of Glenwood Cemetery and the Houston-Leon County Coal Company. Anita Byrde enjoyed a lifelong membership in Spring Creek Country Club in Crockett. Among her many admirable qualities, she was known by her family and friends as a lady with a sparkling personality who loved to cook and entertain. Her style and artistic sensibilities brought great pleasure to all around her. She exhibited excellent business skills, as well as foresight and wisdom in her daily living. She will be dearly missed by all who loved her. Survivors include Mildred Anne Bigger Nixon and husband Larry; Margaret Morton Bigger Tarrance; Carolyn Byrde Bigger Peck and husband Hoddy; grandchildren Walt Nixon and wife Lindsey, Morton Nixon and wife Chandler, Caroline Nixon; Briton Tarrance; Sam Peck and Jock Peck. On behalf of their Mother, the daughters gratefully acknowledge the invaluable and faithful service of the household staff, Richard Petterson, Mary Lomax, Laurretta Warfield, Kaye Murray. Funeral Services for Mrs. Anita Byrde Craddock Bigger were held Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at The First Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Tomas Spath and Pastor Jim Ainsworth officiating. Graveside Service: Family only, at Glenwood Cemetery Memorials may be made to The First Presbyterian Church, 715 East Goliad, Crockett, Texas, 75835 or to S.H.A.R.E., P.O. Box 1121, Crockett, Texas, 75835. Condolences for Mrs. Bigger may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### JOE ANN ELLIOTT

Mrs. Joe Ann Elliott, age 64 of Lovelady, passed away Tuesday, October 26, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Tyler. Mrs. Elliott was born September 10, 1946 in Port Arthur, Texas and had lived in Lovelady for the past 32 years. Mrs. Elliott was retired from East Texas Medical Center-Crockett after 30+ years of service having worked in the Micro Biology Department as a medical technologist. She was a member of the St. Francis of the Tejas Catholic Church. Survivors include her husband Jesse David Elliott, of Lovelady; son Christopher Truncale,

of Lovelady; daughters Tracy Elliott and fiancée Steve Thornton and Kali Little and husband Todd, all of Lovelady; grandchildren Taylor Elliott, of Lovelady, Jayden Truncale, of Springfield, Mo. and Avery Little, of Lovelady; cousins Debra Glass, of Lovelady and Mary Ann Boston, of Houston; aunt Margie Nell Price, of Latexo; nieces Stephanie Alexander, of Latexo; nephew Steven Alexander, of Latexo; and many more nieces and nephews; special persons April Howard, of Bryan, Angela Ramirez, of Lovelady, Tonya Platt, of Latexo, Kimberly Molandes, of Lufkin, Charlotte Ransonette, of Miss. Preceded in death by her parents Winfred and Muriel Alexander; and brother Winfred Alexander. Memorial Services for Mrs. Joe Ann Elliott were held Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Elliott Family Residence. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 15186, Austin, Texas 78761 or Jacob Howard Scholarship Fund c/o Lovelady State Bank, P. O. Box 220, Lovelady, Texas 75851. Condolences for Mrs. Elliott may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **DELLA PETERSON KILLOUGH**

Mrs. Della Peterson Killough, age 85 of Crockett, passed away Saturday, October 2, 2010 at Whitehall Nursing Center. Mrs. Killough was born November 7, 1924 in Crockett to Bert and Bessie Rhone Peterson. As a young woman, she moved to Freeport and began work at Brown's Department Store. She quickly moved up the ranks and became store manager. With her savvy fashion sense, she also became the head buyer of fashion apparel. When her husband Billie retired from Dow Chemical in 1984, they returned to make their home in Crockett. She will be remembered for her love of animals. She supported all animal rights issues. Survivors include her sisters Lorene Allee, of Crockett and Joyce Carter and husband Buck, of Lufkin; brother Bert Peterson, Jr. and wife Marie, of Huntsville; aunts Eva Dell Reynolds, Wendel Miracle, Louise Walker, all of Crockett; uncle Johnny Rhone and wife Diane, of Crockett; a host of nieces and nephews; her beloved cat Sparky. Preceded in death by her parents Bert and Bessie Rhone Peterson; husband Billie Killough; and sisters Frances Stringfield, Vera Stowe, Bessie Dial and Dorothy Simmons. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery. JOHN FULTON Mr. John Fulton, age 76 of Grapeland, passed away Wednesday, October 27, 2010. Mr. Fulton was born January 26, 1934 in DeQueen, Arkansas. He served in the army during the Korean War. Following his military service, he received his Masters Degree from Sam Houston State University. Mr. Fulton began his career as a teacher and coach at Grapeland High School for five years. Then he became a math professor at San Jacinto Junior College. Still to this day his former students remember him as being tough but fair. After twenty-seven years at San Jacinto he moved to the "farm" in Grapeland for full time enjoyment, playing dominoes and golfing. He purchased the farm in 1964 and spent every weekend for the next 20 years "making the place as pretty as I knew how." Survivors include his wife Dorothy Fulton; daughters Eileen Maas and husband Steve, Dianne Hess and husband Michael, Patty Short and husband Jon; sons David Fulton and Tim Dighton and wife Kelli; grandchildren Brandyne Wegman and husband John, Stacy Taylor and husband Toby, Laura Hess, Erich Schoeffler, Amy Fulton, Ryan Fulton, Madison Maas, Anna, Molly and Abby Short, Joe and Bodi Dighton; and great-grandchild Jane Taylor. Preceded in death by his first wife Janis Fulton. Memorial Services for Mr. John Fulton were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 30, 2010 at the First Christian Church Memorial Grapeland. In lieu of flowers donation may be made to Grapeland Public Library. To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey & Foster Funeral Home

## LLOYD VERNON CHILES

Mr. Lloyd Vernon Chiles, age 84 of Grapeland, passed away Sunday, October 17, 2010 in Crockett. Mr. Chiles was born November 9, 1925 in Houston County to William and Agnus Kyle Chiles. He was retired from AMOCO Oil where he worked in maintenance. He was a member of First United Methodist Church Grapeland. Survivors include his wife Mary Chiles, of Grapeland; two sons William Chiles and wife Lisa, of Grapeland and John Chiles and wife Rayne, of Hineston, La.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents William and Agnus Kyle Chiles. Funeral Services for Mr. Lloyd Vernon Chiles were held Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at First United Methodist Church in Grapeland with the Rev. Dick Dobbins officiating. Interment followed in the Grapeland Cemetery. Pallbearers were Joe Graves, Steve Lewis, Kurt Bridges, Elbert Shanks, Stanley Skidmore and Larry Huff. In lieu of flowers family request donations be made to the First United Methodist Church Grapeland Building Fund. To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey & Foster Funeral Home

#### **GLENN WAYNE CLEAVER**

Mr. Glenn Wayne Cleaver, age 56 of Groveton, passed away Friday, October 15, 2010 in Lovelady. Mr. Cleaver was born June 1, 1954 in Houston, Texas and had lived all of his lifetime in Groveton. Mr. Cleaver had worked as a carpenter. Survivors include his children Chancey Cleaver and wife Amy, of Flat Prairie, Colleen Cleaver and husband Jarrod, of Amarillo, Cecilia Williams and husband Clayton, of Canyon; grandchildren Chad, Kaden and Allisyn; sisters Patricia Heck and husband Gary, of Claude, Becky and Glenda; nephews Justin, Isiah, Michah and Joseph. Preceded in death by his wife Frances Cleaver; and parents Glen and Josephine Cleaver. Memorial Services for Mr. Glenn Wayne Cleaver were held Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Pennington Baptist Church with the Rev. Terry Gibson officiating. Condolences for Mr. Cleaver may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

## **RAYMOND BANKS**

Mr. Raymond Banks, age 79 of Grapeland, passed away Sunday, October 17, 2010 in the Palestine Regional Hospital, Palestine, Texas. Mr. Banks was born March 21, 1931 in Percilla, Texas and had lived all of his lifetime in Grapeland. He was retired from the Texas Highway Department and was a member of the United Pentecostal Church in Weches. Survivors include his sisters Doris Wells and husband Lee, of Crockett, Jean Bohannon, of Houston, Maxine Morehead and husband LaMorris, of Huntington and Linda Bobbitt and husband Roy, of Weches; brothers John Banks, of Houston and Ronnie Banks, of Willis; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives also survive. Preceded in death by parents, Leonard and Ethel Banks; brother-in-law, Jack Bohannon; sisters-in-law, Jerri Banks and Marcia Banks. Funeral Services for Mr. Raymond Banks were held Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Interment followed in the Weches Cemetery. Condolences for Mr. Banks may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### LARRY HOWARD

Mr. Larry Howard, age 70, passed away Monday, October 11, 2010 in Albany, Oregon, from complications of Parkinson's disease. Mr. Howard was born in Dallas, with a sense of adventure and creative talent, he lived his life well. After graduating Corpus Christy High School, he volunteered for duty in the Viet Nam War effort. With his aptitude for all things medical, he served his entire term as a surgical scrub nurse at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC. He always kept his nursing license current and spent many years happily working in hospitals caring for the ill. Nursing, however, was only one of his passions. Mr. Howard artistic talents were numerous and he expressed them in many ways. He designed and built three houses, he wrote, produced, directed and starred in three made-for-TV movies that were underwritten by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, in Hollywood he wrote, produced and directed a feature length film titled Four Day Shoot. Its 1993 red carpet premiere was well attended. A book with the same title was published in 2007 and is still available today on Amazon.com. As an avid golfer, he spent as many days as he could on the links. During the decade he lived in Baja California, he enjoyed being a golf course Marshall at BajaMar near Ensenada. In 2002 after moving to seal Beach, California, he nourished his golf game by playing at least 9-holes every day of the week. Survivors include his wife arva Howard, of Lake Oswego, Ore.; sons Scott Howard (Cindy), of Lebanon, Ore. and Daniel Howard, of Crockett; four grandchildren Maddie, Channing, Sophia and Jordan. A Private interment was held at his family's cemetery on his ranch in Crockett.

#### FERN COON BARTEE STURDIVANT

Mrs. Fern Coon Bartee Sturdivant, age 67 of Pearsons Chapel, passed away Tuesday, October 19, 2010 in the Houston Northwest Medical Center. Mrs. Sturdivant was born May 7, 1943 in Pearsons Chapel and had lived in the area most of her lifetime. Mrs. Sturdivant was a member of the American Legion of Madisonville and the Pearson Chapel Baptist Church. Survivors include her daughter Monica Bradford and husband Wade, of Spring; brother Norman Kuehn and wife Melisa, of Houston; grandson Casey Bartee, of Spring; numerous other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her husband Orlan Bartee; and sister Wilma Jean Blakeley. Funeral Services for Mrs. Fern Coon Bartee Sturdivant were held Friday, October 22, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Bob Gunnels officiating. Interment followed in the Creek Cemetery. Condolences for Mrs. Sturdivant may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### HAYNE WILLS

Mr. Hayne Wills, age 89 formerly of Dickinson, passed away Thursday, October 7, 2010 in New Braunfels. Mr. Wills was born at Lone Pine on March 29, 1921. He was the last living child of Willard and Minnie Ellen Kelley Wills. Mr. Wills graduated from Lovelady High School and attended Sam Houston University until he joined the Navy at the onset of World War II. He worked at Union Carbide in Texas City for thirty years. He enjoyed his days of ranching in Lovelady. Survivors include his wife Bobbie; son Robert Wills and wife Becky; daughter Joyce Teague; grandchildren Matt Wills, Mary Garcia, Logan Teague and Megan Teague; one great-grandchild Abigail Garcia. Graveside Services for Mr. Hayne Wills were held Saturday, October 9, 2010 at11:00 a.m. at Center Hill Cemetery, with the Rev. Leroy Brown officiating. Honorary Pallbearers were George Beeler, William Money, Thomas Ramey, Matt Wills, Chris Garcia and James Sasser. Memorial gifts may be made to Hope Hospice, 611 North Walnut Avenue, New Braunfels, TX 78130. Condolences may be left for Mr. Hayne Wills online at www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **JEWEL ANDERSON**

Mrs. Jewel Anderson, age 91 of Nacogdoches, passed away Friday, October 8, 2010 in Lexington Place in Nacogdoches. Mrs. Anderson was born March 26, 1919 in Houston County and had lived in Nacogdoches for the past eleven years. She was a member of Appleby Baptist Church in Nacogdoches. Survivors include her two daughters Martha Sue Varley, of Grapeland and Weida Shurtleff and husband Robert, of Sugar Land; one son Dennis Anderson and wife Janice, of Nacogdoches; nine grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends. Preceded in death by her husband Sonley D. Anderson; parents Wade and Martha Vada Crenshaw; sisters Katheleen Steingburg, Irene Slowiski and Ona Wells Gentry; and son-in-law Richard W. Varley. Funeral Services for Mrs. Jewel Anderson were held Monday, October 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Anderson and the Rev. Darrell Flanagan officiating. Interment followed in the Whitehead Cemetery. Condolences for Mrs. Anderson may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **CARRIE ALLEE**

Mrs. Carrie Allee, age 99 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, October 13, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Allee was born February 11, 1911 in Houston County, Texas and had lived in the area all of her lifetime. Mrs. Allee was a member of the Austonio Baptist Church and was a housewife. Her joy was gardening, mowing everything in sight on her John Deere tractor and growing her flowers. Survivors include her daughters Ann Brantley and husband LaDon, of Crossett, Ark., Nina McQueen and husband William, of Pasadena; son Johnson Allee, of Austonio; sisters Maisy Indjidjian and Daisy Fritze, both of Crockett; grandchildren Belinda Carder, Mike Brantley, both of Crossett, Ark., JoAnn Hough, of Austonio, Bill McQueen, of Concord, Calif., Jim Allee, of Kirbyville, Sharon Allee, of Austonio and Lydia McKendree, of Corsicana; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her husband Joe L. Allee in 1971; and daughter-in-law Dody Allee in 2007. Funeral Services for Mrs. Carrie Allee were held Friday, October 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Austonio Baptist Church with the Rev. Ottis Byers officiating. Interment followed in the Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Austonio Baptist Church, 16832 FM 1280, Crockett, TX 75835 or Austonio Volunteer Fire Department. Condolences for Mrs. Allee may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### MELANIE MEYER MUNSELLE

Mrs. Melanie Meyer Munselle, age 55 of Lufkin, passed away Friday, September 24, 2010 in Lovelady. Mrs. Munselle was born February 5, 1955 in Houston. She was a correctional officer with TDCJ. Melanie was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Lufkin. Survivors include her husband John Munselle, of Lovelady; children Amanda Leigh Allen and Jermy, of Conroe, Gilford Thomas Stovall III and Mandy Michele, of Lufkin, Kevin Andrew Stovall, of Cold Springs, Ryan Meyer Stovall, of Lufkin; one grandson Gilford Thomas Stovall IV., of Lufkin; mother Maryland Meyer, of Houston; brother Michael Meyer, of Houston; sisters Kathy Meyer and Heather Humphries, of Houston; father-in-law Gilford Thomas Stovall, Sr., of Lufkin; numerous other relatives. Preceded in death by her daughter Marie Elizabeth Stovall; father Melvin Meyer; and mother-in-law Elizabeth Ann Stovall. Funeral Services for Mrs. Melanie Meyer Munselle were held Monday, September 27, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Bishop Ray Huggins officiating.

Graveside Services followed at 2:00 p.m. in the Garden of Memories in Lufkin. Condolences may be left online at www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### RAYFORD GALLANT

Mr. Rayford Gallant, age 92 of Kennard, passed away Monday, September 27, 2010 in the Community Care Center in Crockett. Mr. Rayford Gallant was born on his family's farm near Kennard, Texas on April 26, 1918. His parents Marion "Mainy" and Ludie Gallant purchased the farm in 1913, and the entire family worked on the farm. He was the youngest child of the family. His siblings included Ola, Robert, Hazel, Woodrow, and Aileen. Ola and Robert died as children. He grew up during the great depression. The Gallant family raised cotton, peas, corn, cattle, and hogs. He and his brother, Woodrow grew up hunting and fishing in the forests of eastern Houston County, Mr. Gallant married Wilma Baker on December 23, 1937. He worked in Jim Cook's general store in Kennard. He rode a horse to work and back home every day, and worked seventy-five hours per week at a salary of five dollars. Later, he worked in the meat market as a butcher at Brookshire Brothers in Crockett. After about seven years, he and Wilma moved to Odessa, Texas, and later to Buda, Texas, where their sons Danny and Billy were born. While the family lived in Buda, He worked in meat processing plants as a butcher in Austin. He and Wilma also operated a dairy farm. In 1957, they sold their property in Buda and moved back to his family home place near Kennard. They also moved the dairy operation to east Texas and continued dairy farming until the mid-nineteen-sixties. Mr. Gallant also operated a country store in the Berea community. He sold the store in the mid-nineteen-sixties and became a deputy sheriff for a period of time. He then was elected county commissioner of Precinct Four in Houston County and retired after twelve years of service. Mr. Gallant was a wonderful, caring husband and father. He worked hard all of his life, and was completely committed to his family. He loved his family with all of his heart and always demonstrated and expressed his love to his wife and sons. He was also a devoted grandfather and great-grandfather. He dearly loved his grandchildren Sonya, Logan, and Ashley. He also lived to know and love his great-grandchildren, Skylar and Hailey. He particularly loved for Skylar to address him as Pa, and extend her fist for a "fist-bump" with him. Mr. Gallant was a man of integrity and character. He was a "people person", and had friends in all walks of life. He was the kind of person who never met a stranger. He was extremely proud of his friends and the positive relationships they had. He also enjoyed music and influenced his family with his love of music. He loved to sing, and enjoyed singing in church beyond his ninety-second birthday. His family and friends will always remember his enthusiastic gospel bass-singing. Survivors include his sons Danny Gallant and wife Ethel and Billy Gallant, all of Kennard; grandchildren Sonya Stevenson and husband Shane, Logan Gallant and fiance' Elizabeth Dowdy and Ashley Gallant, all of Kennard; great-granddaughters Haley Nicole Morgan and Skylar Grace Stevenson; numerous other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by his wife Wilma Gallant; parents M. F. and Ludie Gallant; sisters and brothers Hazel Currie, Woodrow Gallant, Ola Gallant, Robert Gallant and Aileen Currie. Funeral Services for Mr. Rayford Gallant were held Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mt. Olive Church with the Rev. Larry Bruce and the Rev. Ottis Byers officiating. Interment followed in the Corinth Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wilma and Rayford Gallant Education Scholarship for Students of Houston County, Stephen F. Austin University, SFA 6092, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962. Condolences may be made online for Mr. Gallant at www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

# MART M. MELTON

Mr. Mart M. Melton, Jr., age 84 of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, September 28, 2010 in the Houston County Nursing Home in Crockett. Mr. Melton was born June 22, 1926 in Brownwood, Texas and had lived in Crockett for the past 3 years. He was a veteran of the United States Navy having served during World War II. Mr. Melton was a retired Banker and a member of the St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Huntsville. Survivors include his daughter Gail Thomas and husband Wade, of Belott; grandchildren Tiffany Sippial and husband Trey, of Montgomery, Jared Thomas, of Belott, Lauren Menn and husband Tony, of Grapevine and Ashley Melton, of Baton Rouge, La.; sisters Jeannie Fitzgerald, of Spring Hill, Tenn. and Joyce McMillan, of Somerville, S C; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his wife Patricia Melton in 2009; son David Mart Melton; and parents Mart M. Melton, Sr. and Florence (Wilson) Melton. Graveside Funeral Services for Mr. Mart M. Melton, Jr. were held Friday, October 1, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Evergreen Memorial Park. Condolences may be left on line for Mr. Melton at www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### JOE BILLINGSLEY

Mr. Joe Billingsley, age 68 of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at his residence. Mr. Billingsley was born November 30, 1941, in Lufkin, Texas, and had lived in Crockett most of his life. Mr. Billingsley owned and operated Billingsley Auto Supply in Huntsville prior to moving to Crockett in 1977. He lived a quiet and peaceful life of his choice and was a giving, honest, and thoughtful man. He was a hard-working and loving father, brother, uncle, grandfather, and friend to all. In the words of his youngest son, John, "My dad was an extraordinary person who motivated me to strive for perfection through honesty, integrity, and always placing faith in God first followed by a strong sense of family values and ties. I owe everything to the wonderful childhood memories that Daddy made possible and will pass his legacy on to my own children. We will all miss you so very much, Daddy, and until we meet again, may God shed His everlasting light on you." He will be remembered and always loved by his family and friends. Survivors include his sons Alton Page Billingsley, of Huntsville and John Lee Billingsley and wife Robbi, of Kennard; Kay Billingsley, of Huntsville; sister Angela Schneider and husband James, of Angleton; grandchildren Carlton, Brian, Riley, and Jada; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his parents Alton Albert Billingsley and Lucy Mary (Hale) Billingsley; and sister Rosemary Billingsley. Funeral Services for Mr. Joe Billingsley were held Saturday, October 2, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Grady Gladden officiating. Interment followed in the Jim English Cemetery. Condolences may be left on line for Mr. Billingsley at www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### 1. PAYTON MCCONNELL

Mr. Payton McConnell, age 82 of Grapeland, passed away Friday, November 19, 2010 in the Winfield Nursing Center in Crockett. Mr.. McConnell was born October 16, 1928 in Pennington, Texas and had lived in Houston County all of his lifetime. Mr. McConnell was a barber and a member of the First Baptist Church in Pennington. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served in the Korean Conflict along with his twin brother Paul who lost his life in that War. Survivors include many loving nieces and nephews including caregivers, Quinton and Mary Shaver and also his wonderful caretaker, Anna Duchette. Preceded in death by his father and mother Charles Henry and Minerva Jane McConnell; sisters and brothers Mary Alma Freeman, Tom McConnell, Kay McConnell, Pat McConnell, Ted McConnell, Blanche Avery, Opal McConnell and Susie Williams. Graveside Funeral Services for Mr. Payton McConnell were held Sunday, November 21, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Flat Prairie Cemetery with the Rev. Carroll Norsworthy officiating. Condolences for Mr. McConnell may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### VIRGINIA ANN "TOODLE" HOWARD

Mrs. Virginia Ann "Toodle" Howard, age 68 of Crockett, passed away on Friday, November 19, 2010. Mrs. Howard was born on August 22, 1942 in Freeport, Texas to Arthur and Lucille Dowell. She attended school in Madison County and Houston County. Mrs. Howard had been a resident of Crockett for the past 25 years. She worked as a beautician and she also worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the Ferguson Unit where she retired. Mrs. Howard loved her family very much and also her dogs. Survivors include her daughter Tracye Williams and husband Dennis, of Crockett; brother Shorty Dowell, of Crockett; sister Elsie Farris, of Midway; aunt Ella Mae Brown, of Burnet; three grandchildren Ashlee Williams, Wesley Williams, Jessica Williams; and one great grandchild Kashlyn McIver. Preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Lucille Dowell; and two sons Clayton Wayne Howard Jr. and Jason Miles Howard. A celebration of her life is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 4 at the Madisonville Funeral Home Chapel. Visit our website at www.madisonvillefuneralhome.com to sign the guestbook for Mrs. Howard. Madisonville Funeral Home

### LINDA MARIE CANNON

Mrs. Linda Marie Cannon, age 68 of Canton, passed away Saturday, November 20, 2010 in Canton. Mrs. Cannon was born August 5, 1942 in Lewisville, Texas, to James Archie and Clella Viola Melton Currie. Mrs. Cannon was one of the founding members of Grace Family Church of Canton and presently a member of Christ Fellowship Church. She attended school in Irving and raised her family in Garland. She has lived in many states throughout the United States and settled in Canton in 1998 where she has lived ever since. Survivors include her husband Derl Thomas Cannon, of Canton; son Glen and Darlene Hess, of Longview; daughter Donna and Mike Burleson,

of Garland; son David Hess, of Kilgore; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her Father James Archie Currie; Mother Clella Viola Melton; sister Linda Mae Foster; brother Charles Currie; sisters Ammye Dale Staton and Louise Bruce. Funeral Services for Mrs. Linda Marie Cannon were held Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Eubank Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Robert Brown officiating. Interment followed in Beck's Chapel Cemetery, in Henderson Co., Texas. Pallbearers were Glen Hess, David Hess, Ryan Hess, Taylor Hess, Nick Burleson, George Shields and Mat Dipzinski. Visit www.eubankfh.com to sign the online guestbook. Eubank Funeral Home Inc.

### **JAMES RAY HORACE**

Mr. James Ray Horace, age 64 of Groveton, passed away Wednesday, November 10, 2010. Mr. Horace was born September 17, 1946 in Pennington, Texas to James Ray Horace, Sr. and Mammie Lee Horace. Survivors include his loving wife, Emma Horace, of Groveton; children Chunner Brown, of Dallas, Gregory Horace, of Groveton, Cynthia Horace, of Willis, Kelvin Horace, of Dallas, Kevin Horace, of Groveton; brothers and sisters Lois and Lucky Horace, Earl and Shirley Horace, Elbert and Ruthie Horace, Glorthea and Elmer, Joyce Wilbert Kimble; seven grandchildren; and a special cousin and friend, Will Mitchell. Preceded in death by John Henry Horace, Johnnie Horace, James Horace, Jr., Inez Norman, and Gladys Wagner. Funeral Services for Mr. James Ray Horace were held Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Cartwright Memorial Chapel in Groveton Funeral Home with the Rev. C.J. McFarland officiating. Interment followed in the Pennington Cemetery in Pennington. Please visit our website at www.grovetonfuneralhome.com and sign the guestbook. Groveton Funeral Home

### **RUBIE MAE HORACE**

Mrs. Rubie Mae Horace, age 91, on Friday, November 6, 2010 she made her transition to her new life after a lengthy battle with alzheimer's disease. Mrs. Horace was born November 19, 1918 in Pennington, Texas to the late Joel and Rhoda Hodge Pennington. She was the 7th of 9 children born to that union. She attended school in Fodice School System. Mrs. Horace enjoyed quilting and gardening. These were the love of her life. Anything farming was another pleasure. On December 3, 1938, she was married to Raphel Horace. Survivors include her baby sister Mrs. Selestine Merchant; three sons Thomas, Donald and Mozell Horace; two daughters Faye Johnson and Juanita Kaszegi and husband Marty; 23 grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; numerous nieces, nephews and other family members and friends. Preceded in death by her husband Raphel Horace; daughter Bertha Williams; father and mother Joel and Rhoda Hodge Pennington; four brothers Joe B., Aaron, Fred and Archie Pennington; two sisters Sarah Holly and Mary Ella Evans; an infant son Paul Richard and John Horace. Funeral Services for Mrs. Rubie Mae Horace were held Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Antioch Baptist Church in Pennington with the Rev. Cornelisus Harbin and the Rev. L. Sowell officiating. Interment followed in Fodice Cemetery in Fodice. Active Pallbearers were James Bennett, Paul Horace, Jr., Earnest Pennington, Greg Johnson, William Pennington and Jeff Johnson. Honorary Pallbearers were Thomas Horace, Mozell Horace, Donald Horace and Darrell Goodwin. Emanuel Funeral Home

### LEO "BOW" WILLIAMS JR.

Mr. Leo "Bow" Williams, Jr., age 67 of Latexo, passed away Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at his residence. Mr. Williams was born December 20, 1942, in Covington, Kentucky, and had lived in Latexo for the past 15 years. Mr. Williams was a veteran of the United States Navy having served during the Vietnam Era. He was a retired machinist and member of Truly God's Country Cowboy Church. Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Laura Gail Williams, of Latexo; three daughters Angela Ray Tucker, of Laurel, Miss., Laura Foreman and husband David, of The Woodlands and Rachel Hebert and husband Joseph, of Latexo; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; five sisters and one brother, Barbara, Mildred "Peaches", Gail, Diana, John and Naomi; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his father Leo Glenn Williams, Sr. and mother Mildred Lorraine Williams. Funeral Services for Mr. Leo "Bow" Williams were held Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Truly God's Country Cowboy Church with the Rev. Gene Kellum officiating. Military honors followed at the end of the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Texas Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 300630 Ste. 5214, Houston, TX 77230-0630. Condolences for Mr. Williams may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### WANDA LEE EASLEY CHANCE

Mrs. Wanda Lee Chance, age 56 of Crockett, left this earth on the Wings of Angels, ending all pain and suffering Wednesday, November 3, 2010 in MD Anderson Hospital in Houston. Mrs. Chance was born March 4, 1954 in Crockett to Marvin Junior Easley and Elsie Evelyn Easley. Mrs. Chance will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her. Survivors include her father Marvin Junior Easley, of Crockett; husband Carl Chance, of Crockett; son Michael Chance and wife Crystal, of Crockett; daughter Crystall Jo Ann Chance, of Crockett; brothers William Dan Easley and wife Rita, Marvin Wayne Easley and wife Michelle and John Easley and wife Denise, all of Crockett; sister Judy Easley, of Crockett; grandchildren Michael Chance, II., Alexia Michele Chance, Aliyah Kadence Sherman, Da'Leighya Dashai Sherman, Alexis Jade Mathis, Glenn Alan Weiman and Tyler Alexander Weiman; and a host of other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her mother Elsie Evelyn Easley. Memorial Services for Mrs. Wanda Lee Easley Chance were held Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Evergreen Cemetery in Percilla. Family Mortuary Services

### **OUINCY BENNETT**

Mr. Quincy Bennett, age 84 of Dodge Center, Minnesota, passed away Sunday evening, November 7, 2010 at St. Mary's Hospital. Mr. Bennett was born May 27, 1926 to Daniel and Viola (Odham) Bennett in Kennard Texas. He was united in marriage to Barbara Foster on June 21, 1959, at the United Methodist Church in Dodge Center. They made their home in Dodge Center. He grew up in East Texas. Mr. Bennett enlisted in the Navy in 1943, and served in the South Pacific. He worked on the railroad and did Pipeline Construction for 44 years throughout many states. After retiring from the pipeline, he worked for McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing Company delivering trucks to other states, including Alaska. Mr. Bennett was a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 50 years and held different offices in the lodge. He greatly enjoyed his granddaughters, family and friends. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and brother-in-law. He would always lend a helping hand whenever possible and always had a big smile and was very polite. Mr. Bennett was a person of many trades. Last year he was chosen to go on the Honor Flight for Vets to Washington D.C. He truly enjoyed the trip. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Blessed be his memory. Survivors include his wife Barbara Bennett, of Dodge Center, Minn.; son Terry (Lynn), of Bagley, Minn.; two granddaughters Rachel and Michelle Bennett, both of Bagley, Minn.; two brothers Donald (Billie Jo) Bennett, of Latexo and Bill Bennett, of Crockett; one sister Annie Bell Watson, of Latexo; four nephews and nieces; and sister-in-law Oma Bennett, of Huntsville. Preceded in death by his parents Daniel and Viola (Odham) Bennett; four brothers John D., J.V., James and Efton; and one sister Loretta. Funeral Services for Mr. Quincy Bennett will be held Friday, November 12, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the United Methodist Church, 20 - 1st Street NE, Dodge Center, MN with Reverend David Westlake officiating. Interment will be in Wildwood Cemetery in Wasioja, MN. www.czaplewskifuneralhomes..com Czaplewski Family Funeral Home

### **GENEVIEVE TARWATER SMITH**

Mrs. Genevieve Tarwater Smith, age 83, passed away Saturday, November 6, 2010. Mrs. Smith was born on June 28, 1927 in Helmic, Trinity County, Texas to George Dewey and Effie Tarwater. Baptized as a Christian during her early years at Austonio Baptist Church. She graduated from Crockett High School in 1944 and enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps while attending Jeff Davis Nursing School at University of Houston in Houston, Texas. She became a Registered Nurse at 19 years old. She met Russell M. Smith while working in Houston. They married and moved to Seattle, WA where they resided and had their 2 daughters. They moved back to Crockett in 1968 permanently, Mrs. Smith worked at Crockett Medical Surgical Hospital and Grapeland Hospital. She was Director of Nurses at Leisure Lodge, Texas Youth Commission, where she was extremely dedicated to working with the youth. She finished her career as a Registered Nurse at the Texas Department of Corrections, East Ham Unit. She retired to care for her husband. Mrs. Smith enjoyed traveling and seeing sights all over the United States and Canada. She loved fishing, bird watching and nature. She was an avid sewer and loved reading. She loved cooking and enjoyed sharing meals with family and friends. In her later years her main interest was following the lives and careers of her 5 grandchildren, whom she loved unconditionally. She will be remembered by many as having a kind heart, helping others with whom she worked throughout the years, with gifts of food, money and by offering a listening ear and through encouraging others to continue their education toward their career paths. Survivors include her daughters Cindy Smith Morgan and husband Richard, of Spring and Cam Smith Gorsky and

husband Bob, of Plano; grandchildren Michael Russell Gorsky, Sarah Elizabeth Gorsky, Airman Richard Ryan Morgan, United States Navy, Taylor Leigh Morgan and Hayley Camilla Morgan; sisters Natha Lee Lovell, of Crockett, Dewey Alene Williams, of Beaumont; nieces Janice and Byron Warren, Kay and John Bayne, Joel Clyde Lovell, Glenda and Bryan Worthy, Justin and Tish Williams; along with various great-nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceded in death by her parents George Dewey and Effie Tarwater; along with her husband of 42 years, Russell M. Smith. Funeral Services for Mrs. Genevieve Smith were held Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Levon Spath officiating. Interment followed at Bennett Cemetery in Apple Springs. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The American Lung Association and American Cancer Society. Condolences for Mrs. Smith may be left online obituaries www.callaway.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

# DR. ROBERT EDWIN NOBLE

Dr. Robert Edwin Noble, age 75 of Crockett, formerly of Louisiana, passed away Wednesday, November 10, 2010 in the Community Care Center in Crockett. He was born April 30, 1935 in Jefferson County, Mississippi and had moved to Crockett two years ago. Dr. Noble was a veteran of the United States Army having served in the 31st Infantry Division in 1958. He received a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Wildlife Management from L S U and a PhD from Michigan State. Dr. Noble was a professor at LSU for 28 years in Forestry and Wildlife Management until his retirement. Dr. Noble was awarded membership in Xi Sigma Pi and Sigma Xi and received the National Amoco Foundation Award for "Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching." In 2009, he was inducted into Forestry Wildlife and Fisheries Alumni Association Hall of Fame. Dr. Noble traveled extensively, spent seven summers in Alaska studying everything from the effects of harvesting virgin timber on bird populations, to Dall sheep in the Artic National Wildlife Refuge, and reindeer near the Chukchi Sea. Survivors include his wife, Allene Noble, of Baker, La.; daughter Dr. Stephanie Shroyer and husband Johnny, of Porter Springs; grandson Robert Paul Shroyer, of Porter Springs; sisters Delia Ann Guedon and husband Emile and Mary Ed Guedon and husband Arch, all of Church Hill, Miss.; brother Erne Maddux Noble and wife Lucy, of Baton Rouge, La.; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his parents Robert and Edwina Noble. Funeral Services for Dr. Robert Edwin Noble will be held Monday, November 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hill Methodist Church in Church Hill, Mississippi. Interment will follow in the Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery in Church Hill, Mississippi. Condolences for Dr. Noble may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### JAMES EDWARD "JIM" BUTLER

Mr. James Edward "Jim" Butler was born on November 4, 1941. He grew up in Dickinson, Texas where he attended school and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1960. From there he went on to earn a B.A. from Southwestern University, a Masters from University of Wisconsin and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Houston, Mr. Butler had a life-long love of learning and later in life completed his United Methodist Church Theological Training at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. During his life, He worked as an Assistant Professor at the University of Georgia and University of Houston. He had his own law practice in Dickinson for many years where he was involved in the community. The career that was closest to his heart, however, were the years he spent serving as a United Methodist Pastor at Shepherd United Methodist Church in Shepherd, Texas and Grace United Methodist Church and West End United Methodist Church in Texas City. Mr. Butler grew up attending the First United Methodist Church in Dickinson and returned there after his retirement from the ministry. He was a member of the Texas United Methodist Annual Conference where he was ordained in 1993 and selected as Local Pastor of the Year. Throughout his life, Jim was very involved in the community of Dickinson, particularly in activities which benefited the youth of the community. He served as Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 696, was a founder of the Dickinson Bay Area Soccer Club, member of the Dickinson I.S.D. Board of Trustees for 9 years, and the College of the Mainland Board for 18 years. In addition, Jim served as President of the Dickinson Chamber of Commerce and enjoyed serving in the Rotary Club of Dickinson where he also filled terms as President and as District Governor 5910. During his years in Rotary, he was also honored as a Paul Harris Fellow and selected for the Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Linda Butler; son Tom Butler and wife Gina; daughter Helenanne Tritico and husband Philip; grandchildren Kristen and Ian Bosner, James and Wesley Breaux, Madimae Butler, and Aubrey and Anthony Tritico; mother-in-law Verna Mae Driskell; brothers-and-sisters-in-law John and Karla Driskell, and Thomas and Jeannie Driskell; as well as numerous nieces

and nephews and cousins. As the son of a widowed mother, He also wanted to remember all of the members and ministers of the First United Methodist Church in Dickinson who helped guide him through life. Some have preceded him in death and others are still living. He requested that everyone who was touched by his life take time to read 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13 in his memory. Preceded in death by his parents George and Adeline Butler; father-in-law Jasper Driskell; and numerous aunts, uncles, and Cousins. Memorial Services for Mr. James Edward "Jim" Butler was held Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Dickinson, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's memory to the First United Methodist Church of Dickinson, Dickinson I.S.D. Educational Fund, M.I. Lewis, or Rotary International. Crowder Funeral Home

#### **OSCAR GILBERT**

Mr. Oscar Gilbert, age 83 of Belott, passed away Thursday, November 11, 2010 at his residence. Mr. Gilbert was born April 6, 1927 in Houston County, Texas and had lived in Crockett all of his lifetime. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy having served during World War II. Mr. Gilbert was retired painter and carpenter. He was a member of the New Energy Church. Survivors include his wife Evelyn Gilbert, of Belott; children June Young and Bernie Woolley, of Dyer, Tennessee, Judy Elliott, of Temple, Janet Perkins and husband Dennis, of Temple, David Young and wife Janet, of Deer Park and Michael Young and wife Molly, of Pearland; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; brother Boyce Gilbert and wife Billie, of Belott; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his father Oscar Gilbert; mother Rosie Gilbert; nine brothers and sisters. Funeral Services for Mr. Oscar Gilbert were held Sunday, November 14, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Richard Lewis, the Rev. Winston Coones and the Rev. Richard Gillet officiating. Interment followed in the New Energy Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society. Condolences for Mr. Gilbert may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### ALTON DUPREE SLOUGH

Mr. Alton Dupree Slough, age 89 of Tyler, passed away Thursday, November 11, 2010 at his residence in Tyler. Mr. Slough was born June 12, 1921 in Oplin, Texas to Barney and Virgie McIntyre Slough. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Grapeland. He was retired from Armco Steel. Mr. Slough served in the US Army Air Corp during WWII. Survivors include his wife Narris Ivey Albea Slough, of Tyler; step-daughters Brenda Ballew and husband James and Dena Albea, all of Houston; step-son Terry Albea and wife Dina, of Tyler; sister Sue Juricek; two brothers Melvin Slough and Fred Slough; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Barney and Virgie McIntyre Slough; and three brothers Gene Slough, Marvin Slough, and Ted Slough. Funeral Services for Alton Dupree Slough were held Sunday, November 14, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Bailey & Foster Chapel, in Grapeland with the Rev. David Bradley officiating. To view online, leave condolences or sign the guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey&Foster Funeral Home

### **BETTY JANE SHIPP SANDERS**

Mrs. Betty Jane Shipp Sanders, age 88, passed away in her home on Thursday, October 28, 2010. Mrs. Sanders was born to Mack M. and Nan Hail Shipp on August 31, 1922, in Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Sanders lived, was educated, and married in Crockett, Texas. Her ancestors, Jonas J. Hail(e), was an early settler of Houston County. Her home and property are located on a position of a Mexican land grant in 1834 to said ancestors in the Jonas J. Haile Survey A-40. Mr. Hail(e) later served in the fight for the independence of Texas at the Battle of San Jacinto. Mrs. Sanders was a resident of Houston, Texas, for 20 years, where she worked as an accountant for several large firms and also assisted in the management of two high-rise apartment residences in River Oaks. She retired to Crockett in 1979 to care for her father and to manage the new Pine Tree Manor, a retirement community located in Crockett, for 25 years. Mrs. Sanders was a life-long Episcopalian and was most recently a member of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Crockett, Texas. Survivors include her daughter Bettye Mac Sanders Bryant and husband Jerry, of LaFayette, Ala.; niece Nancy Scuddy Waggoner and husband Duke, of Palestine. Preceded in death by her husband Dupree Sanders of Sweetwater in 1961; son Charles Patrick Sanders in 2007; and sister Evelyn Moore Scuddy of Beaumont. Funeral Services for Mrs. Betty Jane Shipp Sanders were held Monday, November 1, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. John G. Chase officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. An All Saints' Episcopal Day Celebration and

Memorial services was conducted at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church located at 1301 East Houston Avenue, Crockett. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any remembrances may be made to All Saints' Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 103, Crockett Texas 75835 or an organization of their choice. Condolences for Mrs. Sanders may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **ROBERT LARRY PATTON**

Mr. Robert Larry Patton, age 62 of Houston, passed away Tuesday, October 26, 2010 in the Ben Taub Hospital in Houston. Mr. Patton was born June 15, 1948 in Crockett, Texas and was a resident of Houston since 1963. Mr. Patton was self employed having worked in the construction business. He enjoyed wood working and welding. Survivors include his wife Julie Ann Patton, of Houston; sons Robert Anthony Patton, of Navasota and Cayce Lee Patton, of Houston; brothers Elmer Douglas Patton, of Galveston, Billy Jack Patton and wife Sue, of Huffman; sister Bridgett Patton Cochran and husband Daniel, of Talihina, Okla. Preceded in death by his parents Robert and Lois Patton; son Pryce Lee Patton; half-brother Rayford Lee Patton; and brother Jerry Lee Patton. Funeral Services for Mr. Robert Larry Patton were held Monday, November 1, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with William Wesson, Jesse Ray Patton and Helen Gilley Brinson officiating. Interment followed in the Conner Cemetery. Condolences for Mr. Patton may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### **DEE ALLEN**

Mr. Dee Allen, age 76 of Grapeland, passed away Monday, October 25, 2010 at his residence. Mr. Allen was born June 11, 1934 in Latexo, Texas and had lived in Grapeland for the past 5 years. Mr. Allen was a veteran of the United States Air Force having served during the Korean Conflict. He was a retired auto mechanic. Survivors include his son Russell Allen and girlfriend Debbie, of Mesquite; niece Patsy Schmidt; nephew Joey Schmidt; lifelong friend Nellie Currie, of Latexo. Preceded in death by his wife Bonnie Allen; and parents Carl and Ethel Allen. Funeral Services for Mr. Dee Allen were held Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Pastor Marcus Alexander officiating. Interment followed in the New Energy Cemetery. Condolences for Mr. Allen may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

# **CYNTHIA RUIZ TORREZ**

Mrs. Cynthia Ruiz Torrez, age 48 of Austin, passed away Wednesday, October 27, 2010, in St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Torrez was born January 30, 1962 in Austin, Texas. Mrs. Torrez was a housewife and was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include her parents Santos and Angie Ruiz, of Manor; daughters Gina Torrez Cardenas and husband Fernando, of Crockett and Amy Salazar, of Austin; sons Joe Louis Salazar, Jr. and Samson Ray Chavez and wife Lori, all of Austin; Special Friend Adam B. Carr, of St. Louis, Mo.; grandchildren Briana Nicole, Fernando Jr. and Isabella Cardenas, all of Crockett, Armando Jr., Ramon and Anna Salazar, Jazmine, Gilbert, Samson Jr. and Chloe Chavez, all of Austin and Heath Anthony Webb, of Crockett; brothers Santos Ruiz, Jr., of Manor and Miguel Ruiz, of Austin; sister Yolanda Ruiz Fabian and husband Larry, of Hutto; many nieces, nephews, aunts uncles cousins and friends. Preceded in death by her husband Gilbert Torrez in 2006. Graveside Funeral Services for Mrs. Cynthia Ruiz Torrez were held Sunday, October 31, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Evergreen Memorial Park with Santos Ruiz, Jr. officiating. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home RALPH KREGER Mr. Ralph Kreger, age 75 of Pennington, passed away Saturday, October 30, 2010 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mr. Kreger was born June 28, 1935 in Houston, Texas and had lived in Pennington for the past 5 years. Mr. Kreger was a veteran of the U. S. Army having served in the Korean Conflict. He had worked as a maintenance technician for a chemical plant and was the past Fire Chief for the Liverpool Volunteer Fire Department. Survivors include his wife Erline Kreger, of Pennington; sons Albert Kreger, Steven Kreger and wife Sunny, Donald Kreger, all of Pennington, and James Kreger and wife Carolyn, of Deer Park; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother Bobby Kreger and wife Delores, of Lumberton; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his parents Albert and Doris Kreger; brother Eugene Kreger; sister Bonnie Chambers; and grandson Brandon Kreger. Funeral Services for Mr. Ralph Kreger were held Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Bro. Jerry Vinyeard officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michelle Lynn Holsey Foundation, P.O. Box 652, Crockett, Texas 75835. Condolences for Mr. Kreger may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-

# **RENA DYCHES**

Mrs. Rena Dyches, age 93 of Crockett, passed away Sunday, October 31, 2010 in the Community Care Center in Crockett. Mrs. Dyches was born March 26, 1917, in Houston County, Texas. She married K. P. Dyches on February 29, 1936. To this union they loved and raised eight children and two grandchildren. She had worked as a nurse's aid, medication aid, cafeteria worker and child care provider. After retiring, she enjoyed taking care of her grandchildren and quilting. She went to be with the Lord with her family by her side. Survivors include her children Roy Dyches and wife Kathleen, of Latexo, James Dyches and wife Regina, of Crockett, Shirley Stowe and husband Mark, of Zavalla, Janice Anderson and husband Dennis, of Nacogdoches, Terri Hutcherson and husband Jimmy, of Crockett and Jerry Dyches, of Latexo; special grandchildren Kathy Bradley, of Crockett and Sharon Hamilton and husband Roy, of Austonio; sister Joy Galla and husband Vick, of Bellaire; 24 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband K. P. Dyches; and daughters Dorothy Beard and Barbara Richey. Funeral Services for Mrs. Rena Dyches were held Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Steve Meadows and the Rev. Dennis Anderson officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Westside Baptist Church. Condolences for Mrs. Dyches may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **BOBBY LANE**

Mr. Bobby Lane, age 66 of Crockett, passed away Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at his residence. Mr. Lane was born February 19, 1944 in Crockett, Texas and had lived all of his lifetime in Crockett. Mr. Lane was retired having worked as a plant manager for the State of Texas and was a member of the Central Baptist Church in Crockett. Survivors include his wife Vicki Reno Lane, of Crockett; sons Robert Lane, and Michael Lane and wife Jo, all of Crockett; grandchildren Jordan Paige Lane and Randi Ray Lane, of Crockett; sister Joyce Marie Lane, of Crockett; special friends Earl Beard and Dewayne Ferguson, both of Crockett. Preceded in death by his parents George and Ethel Lane. Funeral Services for Mr. Bobby Lane were held Friday, November 5, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. John Goss officiating. Interment followed in the McCarter Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Houston County Animal Shelter c/o Houston County Veterinary Hospital, 2105 North Fourth Street, Crockett, Texas 75835. Condolences for Mr. Lane may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### DOROTHY MARIE KUNZ BOWDOIN

Mrs. Dorothy Marie Kunz Bowdoin, age 78 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, November 3, 2010 in the Houston County Nursing Home in Crockett. Mrs. Bowdoin was born March 15, 1932 in Schulenburg, Texas and had been living in Crockett for the past 2 ½ years. Mrs. Bowdoin was a member of the Woodlands Baptist Church in Splendora and she attended the Georgia Camp Baptist Church. She was a housewife. Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Wayne Bowdoin, of Crockett; children Ernest Bowdoin, of Splendora, Joann Estes and husband Glen, of Point Blank and Diane Henderson and husband Keith, of Splendora; grandchildren Melissa Hall and husband Jon, of La. and Kaitlyn Henderson, of Splendora; great-grandchildren Alexis Paige Hall and Jon Jeremy Hall, Jr.; adopted-daughter Stephanie Edwards, of Crockett; adopted-granddaughter Megan Jeffreys, of Crockett; sisters-in-law Ruth Kunz, of Schulenburg and Rachel Sanders and husband Gary, of Grapeland; nephews Darren Kunz, of Schulenburg and James Kunz, of Columbus. Preceded in death by her parents Edmond and Annie Kunz; brothers Arthur Kunz and wife Marselene and Herman Kunz. Funeral Services for Mrs. Dorothy Marie Kunz Bowdoin were held Friday, November 5, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Rex Harrell officiating. Interment followed in the Porter Springs Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Georgia Camp Baptist Church. Condolences for Mrs. Bowdoin may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **BILLY MILLICAN**

Mr. Billy Millican, age 75 of Huntsville, passed away Wednesday, November 3, 2010 in Huntsville. Mr. Millican was born May 4, 1935 in Crockett, Texas and was a resident of Huntsville for the past 30 years. Mr. Millican was a member of the Masonic Lodge #147 in Plantersville and was retired having worked as a supervisor of tool

assembly for Baker Oil Tool Company with 38 years of service. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. Survivors include his children Linda Smith and husband Melvin, of Grapeland, Norma Fuson and husband Gary, of New Waverly, Billy Jeffery Millican, of Ga., James Rains and wife Ginger, of Huntsville, Calvin Millican and wife Tammy, of Crockett, Melinda Woolley and husband Bubba, of Lovelady, Travis Treece and wife Nora, of Willis and Shirlena Cagle and husband Greg, of Huntsville; grandchildren Laurie, Melissa, Jason, Julie, Billy, Marcus, Jamie Gail, Joshua, C. J., Danny, Ketrina, Tasha and Chandra; great-grandchildren Ashton, Isabella, Keaira, Kirstyn, John and Bentlee; brother-in-law Jimmy Vondra and wife Pat, of Crystal Beach; sisters-in-law Mary Ann Lightsey and Jean Davenport, of Crockett; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his wife Doris Millican; mother Ella Mae Satterwhite; father Jonas Millican; brothers Glen Millican, Melvin Millican, Bobby Millican and Charles Millican. Funeral Services for Mr. Billy Millican were held Saturday, November 6, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Mr. Archie Smith officiating. Interment followed in the Center Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michelle Lynn Holsey Foundation, P.O. Box 652, Crockett, Texas 75835. Condolences for Mr. Millican may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home James Lee Grimes Mr. James Lee Grimes, age 70 of Etoile, passed away Thursday, November 4, 2010 in Etoile. Mr. Grimes was born May 17, 1940. Mr. Grimes is the brother of Lamerle Hampton of Crockett. Funeral Services for Mr. James Lee Grimes, were held Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Cason Monk-Metcalf, Sunset Chapel with Bro. Dale Jackson of Shirley Creek Baptist Church officiating. Interment followed at Salem Cemetery in Etoile, Texas. Condolences may be offered at www.casonmonk-metcalf.com. Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Directors

### 1. DON CRAVEN

Mr. Don Craven, age 63, passed away on Thursday, December 2 at his home at Waterwood, Texas. Mr. Craven was born September 4, 1947 in Crockett, Texas, where he graduated from high school. He graduated from the University of Texas. Most of his work was in the hotel business as general manager of major hotels and then resort properties. He was always dedicated to his work. His most recent employment was Community Manager of the Property Owners Association at Cape Royale. Survivors include his loving mother Bitsy Craven; sister and brother-in-law Thelda and Ed Chambliss; and nephew Chris Chambliss, who he adored. Preceded in death by his father, Deal Craven. Funeral Services for Mr. Don Craven were held on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel. Interment followed in the Pennington Cemetery. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to an animal shelter or a charity of your choice. Condolences for Mr. Craven may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### LOLA MAE DRONET

Mrs. Lola Mae Dronet, age 89 of Crockett, formerly of Killeen, passed away Sunday, December 5, 2010 at the Winfield Nursing Home in Crockett. Mrs. Dronet was born December 18, 1920 in Louisiana and a longtime resident of Killeen. Mrs. Dronet enjoyed the good life. She was active in the NCO retired wives club, enjoyed line dancing, traveling and art work. She volunteered at Darnell Army Hospital and enjoyed the company of family and friends. Mrs. Dronet was a long time member of St. Josephs church in Killeen and a member of the St. Francis of the Tejas Catholic Church in Crockett. She will be missed by all of her family and friends. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Michael and Debra Dronet, of Grapeland; granddaughter Michelle Borden and husband Ronnie Borden; Michelle's two son's Cody and Mickey; granddaughter Lisa Dronet and her daughter Lakin, all of Miss.; granddaughters Tasha and Sara, of Calif.; grandson Shawn Dronet, of Calif.; and blessed with five great-grandchildren. Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home

### **VERNA HARRISON DUREN**

Mrs. Verna Harrison Duren, age 104 of Crockett, passed away Saturday, December 4, 2010 in the Whitehall Nursing Center in Crockett. Mrs. Duren was born March 17, 1906 in Harrison Town, Texas and had lived in Port Arthur until 1964, moving to Crockett. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was a lifetime member and past president of Port Acres P.T.A. and a member of the Houston County Hospital Auxiliary. Mrs. Duren was a homemaker and was also a member of the New Energy Methodist Church. Survivors include her children Doris Alderman, of Shreveport, La., Colleen Moore, of Groveton, Verna Hogan Baumbach and husband Joe, of Pasadena, Virginia Sherer and husband Arnold, of Crockett, William Wayne Duren and wife Joann, of

Beaumont, James Hudson Duren and wife Sandy, of Crockett and George T. Duren, Jr. and wife Debby, of Lufkin; 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband George T. Duren, Sr.; great-grandson Brian Moore; eight siblings; and son-in-law Gaylon Alderman. She was the last survivor of the James and Margaret Harrison Family. Funeral Services for Mrs. Verna Harrison Duren were held Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Richard Gillet and the Rev. Winston Coones officiating. Interment followed in the New Energy Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Energy Cemetery Association, c/o Virginia Sherer, 9270 State Highway 21 East, Crockett, Texas 75835. Condolences for Mrs. Duren may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **HENRY BEARD**

Mr. Henry Beard, age 82 of Grapeland, passed away Wednesday, December 9, 2010 at his residence. Mr. Beard was born May 16, 1928 and was a resident of Grapeland for the past 35 years. Mr. Beard was a member of the Knights of Columbus, past board member of Grapeland Coop and member of the Houston Ceramic Tile Association. He was a member of the St Francis of the Tejas Catholic Church and had served as an Euchortic Minister and Marriage Preparation Sponsor. Mr. Beard was a retired contractor having owned and operated a ceramic tile business and was also a rancher. Survivors include his daughters Susan Abshire and husband Rick, of Grapeland, Barbara Irving and husband Larry, of Houston and Peggy Dworsky and husband David, of Cypress; grandchildren Cheryl Bennett of Lufkin, Amy Cutshaw and husband Michael, of Grapeland and Austin Dworsky, of Cypress; great-grandchildren D.J., Dane, Eric, and Anna; sister Jane Hopson and husband Gwen, of Houston; brothers Frank Beard and wife Billie, of Grapeland and Curtis Beard and wife Betty, of Buffalo; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by his wife Eva Beard; daughter Cindy Lee Beard; parents Oscar and Julia Beard; and brother Ray Beard. Funeral Services for Mr. Henry Beard were held Friday, December 10, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Francis of the Tejas Catholic Church with Father Gary Rottman officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Francis of the Tejas Catholic Church Building Fund, 609 N. Fourth Street, Crockett, Texas 75835. Condolences for Mr. Beard may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### LELAND B. KEE

Mr. Leland B. Keeage, age 93 of Angleton, long time community leader, passed away Thursday, December 9, 2010 at his home in Angleton. Mr. Kee was born on a farm on Nogales Prairie in East Texas in 1917 to Mary Jane Wheat Kee and James Taylor Kee. He was the youngest of six brothers and sisters in a family that survived the great depression and flourished in post war America. Upon graduating from Groveton High School Mr. Kee attended Marshall Junior College before transferring to North Texas State where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. For two years he taught in the rural schools of Trinity County where as teacher and boys' softball coach he met and later married Marie Harkins, who was a teacher in the same school. The couple formed a union that flourished 67 years. War interrupted their lives in 1941 and Mr. Kee joined the United States Navy immediately following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He served in the South Pacific during the war remaining active in the Naval Reserves until 1977 when he retired with the rank of commander. After the war, Kee enrolled in the University of Texas to study law and upon graduation in 1948 moved to Brazoria County to begin a successful legal career, raising a family, and a life of community service. Kee's strong sense of civic duty may be best represented by a partial list of organizations to which he dedicated his time and talent: •Trustee of the Angleton Independent School board for nine years and legal counsel and advisor to five AISD superintendents. Mr. Kee had a primary role in increasing the taxable valuation of the Angleton Independent School District from \$13 million in the 1950's to well over \$1.7 billion insuring adequate funding for generations of Angleton area school children. Mr. Kee began practicing law in Brazoria County in 1948 and over the next 60 years left a legacy of service benefiting local schools, civic organizations, governments, and many Brazoria County citizens who turned to him for legal advice. • Last surviving charter member of the Angleton Rotary Club. He helped organize the Angleton club in the 1950's serving as the club's second president and member of the Board of Directors • President of the Brazoria County Chamber of Commerce. Founding member Angleton Chamber of Commerce serving on numerous chamber committees, its Board of Directors, and as Chamber President. The Chamber has on two separate occasions named Kee the recipient of its Outstanding Service Award. • President and director of the

Brazoria County Transportation Planning Commission. In 1977, Mr. Kee led a 1,000 person countywide delegation from Brazoria County to Austin to impress on the Texas Highway Commission of the urgent need for funding for the construction of the 288 freeway. • General Counsel to the Port of Freeport from its inception until 2004, Mr. Kee shepherded Port Freeport from an idea to the multibillion-dollar industry that it is today. • In 1983, Kee participated in the organization of the Brazosport Economic Development Corporation. He served on its Board of Directors and as a member of its executive committee until it was merged into the Brazoria County Partnership in 1997. • Charter member and first Chairman of the Brazoria County Appraisal District. • Member and past president of the Brazoria County Bar Association, Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a Sustaining Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. Licensed to practice before the Supreme Court of The United States. • 1961, he was appointed by Governor Price Daniel to a six-year term on the Texas Board of Corrections. • An active member of the First United Methodist Church, having served as chairman of its Administrative Board and on various committees. Survivors included his daughters Susan Endendyk and husband Bruce, of Lake Travis and Nancy Kee Patterson, of Liverpool; son Barry Kee and wife Lynn, of Austin; grandchildren John Endendyk and wife Kristin Beck Endendyk, Matthew Endendyk, Sara Patterson, Elissa Patterson, Gena Patterson, Bradley Kee, and Michael Kee; one great-grandson William Endendyk; long time administrative assistant Joan Chesser. Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 67 years, Marie Harkins Kee; and their infant daughter Karen Jane Kee; parents Mary Jane Wheat Kee and James Taylor Kee; and his five brothers and sisters. Funeral Services honoring the life of Mr. Leland B. Kee will be held Saturday, December 11, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church of Angleton, Texas. Graveside Services will follow at Corinth Cemetery in Kennard. Honorary Pall Bearers will be Dr. Randolph Brantley, Jay Brockman, Joseph Snow, Joe Galaznick, Judge Jay Ray Gayle, III, Bob LeBoeuf, and Mark Neal. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the 23rd District Court Restoration Fund, j ? Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 E. Cedar, Angleton, TX 77515; the Leland and Marie Kee Community Service Scholarship Fund, j. ? Greater Angleton Chamber of Commerce, 445 E Mulberry, Angleton, TX 77515 or the First United Methodist Church Building Fund at PO Box 1058, Angleton, TX 77516. Palms Funeral Home

### **BETTY ANN ELLIOTT**

Mrs. Betty Ann Elliott, age 86 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at ETMC Crockett. Mrs. Elliott was born December 1, 1924 in Killen, Al., to James M. and Myrtle L. Trouseale Harrison. She worked as a switchboard operator for many years in New Orleans. Survivors include her daughter Virginia McKean; son Jim Elliott and his fiancé Carolyn Gentry; sister Katheleen Tassara; grandchildren Nita, Debbie, Gay, Amanda, Patrick and Robert; 13 great-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her parents James M. and Myrtle L. Trouseale Harrison; sister Ruth Jenning; and a great-great-granddaughter Jasmine. Memorial Services for Mrs. Betty Ann Elliott was held 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 18, 2010 at Bailey & Foster Chapel in Grapeland with Reggie Gregory officiating. To view online, leave condolences or sign guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey&Foster Funeral Home

## **INEZ HARRIS**

Mrs. Inez Harris, age 83 of Baytown, formerly of Lovelady, passed away Tuesday, December 7, 2010, in the St. James House in Baytown. Mrs. Harris was born December 25, 1926 in Houston County, Texas and had lived in Lovelady most of her lifetime. Mrs. Harris was a past member of the American Legion having served as an officer, a member of the S. P. J. S. T. and Weldon Civic Club. She was a housewife and was also a member of the Antioch Baptist Church in Lovelady. Survivors include her son Robert Mack and wife Judy, of Channelview; granddaughters Robyn Shamoon and husband Shawn, of Kingwood and Caryn Mack and fiance' Patrick Arnold, of Sheldon; grandson Daniel Mack, of Channelview; great-grandchildren Justyn Shamoon and wife Jennifer, Shalyn Shamoon, all of Kingwood, Carlee Pace, Travis Arnold, Blake Arnold and Bekka Arnold, all of Sheldon; sister Mardell White and husband Vic, of Crockett; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband Raymond Harris; great-grandson Colton Shamoon; parents Lee and Viola Searcy; and sisters Louise Bearden and Faye Sparks. Graveside Funeral Services for Mrs. Inez Harris were held Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Lovelady Antioch Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Lacey officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Antioch Cemetery Association, c/o Mrs. Joan Little, 4846 C. R. 3455, Lovelady, Texas 75851. Condolences for Mrs. Harris may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

#### **GRAHAM**

Mrs. Annie "Florene Graham age 78 of Latexo, passed away Saturday, November 27, 2010 at East Texas Medical Center in Crockett. Mrs. Graham was born April 26, 1932 in Houston County to Lawrence and Corine Turner Goolsby. Mrs. Graham attended the Grace Bible Church. She graduated from Latexo High School and lived in Houston for many years before returning to Latexo. Survivors include her sons Gary Graham and wife Bessie, Greg Graham and wife Donna, and Wyatt Graham, all of Latexo; four grandchildren Daniel and Tara McCurley, Adam and Jessica Graham, Jonathan Graham, Kevin and Hillarie Gustavus; five great-grandchildren Jaycee Graham, Zachary Gustavus, Abigail Gustavus, Preslee Gustavus, and Conner Graham. Preceded in death by her parents Lawrence and Corine Turner Goolsby; husband Denny Graham in 2000; two sisters Maedell Bradley and Zelma Platt; and two brothers Wilson Goolsby and Ellis Goolsby. Funeral Services for Mrs. Annie "Florene" Graham were held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at Grace Bible Church with Pastor Mike Tindall officiating. Interment followed in Graham Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Adam Graham, Jonathan Graham, Mike Goolsby, David Goolsby, Daniel McCurley, and Daniel Howard. To view online, leave condolences or sign the guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com Bailey&Foster Funeral Home

### MARY ETHEL (ADAMS) ADKINSON

Mrs. Mary Ethel (Adams) Adkinson, age 86 of Odessa, passed away Friday, November 26, 2010. Mrs. Adkinson was born June 22, 1924 in Lovelady, Houston County to Bill and Ethel Adams. She was a member of the Church of Christ for over 50 years. She dearly loved the church. Mrs. Adkinson worked as a waitress for many years at Warfield Truck Stop. Survivors include Kevin Adkinson and wife Debbie, of Odessa; step-son Kelly Adkinson and wife Mary, of Saratoga, Ark.; two granddaughters, whom she love dearly, Jennifer and Melissa and husband Chris Hunt, all of Odessa; three grandsons Richard Boswell and wife Jennifer, of Dayton, Justin and Rodney and wife Melissa, all of Calif.; and eight great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband Bob Adkinson in 1978; brother Buford Adams; and son Richard Boswell who passed away Nov. 5, 2006. Funeral Services for Mrs. Mary Ethel (Adams) Adkinson were held Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Tanglewood Church of Christ with Don Belk and Jim Dillow officiating. Interment followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home

# FRANK SURGINER

Mr. Frank Surginer, age 77, of Grapeland, passed away Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at his residence. Mr. Surginer was born September 9, 1933 in Maydell, Texas and had been living in Grapeland for the past 10 years. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps having served as a Corporal during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Surginer was a lifetime member of the V. F. W. Post # 518 and was retired having owned and operated Surginer Trucking Company. He was a member of the Harvest Church in Crockett. Survivors include his wife Pat Surginer, of Grapeland; son Craig Surginer and wife Patty, of Houston; daughter Kim Rose Cornell, of Grapeland; granddaughter Kristina Myhres and husband Jason, of Palestine; grandsons Kyle Stolarsky, of Houston and Keith Cornell, of Grapeland; brothers Wilburn Surginer, of LaPorte and Howard Surginer, of Luling; sisters Shirley Cox, Gay Cox, both of Corpus Christi and Kathy Surginer; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives; and eight loving dogs. Preceded in death by his parents Vinia and Garland Surginer; sister Mary Lou Maddox; brothers James Surginer and Charlie Surginer. Funeral Services for Mr. Frank Surginer were held Friday, December 3, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Harvest Church in Crockett with the Rev. Dennis Ivey officiating. Graveside Services followed at 3:00 p.m. in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Houston. Condolences for Mr. Surginer may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

# MARGARET JEAN (WOOLBRIGHT) HENDERSON

Mrs. Margaret Jean (Woolbright) Henderson, age 66 of Lafayette, Louisiana, passed away Wednesday, November 24, 2010 after a short illness. Mrs. Henderson was the first born to Rev. Detroit and Sis. Mary Alice Woolbright August 31, 1944 in Shiloh Community of Crockett. She was born and raised in the Shiloh Community of Crockett, Texas. Mrs. Henderson was a lifelong member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, and attended school at Center Grove. Upon graduating from high school, and attended Jarvis Christian College and later moved to Houston where she worked for a number of years. The third of five children, She was extremely bright and creative. While growing up, She made good grades in school and excelled in track on the relay team. She often

entertained her siblings with her poetry, theatrical plays and skits, and quick wit. Her children and others close to her often reminiscence about the days when she would entertain them with countless stories, games of make believe, kids' club house meetings, walks through the woods, song and dance, syrup cakes, and other special homemade treats and fun activities. Mrs. Henderson resided in Lafayette, Louisiana for many years prior to her death where she had many dear friends who loved her well, and knew her to be loyal and true in return. She died in Lafayette after a short illness, and will be missed dearly. Survivors include her two children Syrzel Henderson and Kathy Woolbright; brothers Jerry and Detroit Jr.; sister Bobbie; her cat and faithful companion, Candy; and a wide host of other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by her parents Rev. Detroit and Sis Mary Alice Woolbright; husband Zel T. Henderson; and one brother Curtis Lee Woolbright. A Memorial Service celebrating for Mrs. Margaret Jean (Woolbright) Henderson was held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, December 11, 2010 at Barkley Mortuary located at 106 E Bell Avenue Crockett, TX 75835.

#### **BILLIE ROBINSON**

Mrs. Billie Robinson, age 77 of Dickinson, formerly of Weldon, passed away Thursday, December 2, 2010 in the Mainland Medical Center in Texas City. Mrs. Robinson was born December 27, 1932 in Weldon, Texas and had been living in Dickinson for the past 12 years. Mrs. Robinson was retired having worked as a hairdresser and was a member of the Pine Drive Community Church. Survivors include her daughter Jackie Thompson and husband Willie, of Dickinson; granddaughter Faith Kilmer and husband Richard, of Chireno; grandson David Thompson and wife Lynnette, of Va.; great-grandchildren Trent, Lance, Nicole, Natalie, Lauren and Jack; brother John Greer and wife Gloria, of Cleveland; sister-in-law Yvonne Anderson, of Port Neches; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Preceded in death by her husband Jack Robinson in 1990; daughter Paula Robinson in 1968; five brothers and sisters. Graveside Funeral Services for Mrs. Billie Jean Robinson were held Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Weldon Cemetery with the Rev. Reggie Gregory officiating. Condolences for Mrs. Robinson may be left at online obituaries www.callawayallee.com. Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### MARGIE ALIENE FLOURNOY

Mrs. Margie Aliene Flournoy, age 83, passed away Wednesday, December 1, 2010 in Huntsville. Mrs. Flournoy was born April 15, 1927 in Richards, Texas to Henry Cothran and Nettie (Smoot) Cothran. She was born in the depression era and quit school after 7th grade. She met Charlie who had just gotten out from the Navy and WW II and it was love at first sight. One of Charlie's favorite sayings was that "it was plum romantical" which always brought on the smiles. They lived most of their lives in Houston, Texas. While Charlene and David were in school, She studied at a local library and received her GED and then went on to graduate from Durham Business College and worked as an office nurse for Dr. EK Chunn for many years. She received her LVN degree and was a dedicated nurse for many years at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston. After retiring in 1992, she moved to Huntsville to the home Charlie had built for them where they enjoyed their time gardening, raising cattle, visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. Flournoy was devoted and nurturing to family, and when anyone had a need, she was there. She loved and looked forward to traveling with her sisters, nieces, and friends. She loved going to Coushatta Casino with her twin sister and she would always say with a chuckle, "I'm going to spend your inheritance" and her kids would always tell her to enjoy herself and that she earned it and could spend it how she wanted to. Mrs. Flournoy looked forward to getting her hair done each week and would be dressed with her makeup on before breakfast. She enjoyed looking pretty. She was the first snooze alarm and Charlie would say "just five more minutes" every morning at least three times every morning. She always had his khaki's and his welding cap starched and ironed all his clothes, including his underwear, handkerchief, socks and boots were always laid out for him. She would always have his bath water drawn and breakfast on the table. Mrs. Flournoy was an avid Astros fan and especially when they were winning and enjoyed watching the Cowboys and Texans. She loved mowing the yard and in the early days used a push mower with no motor and in later years got herself a fancy riding mower. She loved and doted on her children and grandchild. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Survivors include her daughter Sandra Charlene and husband Mike Lansford, Jr., of Huntsville; son David Allen Flournoy, of Huntsville; granddaughter Lacy LeaAnne Lansford and special friend Leanne Lindsey, of San Antonio; twin sister Irene Ellisor, of Huntsville; sister Joyce Murdock, of New Waverly; and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members. Preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Charlie Flournoy; parents Henry and Nettie Cothran; brothers H.C. Cathran, L.A. Cothran, William Floyd Cothran, and Addison Cothran; sisters Mattie Morris and Mandy Lea Barker. Funeral Services for Mrs. Margie Aliene Flournoy were held

Saturday, December 4, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville with the Rev. James Ray Necker officiating. Interment followed in Adickes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery, Huntsville. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home