

### **Betty Smith**

Mrs. Betty Smith, age 74 of Pearson Chapel, passed away Wednesday, August 2, 2006 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Smith was born June 16, 1932 in Houston County and had been a resident of Houston County for most of her lifetime. Mrs. Smith was retired having worked as a record's clerk for T.D. C. J.I.D. and had attended the Pearson Chapel Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter Gena Hendrix, of Pearson Chapel; son Kenny Smith and wife Donna, of Pearson Chapel; grandchildren Alisha Moser, of Pearson Chapel, Amanda Spears and husband John, of Conroe, Joshua Miller, of Needville, Ashley Miller, of Calif. Lauren Smith, Katie Smith and Taylor Smith, all of Pearson Chapel; great-grandchildren Koy Moser, Hailey Aaron, Brianna Aaron, all of Pearson Chapel and Kaitlyn Spears, of Con-roe; brother Billy Hugh Bitner, of Alvin; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by her husband K.W. Smith; and daughter Pam Miller.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Betty Smith were held Sunday, August 6, at 2:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. L.J. Adams officiating. Interment followed in the Bynum Cemetery.

Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **George Barton**

Mr. George Geary Barton, age 97 of Crockett formerly of Groveton, passed away Wednesday, July 26, 2006 in Crockett. Mr. Barton was born May 21, 1909 in Creacy to G.C. and Mary Due Barton. Mr. Barton was a rancher and a member of the Centralia Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife Doris Barton, of Crockett; daughter Mrs. Barbara Cook, of Crockett; sisters Bernise Lurea, of Houston, Marie Welsh, of Tyler and Tee Adler, of Groveton; granddaughters Mrs. Pamela Ann Barksdale, of Houston and Mrs. Kimberly Kay Lewis, of Flower Mound; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents G.C. and Mary Due Barton; brothers Dudley Carrol Barton and Ben Cain Bar-ton; sister Josie Lee Sullivan; and son-in-law Dr. James W. Cook.

Funeral Services for Mr. George Geary Barton were held Saturday, July 29, at 10:00 a.m. in the Groveton Fu-neral Home Chapel with Bro. Bill Geter and Bro. Jim McDonald officiating. Interment followed in the Bennett Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Darrell Forrest, Roger Floyd, Jerry Tullos, Coy Minshew, Vic Issack and Omer Brister.

Honorary Pallbearer was E.L. Tullos.

### **Mark Ansley**

Mr. Mark Ansley, age 53 of Crockett, passed away Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at his residence. Mr. Ansley was born September 22, 1952 in Dallas and had lived in Crockett for several years having worked as a registered nurse. Mr. Ansley had a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Texas. Mr. Ansley loved his family and friends, music, and wildlife. Mr. Ansley belonged to several conservation organizations. Mr. Ansley will be joining his beloved K.T. and Daddy 2 in Heaven. We are thankful for the time God gave us with him.

Survivors include his parents Jim and Gail Ansley, of Dallas; cousin Dr. F.A. Smith III and wife V. Kay and fam-ily, of Crockett; special love ones Kathryn Callaway Smith, Shirley

McNamer, both of Crockett and Paul and Kate Crouch, of Austin; and numerous other relatives.

Memorial services for Mr. Mark Ansley were held Thursday, July 27, at 1:00 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with Dr. Jerry House officiating.

Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **Ruby Huff**

Mrs. Ruby Dee Huff, age 75 of Grapeland, passed away Friday, July 21, 2006 in Crockett Hospital. Mrs. Huff was born June 23, 1931 in Cherokee County to Daniel Webster Kellum and Minnie Bishop Kellum. Mrs. Huff was a homemaker and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Grapeland.

Survivors include her daughters Kathy Cheatham and husband Jackie, of Grapeland, Mona Ivey and husband Ronnie, of Chandler and Tambra Bigham and husband Harold, of Memphis, Tenn.; sister Myrtle Stinnet, of Hous-ton; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her parents Daniel Webster Kellum and Minnie Bishop Kellum; sister Pauline Kniblek; and brothers Marvin, Leonard, Hilton, Sam and Dan Kellum.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Ruby Dee Huff were held Monday, July 24, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Grapeland with the Rev. David Bradley and the Rev. Ronald Ivey officiating. Interment followed in Dailey Ceme-tery.

Pallbearers were Dan Huff, Jeremy Huff, Paul Huff, Mitchell Huff, Kevin Goolsby and Bo Vickers.

Bailey&Foster Funeral Home

### **Stephen Foster**

Mr. Stephen Brian Foster, age 65 of Grapeland, passed away Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at his residence. Mr. Fos-ter was born July 16, 1941 in Houston to Olan and Iva Bynum Foster. Mr. Foster was retired from the US Postal Service and was a member of the Tabernacle of Praise Church in Kennard.

Survivors include his mother Iva Jeffery, of Houston; sons Johnny Foster and Bobby Foster, both of Houston; two grandchildren Mattie Foster and Joe Foster, of Houston; uncle and aunt T.A. and Eva Bynum; and cousins Timmy Bynum and Sue Bynum.

Preceded in death by his father Olan Foster.

Funeral Services for Mr. Stephen Brian Foster were held Saturday, July 22, at 10:00 a.m. at Weches Cemetery Tabernacle with the Rev. Grady Gladden officiating. Interment followed in Weches Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dustin Bynum, Bubba Stokes, Stephen Bobbitt, Josh Bobbitt, Joey Meek, David Meek, Joey Bobbitt and Joe Hughs.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to East Texas Vida Nueva C/O Wayne Irwin, 1004 N. Olive St., Grapeland, TX. 75844.

Bailey&Foster Funeral Home

### **Bennie McKnight**

Mr. Bennie Lee McKnight age 49 were held Saturday, July 22, 2006, 11 am, St. Luke Baptist Church, 315 South 2nd, Crockett, Rev. Ralph P. Taylor, pastor, Rev. Sammy Tryon, officiated. He was laid to rest in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

Bennie Lee McKnight was born August 9, 1956 in Crockett to the late L.D. "Goat" James and Cilla Mae McKnight-James. He attended Ralph Bunche High in Crockett and served in the Army National Guard from 1975 to 1980. He had been employed at the City of Crockett the past 8 years. Bennie passed away on July 14, 2006 in the local hospital.

Survivors are: 3 sons; Dennis Hall, Dominique James, and Christopher James of Crockett, 4 brothers; V.L. McKnight (Elaine), Willie James (Sheila), Randy McKnight (Jane), Lonnie McKnight (LaTarsha) of Crockett, 2 aunts; Pastor Jonnie Mae McKnight-Rodgers (John) of Crockett and Norris Tryon (Rev. Sammy) of San Diego, California, 1 uncle; Willie B. McKnight of Beaumont, 15 nieces and nephews, 22 great nieces and nephews, special friends; Teresa Fulcher, Mary Gibson, Gila Jones, and the employees of the City of Crockett.

Only sister, Gloria McKnight James preceded him in death.

McClain-Cleburn Funeral Service

### **Janette Beard**

Mrs. Janette Beard, age 58 of Friendswood, passed away Monday, July 17, 2006 in the Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston. Mrs. Beard was born November 12, 1947 in Lufkin and had lived in Friendswood for the past 35 years. Mrs. Beard had worked as a nurse and attended the Friendswood Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband Richard A. Beard, of Friendswood; son Richard T. Beard, of Friendswood; three sisters Debbie, of Alabama, Rhonda, of Diboll and Sadie, of Lufkin; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by her parents James and Jessie Poland; and sister Laura Vann.

Graveside Funeral Services for Mrs. Janette Beard were held Friday, July 21, at 10:00 a.m. in the Corinth Cemetery with the Rev. Gerald Ratcliff officiating.

Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **Bobbie Taylor**

Mrs. Bobbie Loftin Taylor, age 81 of Belott, passed away suddenly Tuesday, July 18, 2006 in the East Texas Medical Center-Crockett. Mrs. Taylor was born September 15, 1924 in Belott. Mrs. Taylor had lived in the Belott area all of her life, and was a graduate of Glover High School in 1942. Mrs. Taylor served in WWII as a welder for three years before marrying her husband, C.M. in 1945. They spent the next 62 years farming, commercial fishing, ranching and raising their family. Mrs. Taylor was loved by many and will be missed by all that who knew her.

Survivors include her husband C.M. Taylor, of Belott; daughter Cherry Taylor, of Tampa, Fla.; son Tom Taylor and wife Ellie, of Belott; two grandchildren Roxan Taylor and Rodney Taylor and wife Deidra, all of Belott; three great-grandchildren who were the light of her life Tyler, David and Johnny; one foster daughter Gail West and family, of Birmingham, Ala.; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Preceded in death by her father Jim Loftin; mother Dewey Cherry Loftin; and sister Rita Poteet.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Bobbie Loftin Taylor were held Thursday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Bob Thompson officiating. Interment followed in the Cedar Point Cemetery.

Callaway-Allee Funeral Home

### **Robert Williams**

Mr. Robert E. Williams, age 64, passed away Saturday, July 15, 2006. Mr. Williams was born in Athens. Mr. Williams grew in life and found the love of his life for 47 years in Virginia (Susie) Dunn. To this union four children were born. Mr. Williams was a fun loving person who loved his wife, children and grandchildren dearly. Mr. Williams was a lover of the natural; he loved fishing, hunting and the outdoors. Mr. Williams loved his horses and the joy they brought.

Mr. Williams was a well known and respected in the Construction Field. Many companies in around Palestine, Tyler, Athens and elsewhere would call upon him to come and be the site Construction Supervisor, knowing their work was in well known hands.

Survivors include his wife Virginia Williams; sons David and Jennifer Williams, of Neches, Luther and Randi Williams, of Elkhart; daughters Tina and Johnny Benton and Tonya and Billy Mezell, all of Frankston; sisters Elizabeth and Rex Jones, of Kemp, Jerry Jane and Jim Williams, of Chandler and Dana Frank McCall, of Scurry; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral Services for Mr. Robert E. Williams were held Tuesday, July 18, at 10:00 a.m. at the Westwood Church of God with the Rev. David Boyd and Pastor, Rev. Godair officiating.

Emanuel Funeral Home