

Obituaries



Dale Eugene Bandy
April 2, 1928 - January 29, 2010

Memorial Services for Dale E. Bandy, Age 81, are scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010 at 10:30 AM during the regular services at First Presbyterian Church in Rockdale.

Dale was born April 2, 1928 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Ernest and Sarah Davis Bandy. He was raised in Oshkosh, Nebraska. Dale was a veteran of Army Airborne from March 1946 to September 1947. He received his B.S. in Engineering from the University of Nebraska.

On February 14, 1982, he and Sara Jane Yarbrough were married in Navasota. Dale worked as a Chemical Engineer for ARCO Pipeline for 35 years. They moved to Rockdale where they have lived the past 24 years. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Dale passed away Friday, January 29, 2010 at his home near Rockdale, reaching the age of 81. He was preceded in death by his parents. A sister, Ellen Baptist and a brother, Daryl W. Bandy.

Surviving: His wife, Sara Bandy of Rockdale. Son, Dale E. "Skip" Bandy, Jr. and wife Sallia of Georgetown. Daughter, Stephanie Bandy Laughinghouse and husband William "Bubba" of Hondo. Sister, Elwanda Wentz of Casper, Wyoming. Two grandchildren, Chris and Megan Laughinghouse.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1007, Rockdale, Texas 76567 or to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gaye Bland, P.O. Box 1630, Rockdale, Texas 76567.



Virginia Crittendon Clemons

Virginia Crittendon Clemons was born on June 8, 1931 to David and Zelma Williams Crittendon in Lincoln, Texas. She was the sixth child of a family of thirteen.

She met and married Connie Clemons on October 1, 1949 in Dime Box, Texas. To this union two boys and two girls were born.

She was a devoted member of Goodwill Baptist Church in Dime Box, Texas. She worked for 23 years at the Kellar Furniture Company in Caldwell, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother; two sisters, Alice McDowell and Doris Randle; four brothers, Charles Crittendon, H.D. Crittendon, Luther Crittendon and Theodore Crittendon; husband Connie Clemons Sr.; son Connie Clemons Jr.; and daughter Shirley Clemons-Armstrong.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her son Larry Clemons and wife, Charles Etta of Mesquite, Texas; daughter Cherry M. Dixon of Dime Box, Texas; son-in-law Horace Armstrong of Live Oak, Texas; three sisters, Alberta Siverand of San Francisco, California, Blanche Bluford (Joseph) of Oakland, California and Verlin Morrison of Lexington, Texas; four brothers, Melvin Crittendon (Jewel) of Houston, Texas, Maurice Crittendon (Bertha) of Dallas, Texas, Jerlin Crittendon (Helen) of Lyons, Texas and J.L. Crittendon of Lincoln, Texas; four sisters-in-law, Fannie Mae Crittendon and Zora Mae Hall of Houston, Texas, Bertha Crittendon of Yuba City, California and Deloise Crittendon of Hearne, Texas; 9 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Alfonso Esteban Gomez
May 9, 1931 - January 29, 2010

Alfonso E. Gomez was born May 9, 1931 in San Benito, Texas. He was the son of Alfonso Esteban and Maria (Coy) Gomez.

Alfonso graduated from Brownsville High School in 1948. He was also a 1952 graduate of Texas A&M Univ. with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. He served in the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict and he received his honorable discharge in 1954 as a 1st Lieutenant. He then went to work for US Steel in Gary Ind. as an industrial engineer for 27 years. After his retirement in 1984, he moved back to his home in Brownsville until 2007 when he moved to Austin.

Alfonso was a loving father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, walking, horse racing, football, and crossword puzzles. He will truly be missed by his loved ones and friends.

Alfonso passed away on Friday, January 29, 2010 in Manor Oaks Nursing Home in Rockdale reaching the age of 78.

Alfonso is preceded in death by his parents; 4 brothers: Santiago, Mario, Juan and Alejandro Gomez; sister, Maria Olympia Myers; also 3 infant siblings.

Survivors include: 2 daughters: Maria Gomez of Rockdale, Rosanna Gomez Oliver & husband Eddie of Austin; 2 sons: Alfonso Gomez of El Paso and James Gomez of Rockdale. 3 brothers: Alvaro Gomez & wife Patricia of Merrillville, IN. Eliberto Gomez of Hobart, IN. Emilio Gomez & wife Maria of San Benito, TX. 4 sisters: Olivia McDonald of Corpus Christi, TX. Alma Villarreal of Brownsville, TX. Argentina Garcia & husband Samuel of Brownsville, TX. and Anna Cowan of Orange County, CA.; A sister-in-law Sylvia Gomez of Huntsville, TX. Also 3 grandchildren: Edward T. Oliver of San Diego, CA. Lyndia N. Oliver of Austin, TX. and Juan M. Salazar of Rockdale, TX, and a number of Nieces and Nephews.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Burial will follow in the Minerva Cemetery in the Minerva Community near Rockdale.

Serving as Pallbearers will be, Alfonso Gomez III, James Gomez, Eddie Oliver, Edward T. Oliver, Guillermo Villarreal and Donald E. Perryman III. Honorary Pallbearers will be Alvaro Gomez, Eliberto Gomez and Emilio Gomez.

Memorial may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Assoc.

Emma Florene Kraatz Fikes
June 23, 1917 - January 27, 2010

Emma Florene Kraatz Fikes was born June 23, 1917 in the Sharp Community to Ben and Bernice Elnora (Presley) Kraatz. She was one of thirteen children.

On October 9, 1937, she and Franklin Fikes were married in Cameron. To this union five children were born.

Emma was a member of First Baptist Church in Rockdale. For 31 years, she worked as an elevator operator with Southern National Bank Medical Arts Building in Houston. In 1983 she moved to Rockdale and had worked as a Wal-Mart greeter for 16 years.

Emma passed away Wednesday, January 27, 2010 in the Manor Oaks Nursing Center in Rockdale, reaching the age of 92. She was preceded in death by her husband Franklin on August 8, 1987. Son, Franklin Leland Fikes. Three daughters, Flora Mae Roberts, Frances Davis and Faye Y. Seely. Four sisters, Betty Lou White, Florence Roessler, Thelma Woodley and Gertie Lee Svetlik. One brother, Ben Kraatz. Grandson, Douglas Roberts and a great grandson, Justin Dudenhoefter.

Surviving: Her son, Floyd Fikes of Houston. Two brothers, Charles Kraatz of Houston and Gene Kraatz of California. Five sisters, Lorene Wicker of Rockdale, Doris Kerbow and Lucille McCrummins both of Commerce, Evelyn Taylor of Flower Mound and Mary Scott of Houston. 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held January 30, 2010 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Chapel and burial in the Sharp Cemetery with Rev. Jack Chelf officiating.

Serving as pallbearers, Scott Dudenhoefter, Dana Talley, Martin Fikes, Daniel Roberts, Jeffrey Scott, Ronnie McCrummins.

Memorials to First Baptist Church, Family Life Center, P.O. Box 109, Rockdale, Texas 76567 or the American Cancer Society, c/o Gaye Bland, P.O. Box 1630, Rockdale, Texas 76567.

Elizabeth H. Guldi
September 6, 1915 - January 29, 2010

Elizabeth H. "Betty" Guldi was born Sept. 6, 1915 in Water Mill, NY and was a daughter of Lawrence W. and Alice (Topping) Halsey. She and Arthur A. Guldi were married Sept. 9, 1939 in Water Mill. They made their home in Niagara Falls, NY and then moved to Alcoa, TN for eighteen years.

They relocated to Rockdale in 1965 where they were members of the First Presbyterian Church. Betty passed away on Friday, Jan. 29, 2010 in the Richards Memorial Hospital in Rockdale having reached the age of 94. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Charles Hasley. Survivors include her husband, Arthur of Rockdale; A son, Richard Guldi and wife, Christine of Dallas; a daughter, Susan Paaske of Brashear; Also surviving are 5 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Funeral services were Tuesday February 2 at Phillips & Luckey Chapel in Rockdale with burial in the IOOF Cemetery. Memorials: Heifer Project International; Box 808; Little Rock, AR - Child Fund Alliance; 2821 Emerywood Parkway; Richmond, VA 23294 - First Presbyterian Church; 1600 Alcoa, Rockdale, TX 76567

Lorene Harrell Baggett Massengale
October 9, 1920 - January 29, 2010

Lorene Harrell Baggett Massengale, 89 of Rockdale, passed away Friday, January 29, 2010 at her daughter's home in Bryan.

Visitation will be held from 5PM to 7PM Friday, February 5, 2010 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Services are set for 1:00 PM Saturday, February 6, 2010 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Rockdale with Rev. Anne Matthews officiating. Reception to follow at the church.

Lorene was born October 9, 1920 in Lufkin to Lelia and Doyle Harrell. She married Elmo B. "Stack" Baggett in 1943 and moved to the community of Tracy, outside of Rockdale. After the death of Stack Baggett in 1971, Lorene married Colonel H.W. Massengale in 1976. She was preceded in death by her parents; Two brothers; Her first husband Stack in 1971 and her second husband Herb in 2009.

Survivors include her daughter, Nancy Baggett Coleman of Bryan. Step son and daughter-in-law, Lt. Colonels Mike and Shari Massengale of Fredericksburg. Step daughter and son-in-law, Douglas and Patricia Caroom of Austin; Her sister, Frances Collins of Dallas. 11 grandchildren

Memorials may be made to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 1048, Rockdale, Texas 76567 or American Cancer Society, c/o Gaye Bland, P.O. Box 1630, Rockdale, Texas 76567.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

for High School Students of
Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative Members.

Visit www.bluebonnetelectric.coop
to learn how to obtain a trade and technical or
academic scholarship. **Deadline March 19, 2010.**

--OR--

An all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.
Deadline February 19, 2010.

Don't miss these great opportunities!



Carolyn J. (Wilson) Blackmon

January 15, 1949 - February 8, 2006

You will always be an angel to us.

Gail, Jason, Dana, Chandler, Kendall
and Kadin

PHILLIPS & LUCKEY

FUNERAL HOME

Family-owned
& operated
since 1936

Rockdale
512-446-5454

Giddings
979-542-3113

Caldwell
979-567-3232

Lexington
123 3rd Street

Thank You

The family of Margaret (Bob) Bryan would like to express our most sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, visits, food and love during the passing of our loving Mom and Granny. We would like to especially thank Pastors Doug Springer and Jim Moore for your visits and the wonderful message and songs you delivered. We feel many hearts were touched. Granny loved you and your families dearly. Granny would have certainly enjoyed this service. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to the ladies of Faith Temple Church for the wonderful meal preceding the service. Your hard work and dedication is so much appreciated. The food was great! To our friends and neighbors, thank you for your prayers, kindness and love. We feel so blessed to have you. God's blessing on you all.

Sincerely,

Margaret Bestey, Ronnie Bryan, Pam Cox, Randy Bryan, and
Grandchildren

RE-ELECT
Steve OGDEN
Republican
STATE SENATE

Dear Fellow Texans:

I have filed for re-election to the Texas Senate, and I am asking for your vote in the Republican Primary on March 2, 2010.

Since 1997, I have had the privilege of serving as State Senator. For the last six years, I have served as the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. We have passed balanced and responsible budgets that have kept Texas' tax burden low. Each of our budgets had significant challenges, but the will to resist spending every last dollar positioned our state in an enviable economic position.

Today, the recession combined with an unsustainable federal deficit and the cost of federal mandates will put significant pressure on our state's finances. Producing another balanced and fiscally responsible budget for Texas will require skill, experience, and sound judgment. I believe I possess these qualities.

No area or district in Texas has a greater stake in state government than ours. This is our home. It is worth preserving, protecting, and defending. If you send me back to Austin, I will get the job done right.

Sincerely,
Steve OGDEN
Stephen E. Ogden

Early Vote: February 16, 2010 through February 26, 2010
Election Day March 2, 2010

EXPERIENCED enough to say yes. TOUGH enough to say no.

Pol. Ad. Paid for by the Steve Ogden Campaign, Andrea Woods, Treasurer; P.O. Box 3126, Bryan, TX 77805-3126