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Deaths and funerals

Amy L. Ayers

Amy L. Ayers, 13, of Austin, died Saturday, December 7,1991.

Amy was an eighth grade student at Burnet Middle School. She was a Junior member of Lanier Chapter FFA and Vice President for the chapter for 1991 and 1992, and a five year member.

A service for Amy will be held 7:00 PM, Monday in the Colonial Chapel at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. A mass for Amy and her friends will be celebrated at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, at St. Louis Catholic Church with Reverend Kirby Garner officiating.

Interment will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

Amy is survived by her parents, Robert L. (Bob) and Pam Ayers; brother, Shawn Ayers; maternal grandparents, Bill and Ruth Nichols, all of Austin; paternal grandmother, Geraldine Ayers of Pflugerville; uncle, Larry Nichols of Austin; aunt and uncle, Jeannie and Marvin Pope of Georgetown; aunt, Nancy Ayers of Pflugerville; and numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Brinsel, Jon Haygood, Craig Smith, Steven Grady, Todd Cantrell and Curtis Hamry. Honorary pallbearers will be the members of Lanier F.F.A. Chapter.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lanier High School F.F.A. Chapter.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Lamar location.

Shirley P. Champion

Shirley P. Champion, age 61, of Leander, died Friday, December 6, 1991.

Mrs. Champion was an active member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. She was also a member of the Xi Rho Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Mrs. Champion is survived by her husband, Louis Champion of Leander; two sons and daughters-in-law, Tommy and Diana Champion of Garland, Freddy and Susan Champion of Pasadena, Texas; two daughters and son-in-law, Katherine and Buddy Diehl of Houston, Terry Champion of Austin; two grandsons, Justin and Brett Champion; and two sisters, Betty Bullock of Newport News, Virginia, and DeEtta Klinger of Miami, Florida.

Rosary will be held at 7:00 PM, today at the Cook Walden Chapel of the Hills Funeral Home. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, December 10, 1991, at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church with Reverend William Beinik officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church Building Fund or Camp Dayglo.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Chapel of The Hills, 9700 Anderson Mill Rd.

Emmie "Jean" Dorsey

Emmie "Jean" Dorsey, age 61, of Round Rock died Friday.

Funeral service will be held 2:00 PM, Monday at the Cook-Walden/Condra Chapel, with Reverend Kenneth Thompson officiating, with interment in Capital Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by her sons, Tommy Dorsey of Round Rock, Bill Dorsey of Livermore, California; Gene Dorsey of Leander and Rodney Whitmore of Twenty-Nine Palms, California; daughters, Sarah Cantrell of Round Rock and Betty Wallace of Carmichael, California; one stepdaughter, Grace Ann Cummins of Norman, Oklahoma. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, one great-grandchild; her brother, Rodney Williams; and sister, Betty O'Neal.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William H. Dorsey, in 1983.

The family wishes to express their deep gratitude to the doctors and staff of Round Rock Community Hospital.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden/Condra Funeral Home of Round Rock, 255-3633.

Beth Read Ebersole

Beth Read Ebersole, born Daisy Elizabeth Read, February 15, 1905, in Austin, Texas, died Sunday, December 8, 1991, in Houston.

Beth attended Austin High School and was a graduate from the University of Texas. She taught elementary school in Houston, and later became a Purchasing Agent for P.B.K.B. She leaves to grieve for her and to remember her good works, a son, Reau Eugene Ebersole; Reverend and Mrs. Tom Bagby of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Caskey of San Antonio, Texas; Richey Ebersole of Houston; and a host of friends in Houston and Austin.

Funeral Services will be held at 9:30 AM, Monday, December 9, 1991, in the Chapel of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 717 Sage Road. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 PM at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery in Austin, Texas.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the charity of choice. Geo. H. Lewis & Sons, 1010 Bering Drive, (713) 789-3005.

Sarah Louise Harbison

Sarah Louise Harbison, age 15, of Austin, died Saturday, December 7, 1991.

She was a former resident of Texarkana, Texas, moving to Austin in 1979.

Sarah was a member of Lanier F.F.A. Chapter, Junior Varsity Cheer Leader, Freshman Volleyball Team, Freshman Basketball Team and a Freshman Student Council Representative.

Rosary will be said at 7:00 PM, Monday at St. Louis Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 PM, Tuesday at St. Louis Catholic Church with Reverend Kirby Garner officiating. Interment will be in Capital Memorial Gardens. The Lanier High School F.F.A. Chapter will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Sarah is survived by her mother and step-father, Barbara and Frank Suraci of Austin; father and step-mother, Michael and Debby Harbison of New Boston, Texas; and grandparents, Joe Ayres of Foreman, Arkansas, Nelta Ryan of Nash, Texas, and Don Harbison of Bishop, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Team Bank, N.C.N.B., which will be funding The Jennifer and Sarah Harbison Memorial F.F.A. Scholarship Fund.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Lamar location.

Jennifer Ann Harbison

Jennifer Ann Harbison, 17, of Austin, died Saturday, December 7, 1991.

She was a former resident of Texarkana, Texas, moving to Austin in 1979.

Jennifer was president of Lanier Chapter F.F.A. and District Vice President of the F.F.A. and a member of Lanier High School Track Team.

Rosary will be said at 7:00 PM, Monday at St. Louis Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 PM, Tuesday at St. Louis Catholic Church with Reverend Kirby Garner officiating. Interment will be in Capital Memorial Gardens. The Lanier Chapter F.F.A. will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Jennifer is survived by her mother and step-father, Barbara and Frank Suraci of Austin; father and step-mother, Michael and Debby Harbison of New Boston, Texas; and grandparents, Joe Ayres of Foreman, Arkansas, Nelta Ryan of Nash, Texas, and Don Harbison of Bishop, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Team Bank, N.C.N.B., which will be funding The Jennifer and Sarah Harbison Memorial F.F.A. Scholarship Fund.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Lamar location.

Beatrice (Carlson) Nelson

Beatrice (Carlson) Nelson, 70, of Austin, died Friday, December 6, 1991.

She was born March 16, 1921, in Georgetown, Texas. Mrs. Nelson was a member of First Free Evangelical Church of Austin.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM, Monday in the Colonial Chapel at Cook-Walden Funeral Home with Reverend Rob Harrell and Reverend David Blackmore officiating. Interment will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

A family visitation will be held Sunday, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Cook-Walden Funeral Home.

Mrs. Nelson is survived by her brother, John Denton Carlson and wife, Judy, of Austin; sisters, Edna Faught and husband, O.J. of Austin, and Edith Layton and husband, Carroll of Round Rock; sisters-in-law, Edna Carlson of Granger and Doris Baker of Austin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elwood Nelson in 1985.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to United World Mission-Matters Fund at First Free Evangelical Church or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Lamar location.

Ruby Lucille Hunt

Ruby Lucille Hunt, age 87, of Austin, died Saturday, December 7, 1991.

She had been a resident of Austin since 1940 and was a member of Rosedale Baptist Church.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday at Capital Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Hunt was preceded in death by her husband, D.W. (Doc) Hunt, on June 7, 1981.

Survivors include her daughter, Vertis Michaell of Arizona; grandsons, D.D. Griffigh and Regan Griffigh; sister, Bessie Lee Woodard; and brothers, Cullen Taylor, Chester Taylor, Winford Taylor and Jodie Taylor.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.

Geraldine C. Jenkins

Geraldine C. Jenkins of Austin, died Friday, December 6, 1991.

She was a member of the Christian Science Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Tyler Jenkins.

She is survived by her daughter, Jacklyn Jenkins Alford of San Antonio; sister, Thelma Burris of Arlington Heights, Texas; grandsons, Gavin Alford of San Antonio and Blaine Alford of Waco; great-grandson, Jonathan Alford of Waco.

Services will be held at 2:30 PM, Monday, December 9, in the Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Memorial Hill Park Cemetery.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar. 453-8811.

Bertha Schroeder Roberts

Bertha Schroeder Roberts, 87, of Austin, died in a local retirement center Sunday, December 8, 1991.

She was a native of Giddings, Texas, and was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Austin.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Roberts, Jr. of Austin; two sons, George Roberts and Murray Roberts, both of Elgin; two sisters, Anna Beumort of Luling and Clara Perri of Austin; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, at the Oakwood Cemetery Annex with Pastor Dean Busboom of Faith Lutheran Church officiating.

Arrangements by Hyltin-Manor Funeral Chapel, 3000 No. IH-35 at 30th St. 476-5387.

Eliza Hope Thomas

Eliza Hope Thomas, age 17, of Austin, died Saturday, December 7, 1991.

She was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church. Eliza was a senior at Lanier High School, and a member of the F.F.A. and F.T.A. She previously attended McCallum High School.

Rosary will be said at 7:00 PM, Monday at St. Louis Catholic Church. Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 PM, Tuesday at St. Louis Catholic Church with Reverend Kirby Garner officiating. Following a joint committal service at Capital Memorial Gardens, private interment will be held at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the church following rosary until 8:30 PM.

Eliza is survived by her mother, Marla R. Thomas; father and step-mother, James E. Thomas and Norma L. Fowler; and sister, Sonora Rose Thomas, all of Austin; grandfather, John H. Thomas of Newton, Massachusetts; grandmother, Hope W. Thomas of Hillsboro, New Hampshire, and grandparents, Salvatore and Rose Banchert of Ventnor, New Jersey. She is also survived by her uncles, Joe, John and Salvatore Banchert; aunts, Josephine, Spena, Grace and Vincenza Provenzano and Stefanie Messina; uncles, William, Peter and Benjamin Thomas, and Paul Fowler; aunts, Martha Skalnik and Theresa Fowler; and 21 cousins.

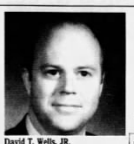
Pallbearers will be Roger Kadetka, John Banchert, Tony Banchert, Peter Thomas, William Thomas, Benjamin Thomas and Paul Fowler. The Lanier Chapter F.F.A. will serve as honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lanier High School F.F.A. Chapter.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.

In Memorium
Roger Rice
10/10/65 - 12/9/88

It has been two years since you left us, but memories of you will always continue through our lives. We will always cherish the wonderful years we were together. You are forever in our daily prayers until God calls on us to join you. The many friends you left behind still give us many compliments of how caring you were for others, and your devotedness to your National Guard job. We love you and miss you, Rhonda, David, Mom, and Dad.



David T. Wells, JR.

David T. Wells, Jr., of Austin, died Saturday, December 7, 1991.

He served as Chief of Media Relations for the Texas Department of Public Safety since 1985. Prior to his 11 year career with DPS, he was a radio journalist for station WRR in Dallas during the mid-1970's, and station KVET in Austin from 1976 to 1980.

He was born on November 2, 1951, in Houston, and was raised in Sherman. His avid interest in radio began in his teens, and he became a disc jockey at the age of 16 for station KDSX in Sherman, where he was affectionately know as "Weekend Wells." He graduated from Sherman High School in 1970, where he was student body president, and listed in WHO'S WHO of Texas. He was also active in various school theatre productions and the debate team, where he won a medal in state-wide interscholastic League competition. Upon graduation, he attended Austin College in the early 1970's. He graduated with honors from Southern Methodist University in May, 1975, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in journalism.

Funeral services in Austin will be held on December 9, 1991, at 10:00 AM at Cook Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location. Graveside services and burial will be on December 10, 1991, at 2:00 PM in Sherman at Westhill Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela Bruce of Austin; Father and Stepmother, Dr. and Mrs. David T. Wells, Sr. of Sherman; Mother and Stepfather, Patricia and Ervin Gerlach of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mother-in-law, Polly Bruce of Austin; Father-in-law, Robert M. Bruce, Sister and Brother-in-law, Kathy and Joe Caperton of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Brother and Sister-in-law, Gary and Missy Wells of Fort Collins, Colorado; Sister, Mary-Jo Wells of Dallas; Stepbrothers, Brent and Paul Mathews; Grandmother, Lorene Wells of Kerrville; and two nieces and a nephew.

He was a devoted husband and loyal friend to many. As well, he was very dedicated to his career in radio, and his career with the DPS. He will be missed by many. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the American Cancer Society, or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.

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