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William Freeman

Funeral services for William Freeman, 70, of Messer, are pending with Mt. Olive Funeral Home of Hugo. Mr. Freeman died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Choctaw Memorial Hospital in Hugo.

William Emmanuel "Dick" Freeman

Graveside services for William Emmanuel "Dick" Freeman of Messer, were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2004, at the Cloninger Family Cemetery in Speer with J.W. Beshirs and Blake Gideon officiating.

Mr. Freeman died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Choctaw Memorial Hospital in Hugo. He was 70.

William Emmanuel "Dick" Freeman was born October 25, 1933, in Bryan County, Oklahoma. He had lived in this area most all of his life and had worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator and was self-employed. He loved to hunt and fish, catching crappie when nobody else was. He was preceded in death by his father: John Henry Freeman and mother: Roxie Dozier, six brothers: Thomas, twin brothers Elmer & Everett, Clarence, James, and Bud; two sisters: Mildred Kyle and Nettie Beshirs.

Surviving relatives: Companion of 12 years: Clara Williams of the home; son & daughter-in-law: Bobby & Debra Freeman of Messer, Okla.; daughters & sons-in-law: Wilma & Otis Atkinson of Messer, Okla., Donna & Robert Jarrett of Ada, Okla.; sisters: Betty Bailey of Hugo, Okla., Sadie Cloninger of Speer, Okla., Rosalee Thompson of Georgia; mother of his children: Gladys Lee Brown of Ada, Okla., fondly called "Aunt Lee" by all who loved her; host of nieces, nephews and friends; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mt. Olive Funeral Home, Hugo, Okla.
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Joe Clarence Pugh, Jr.

Funeral services for Joe Clarence Pugh, Jr., of Grant, were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2004, in the Grant School Gym with Bro. Robert Robinson officiating. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mr. Pugh died February 27, 2004, at St. Joseph South Hospital. He was 57. He was a member of West Kiamichi Church of Christ.

Surviving relatives: Mother: Mildred Pugh of Grant; seven brothers: Eugene Pugh of Newalla, Okla., George, Ronald and Mike Pugh, all of Grant, Larry Pugh of Dallas, Texas, Darrell Pugh of Manteca, Calif., Wade Pugh of Spencer, Okla.; one sister: Catherine Pugh of Grant; one uncle, three aunts, several nieces and nephews.

Rogan Funeral Home.

David Holloway

Graveside services for David Holloway of Boswell were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2004, at Restland Cemetery in Boswell with Al Hyatt officiating.

Mr. Holloway died March 4, 2004, in Paris, Texas. He was 68. He was a retired truck driver, a U.S. Army veteran and was of the Christian faith.

He was born June 1, 1935, in Cade, Okla., the son of Roland Holloway and Neva (Olson) Holloway and was raised in the Boswell area. He moved to Dallas and returned to Boswell after his retirement four years ago. He married Mary A. Waters on June 2, 1956, in Irving, Texas. His parents preceded him in death.

Survivors: His wife: Mary A. Holloway; two daughters: Kay Haines and Mary C. Holloway, both of Boswell; two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Miller & Miller Funeral Home -- Boswell, Okla.

William Alexander Fly, Jr. (Bill)

William Alexander Fly, Jr. (Bill), 80, of Searcy, Arkansas, born January 28, 1924, was called home by the Lord on March 1, 2004 following a six year struggle with Multiple Myeloma (bone marrow cancer).

He was born and reared in Hugo and attended Abilene Christian College for 1 1/2 years prior to service in World War II. He later graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, receiving a B.S in Business Administration. He lived most of his life in California where he was a faithful member of the Church of Christ, and served as an elder for a number of years in the Martinez, California church. He was retired from State of California, Employment Development Department and was an active member of West Side Church of Christ, Searcy.

He served honorably in the U.S. Army in World War II including service in the Philippines and Japan in the Americal Infantry Division, Corps of Engineers.

Surviving is the love of his life, his wife of 56 years, Marilyn Poynor Fly of Searcy, Ark.; one son, James E. Fly and wife Carol, of Batesville, Ark.; two daughters, Kathleen Fly Fuller and husband Drew of Fairfax, VA and Nancy Fly Baldwin and husband Mike of Buffalo, New York; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; three step-grandson; a brother, James L. Fly and wife Betty of Tahlequah, Okla.; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends, all of whom he dearly loved.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William A. Fly and Kate Knox Fly; an infant brother, Bobby; and stepmother, Faye Knox Fly.

Funeral services were held on Thursday at 2 pm at West Side Church of Christ, Searcy. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery, Searcy.

Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy.

Raymond Perry, Jr.

Funeral services for Raymond Perry, Jr., of Oklahoma City, were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2004, at Maxey Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. R.L. Clark officiating. Interment was in Spring Hill Cemetery in Hugo, Okla.

Mr. Perry died March 2, 2004, at Baptist Hospital. He was 65.

Maxey Funeral Home.

Mary E. Riggs

Mary E. Riggs, age 73, of Karnes City, Texas, formerly of Austin died Monday, March 1, 2004.

She was born in Hugo, Oklahoma on December 25, 1930 to Murrell and Leora Phelps Smith.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, James Ray Riggs and her brother, James Smith.

Survivors include her daughter, Dianne Cook and husband Jack; two grandsons, Randy Cox and wife Lisa and Ryan Cox and wife Hilary; four great grandchildren, Lindsay, Ryder, Sara and Colton; one sister, Pat Waugh; two nieces and two nephews. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 8, 2004 at Capital Memorial Park.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78705 (512) 452-8811. You may view memorials online at www.wcfish.com

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Alma Lula Gooldy

Funeral services for Alma Lula Gooldy, 85, of Broken Arrow, are pending with Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home. Mrs. Gooldy died Saturday, March 6, 2004, in Broken Arrow.

Donald R. Barger

Funeral services for Donald R. Barger, 69, of Hugo, are pending with Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home. Mr. Barger died Sunday, March 7, 2004, in Hugo.

Donald R. Barger

Funeral services for Donald R. Barger of Hugo were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 11, 2004, at Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Chapel. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hugo.

Mr. Barger died Sunday, March 7, 2004, in Hugo. He was 69.

Donald was born August 16, 1934, in Tyler, Texas, to Ralph E. and Marie (Rothrock) Barger. He married Marie Redmon in Yukon, Okla., on May 3, 1962. He had lived in Hugo for 25 years moving here from Durant. He was an insurance salesman. He served his country in the U.S. Army, serving overseas. Donald was a past president of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Lions Club. He will truly be missed by all who knew him. His parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Barger of Hugo; two sons, Bret Barger and Michael Barger, both of Hugo; one daughter, Donna Knipp; and four grandchildren.

Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home of Hugo.

Alma Lula Gooldy

Funeral services for Alma Lula Gooldy of Soper were held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 12, 2004, at First Assembly of God Church in Hugo. Interment was in the Walker-Hart Family Cemetery near Soper.

Mrs. Gooldy died Saturday, March 6, 2004, in Broken Arrow. She was 85. Alma was born May 10, 1918, in Kent, Okla., to Green "Tubby" and Irrie (Ketchum) Walker. She married William "Bill" Gooldy, Jr., in Claremore, Okla., on March 29, 1968. She had lived in Tulsa with her family, returning to her birthplace in Choctaw County for her senior years. Alma was a loving mother and a homemaker. She loved flowers and had quite a "green" thumb. She knew the Lord and stayed in the word, even in her latter years (when her vision prevented her from reading) through Christian broadcasting and music. Now, she makes her home in Heaven.

During World War II, she was a "Rosie the Riveter," helping the cause of freedom at aircraft factories in California and Oklahoma. Alma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bill Gooldy, Jr., two brothers, Woodrow and Robert "Loyce" Walker, one sister Hotona "Toni" Roebuck, and one granddaughter, Rona Kayann Harrison.

Alma is survived by one son, Ronald Glenn Harrison of Hominy, Okla.; two daughters, Cheryl Hein of Broken Arrow and Joann Shoemake of Desoto, Texas; one sister, Oleta Bell of Sapulpa (formerly of Goodland); five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home.

Maudine Scott Minchew

Funeral services for Maurine Scott Minchew of Tecumseh were held at 9 a.m. Friday, March 12, 2004, at Cooper Funeral Chapel with Bob Anderson of Highland Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Shoat Springs Cemetery near Hugo at 3 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Minchew died March 10, 2004, in Tecumseh. She was 83.

She was born June 23, 1920, in Drumright, Okla., to Grover & Geneva (Whittaker) Scott. She grew up in the Hugo area. Along with her husband, they operated a ranch west of Tecumseh in the 1960s. She moved to Norman in 1976, and returned to Tecumseh in 1992.

On February 6, 1939, she married Pete Minchew in Hugo. He preceded her in death in 1969. She worked as a nurse's aid for the Central State Hospital in Norman for 30 years, retiring in 1980. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Tecumseh.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers: Albert Scott, Lee Scott, Charley Scott & Buck Scott, and three sisters: Geneva Bowles, Mary Coon, and Ruth McClain.

Survivors: Sister: Goldie Butler of Texas; brother-in-law: Jack McClain of Texas; numerous nieces and nephews.

Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh.

Peggy O'Neal

Funeral services for Peggy O'Neal of Hugo were held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 12, 2004, at Fourth and Jackson Street Church of Christ in Hugo. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. O'Neal died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, in Hugo. She was 63.

Peggy was born November 25, 1940, in Hugo, to George T. and Effie (Elkins) O'Neal. She had lived in this area most of her life and was a member of the Church of Christ in Soper. Peggy had worked for the Republic National Bank in Dallas, and was former president of the Women's Bankers Association of Oklahoma. She was also a former employee of Abilene Christian and Pepperdine universities. She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters: Virginia Williamson, Nell Marie Maples, Dorothy Sue Ferguson and Gladys Dean Baldwin; two brothers: Foy E. O'Neal and Leroy O'Neal. Peggy is survived by two brothers, Bill O'Neal of Paris, Texas, and George O'Neal of Tulsa; 22 nieces and nephews.

Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home.

Charles Henry Reese

Funeral services for Charles Henry Reese of Irving, Texas, formerly of Hugo, were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2004, at Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Chapel in Hugo with Reverend Gene Witt officiating. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Hugo.

Charles passed away peacefully on March 11, 2004, after a short but fearless confrontation with cancer. Charles was born October 26, 1941, in Fort Towson, Okla., to Henry and Hazel (Hendley) Reese. He married Mary Turner in Dallas, Texas, on October 29, 1988. He was a long time member of Clayton Avenue Baptist Church of Hugo and attended Northgate Baptist Church in Irving, Texas. He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Reese.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Reese, of the home in Irving, Texas; two sons, Brian Reese and Kevin Reese, both of Richardson, Texas; one daughter, Debra Dennis of Snyder, Texas; his mother, Hazel Reese of Hugo, Okla.; two sisters, Mary Lou Jackson of Brenham, Texas, and Shirley Gilliam of Raleigh, N.C.; and five grandchildren, Ethan, Austin, Ryan, Lauren and Keegan.

Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home, 216 East Jackson, Hugo.

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Donald Lane

Graveside services for Donald Lane of Hugo were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, with Rev. Mutt Wallace officiating.

Mr. Lane died Friday, March 12, 2004, in Hugo. He was 81.

Donald Lane was born November 11, 1922, in Tupelo, Okla., the son of John Clay Lane and Gertrude "Wallace" Lane. He worked as an electrician for Brown & Root for many years. He married LouDean Smith on January 31, 1972, in Oklahoma City, and she preceded him in death in 1997.

Surviving relatives: two daughters: Johnnie Daniel of Mesquite, Texas, and Donna Lane of Dixon, Montana; one step-daughter: Gina Smith of Paris, Texas; two step-sons: Kenneth R. Smith of Paris Texas, and Karl A. Smith of Paris, Texas; one brother: Tommy Lane of Choctaw, Okla.; one sister: Aline Robinson of Maysville, Okla.; 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mt. Olive Funeral Home, Hugo.

Donna Right

Funeral services for Donna Right of Cloudy were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at Mt. Olive Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Clyde Franks officiating. Burial is in Cloudy Cemetery.

Mrs. Right died Thursday, March 11, 2004, in Garland, Texas. She was 68. Donna Right was born August 8, 1935, in northeast Pennsylvania, the daughter of Charles & Mildred "Scott" Eastman. She worked for many years in computer monitoring for Brinks Security in Dallas. She moved to the Cloudy area in 1995.

Surviving relatives: four sons: Douglas Right of Cloudy, Danny Right of Tunnel Hill, Ga., Dale Right of Springboro, Pa., Dennis Right of Virginia Beach, Va.; two daughters: Diana Martin of Mesquite, Texas, Debra Hood of Royce City, Texas; two brothers: Phillip Eastman of Houston, Texas, David Eastman of Corsicana, Texas; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mt. Olive Funeral Home, Hugo.

Ella Mae Robinson

Funeral services for Ella Mae Robinson, 50, of Fort Worth, Texas, and formerly of Hugo, are pending with Rogan Funeral Home. Mrs. Robinson died March 14, 2004, at Harris Methodist Hospital in Bedford, Texas.

Mattie V. Thornley

Graveside services for Mattie V. Thornley of Henderson, Texas, will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at Sugar Creek Cemetery with Pastor Randy Mayfield officiating.

Mrs. Thornley died Monday, March 15, 2004, at the Southwood Nursing Center in Henderson, Texas. She was 91.

Mattie Thornley was born May 12, 1912, in Nelson, Okla., the daughter of R.F. Herman and Terie "Keller" Herman. She was raised in the Mudsand area of Choctaw County. She married Leo Dean Thornley on October 20, 1934, in Hugo. She moved with her family to Andrews, Texas, in 1945, until her husband's retirement in 1976 when she returned to the Hugo area. In 1982 she moved back to Livingston, Texas, to be near her family. She was preceded in death by her husband: Leo Dean Thornley on December 2, 1996; one son: Robert Cleo Thornley in 1939; three un-named children; three brothers and one sister.

Surviving relatives: four sons: Johnny Thornley of Livingston, Texas, Roy Calvin Thornley of Charleston, S.C., Gary Dean Thornley of Alvin, Texas, Leo Dean Thornley, Jr., of Henderson, Texas; one sister: Wiley Herman of Hood River, Ore.; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren.

Mt. Olive Funeral Home, Hugo.

O.J. (Joe) Gross

Funeral services for O.J. (Joe) Gross of Millerton will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 2004, at Millerton Baptist Church in Millerton, Okla., with Rev. Thomas Cockerham and Rev. Aaron Strange officiating. Interment will follow in Valliant Cemetery.

Mr. Gross died March 14, 2004, in Paris, Texas. He was 75. He was a retired truck driver and was of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Gross was born April 12, 1928, in Garvin, Okla., the son of Homer Gross and Alta (Wyatt) Gross and had lived all of his life in McCurtain County. He married Bonnie Whitten on February 10, 1978, at Valliant. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and two sisters.

Surviving relatives: His wife: Bonnie Gross; one son: Gary Gross of Ringold; two daughters: Lorrie Pace of Millerton and Vickie Slabaugh of Wright City; three step daughters: Linda Tackett of Clarksville, Texas, Dorothy Russell of Texarkana, Texas and Sue Beers of Clarksville, Texas; four brothers: Johnny Gross of Ennis, Texas, Nolan Gross of DeQueen, Ark., Bobby Gross of Ft. Towson, and Leonard Gross of Valliant; two sisters: Dorothy Highland of Dallas and Christine Linksweiler of Valliant; 18 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Miller & Miller Funeral Home, Valliant.

LeRoy Watkins

Funeral services for LeRoy Watkins of Moore, formerly of the Frogville Community, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fort Towson High School Gym with Rev. James Fuller officiating. Interment was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Watkins died March 22, 2004, at Midwest City Regional Hospital.

Surviving relatives: Wife, Peggy Allison of Moore; three sons, LeRoy Watkins, Jr., of Mesa, Ariz., Corey and Joey Watkins of Moore; one stepson, Bradley Allen of Moore; two daughters, Rosezenia Watkins of Mesa, Ariz., and Sharon Houston of Oklahoma City; father, O.C. Mims of Hugo; mother, Marie Mims of Frogville; 10 brothers, Barzilla Watkins, Willie Watkins, Jimmy Mims, James Mims, Odis Mims, all of Hugo, Rford Watkins and Jeff Mims of Oklahoma City, William Watkins of Norman, Tracy Mims of Bastrop, Texas, Hayward Mims of Sherman, Texas; four sisters, Betty A. Watkins, Lutrica Mims, Lois Mims, all of Hugo, Linda Beavers of Abilene, Texas; one grandchild, a host of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Rogan Funeral Home, Hugo.

Barbara Henderson

Funeral services for Barbara Henderson, 41, of Boswell, are pending with Rogan Funeral Home. Mrs. Henderson died March 24, 2004, at Medical Center of Southeast Oklahoma in Durant.

Sue Howse Hopkins

Funeral services for Sue Howse Hopkins of Hugo were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, 2004, at First Baptist Church in Hugo, with Rev. Doug McClure officiating. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Hopkins died Wednesday, March 24, 2004, in Hugo. She was 87.

Sue was born July 31, 1916 in Hugo to R.J. and Auriela (Milam) Howse. She married A.D. (Dock) Hopkins in Hugo on September 1, 1936. She had lived in this area for most of her life. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hugo and served as church clerk for 22 years. She was in Eastern Star since 1946 and was a past Worthy Matron in 1954. She served 50-plus years in the American Legion Auxiliary and was a volunteer for McCuiston Hospital for 10 years. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dock, on May 20, 1989; and five sisters, Pearl Burris in 1951, Ruby Howse in 1965, Mame Pratt in 1979, Ann Dodson in 1995 and Deanie Nix in 2002. Sue is survived by her son, Cal Hopkins and wife, Sharon of Hurst, Texas; her twin sister, Sara Herman of Coral Gables, Fla.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home, Hugo.

Mildred Brunson

Funeral services for Mildred Brunson of Hugo were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 26, 2004, at Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Charles Green officiating. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Brunson died Wednesday, March 24, 2004, in Hugo. She was 86.

Mildred was born February 4, 1918, in Cunningham, Texas, to George and Susie (Green) Ashford. She married Perry Sterling Brunson in Paris, Texas, on July 26, 1940. She had lived in this area for the past 56 years after moving here from Chicota, Texas, and attended the Church of God in Hugo. She was a homemaker and loved quilting and playing dominoes. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Perry on January 23, 2000, one brother and one sister.

Mildred is survived by two sons, Bill Brunson of Galveston, Texas, and Weldon Brunson of Wichita Falls, Texas; two daughters, Jean Creacy of Hugo and Rita Freeman of Omaha, Texas; one brother, Daniel W. Ashford of Groom, Texas; two sisters, Robbie Marquarot of Amarillo, Texas, and Patsy Clark of Sweetwater, Texas; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home, Hugo.

Eva Raye Pelt Clark

Funeral services for Eva Raye Pelt Clark, 74, of Hugo, were held Saturday, March 27, 2004, at the Bill Darrough Pavilion. Officiating was Dr. Edwin Bernard.

Mrs. Clark passed away Sunday, March 14, 2004, at the Riley Nursing Center in Meridian, Miss. Mrs. Clark was born November 18, 1929, in Valliant, to Dolon and Ida Mae (Morris) Pelt.

She married James Alvis Clark in November 1946, moving from Valliant to Hugo where she lived the past 50 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Emanuel Baptist Church in Hugo.

She is survived by two sons: Ricky Clark, Austin, Texas, and Glenn Clark, Hugo; one daughter: Shirley Strange, Meridian, Miss.; one brother: Leon Pelt, Frisco, Texas; one sister: Rita Mantooth, Durant; four granddaughters and eight great-grandchildren.

Following the services, burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hugo.

Stephens Funeral Home in Meridian, Miss., was in charge of arrangements.

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Cecil Jones

Graveside services for Cecil Jones of Boswell were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Restland Cemetery in Boswell with Bro. Mutt Wallace officiating.

Mr. Jones died March 27, 2004, in Paris, Texas. He was 78. He was a retired carpenter, and a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Navy. He was of the Baptist faith and was a member of the VFW.

Mr. Jones was born April 30, 1925, in Farris, Okla. He was raised in Boswell, moved to California, and had lived in Grant for 23 years prior to moving to Boswell seven years ago. He married Lois Gentry on April 12, 1944, in Durant. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruben Jones and Lottie (White) Jones, his biological father Bill Finley, and three brothers.

Surviving relatives: His wife of 60 years, Lois Jones; two sons: Larry Cecil Jones, Sr., of Vale, Ariz., and Daniel Jones of Castro Valley, Calif.; two daughters: Monta Downs of Fresno, Calif., and Arlene Dunham of Antioch, Calif.; three sisters: Ruby Williams of Sawyer, Nellie Long of Soper, and Lilla Bell Day of Boswell; six brothers: R.L. Jones of Hugo, Eric Jones of Boswell, Roy Lee Jones of Fremont, Calif., Gerald Jones of Sawyer, Bill Finley and Dewane Finley, both of Marietta; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Miller & Miller Funeral Home -- Boswell.

Eulala Grace (Prill) Blankenship

Eulala Grace (Prill) Blankenship was born in Boswell, Oklahoma, on December 20, 1937. She went to decorate her heavenly home on March 16, 2004. Prill was met at Heaven's East Gate by her father Oscar Kermit (Butch) Self, her mother Clara Louise (Granny Bell) Self, brother Oscar Kermit Self, Jr., and two unborn babies among others. She attended Soper Schools and on December 20, 1952, she married J.R. Blankenship in DeQueen, Arkansas. They celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on December 20, 2003. In 1953, they welcomed Rhonda Clariece into their family. In 1957, after ranching, truck driving, and sawmilling, they moved to Farmington, New Mexico. After a long working relationship with Shell Oil Company, they moved back to Soper. In 1971, they went in partners and purchased B&E Grocery where they eventually became sole owners. The B&E was a cornerstone of Soper and they operated the store for 30 years before selling it in September of 2002. Prill was considered a true friend to all. She was a working wife and mother, sang beautifully, and could sew anything. She loved her close knit family and was a promoter of get togethers at holidays, birthdays, or any other excuse that called for family and friends to come together. She was a member of the Soper Church of Christ and a registered member of the Choctaw Nation. Left behind to mourn, grieve, and to recall the wonderful memories are her husband, J.R. Blankenship, daughter and son-in-law Clariece and Bill McClure, granddaughter and grandson-in-law Gina and Scotty Van Worth, great granddaughter and namesake Alyssa Grace Van Worth, sister and brother-in-law Chockie and Bob Edge, all of Soper, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Graveside services were held Friday, March 19 at 2 p.m. at the Soper Cemetery with Joe Maple and family members officiating.

Miller & Miller Funeral Home in Hugo.
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Margaret “Irene” Buster

Funeral services for Margaret “Irene” Buster of Wright City were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Spirit Rock Church in Millerton with Bro. Troy Ruffin and Bro. Jesse Pearce officiating.

Mrs. Buster died March 16, 2004, at her home. She was 72.

Mrs. Buster was born January 25, 1932, in Hot Springs, Ark., the daughter of Jess F. Elkins and Dolly (Goff) Elkins and had lived in Wright City for the past 37 years. She married Fred Wayne Buster on May 12, 1972 in Hugo. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Orvel Edwin Stover.

Surviving relatives: Her husband: Fred Wayne Buster; one son: Gary Lee Stover of Wright City; five daughters: Evelyn Estelle Cornwall of Swink, Jessie May Milligan of Sweet Home, Ore., Sandy Carol Stover of Valliant, Brenda Sue Stover of Atoka, and Margaret Levorn Shockley of Sweet Home, Ore.; one sister: Lorene Springs of Hugo.

Miller & Miller Funeral Home -- Valliant.

N.L. Jones

Funeral services for N.L. Jones of Kansas City, Kansas, formerly of Bluff, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul Baptist Church with Rev. Lavern McFrazier officiating. Interment was in New Bluff Cemetery.

Mr. Jones died March 13, 2004, in Kansas City, Kansas. He was 68.

Surviving relatives: Wife: Leona Jones of Kansas City, Kansas; stepson: Clifton Lane of Bonner Springs, Kansas; two daughters: Mary Ann Jones of Hugo, Stephanian Ann Jones of Arlington, Texas; four brothers: Will Ester Jones of Hugo, Charles Jones of Oklahoma City, Willie Lee Jones of Kansas City, Mo., Cornell Jones of Los Angeles, Calif.; three sisters: Ima Jean Franklin of Marietta, Okla., Ora Lee Randell and Gloria Faye Jones, both of Lubbock, Texas; seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Rogan Funeral Home.

Ella Brown Robinson

Funeral services for Ella Brown Robinson of Fort Worth, formerly of Hugo, were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at South Central District Building with Rev. Roy Paul Brown, Sr., officiating. Interment was in Crosley Cemetery.

Mrs. Robinson died March 14, 2004, in Fort Worth, Texas. She was 50.

Surviving relatives: Husband: Roy L. Robinson; five sons: Brandon, Jaquan, Jonthan, Quinton and Eric, all of Fort Worth, Texas; mother: JoElla Brown of Hugo; six brothers: Jesse Brown and James Brown of Hugo, Royce, Albert, Louis and Charles Brown, all of Oklahoma City; one sister: Carol Price of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Rogan Funeral Home.

LeRoy Watkins

Funeral services for LeRoy Watkins, 43, of Moore, are pending with Rogan Funeral Home. Mr. Watkins died March 22, 2004, in Moore.

Wanda Sue Winters

Funeral services for Wanda Sue Winters of Hugo were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 22, 2004, at Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Chapel in Hugo. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Winters died Thursday, March 18, 2004, in Paris, Texas. She was 67.

Sue was born July 20, 1936, in Hugo to Ray and Emma (Latham) Eagleberger. She married Craig C. (Joe) Winters in Soper on August 17, 1953. She moved to Hugo from Franklin, Ind., in 1981. She and her husband Joe, owned and operated the Sonic in Hugo and later owned and operated Winters Restaurant in Hugo. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Ray and Don Eagleberger.

Sue is survived by her husband, Joe of the home; two sons: Randy Winters of Indianapolis and Tim Winters of Belk, Texas; one daughter: Darla Matthews of Hugo; five brothers: Charles Hill of Lonestar, Texas, Bob Eagleberger of Stringtown, Bill Eagleberger of Hugo, Jack Hill of Braggs, and Giles Eagleberger of Washington state; one sister: Laverne Pence of Hugo; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home.

Mary Lee Scales

Funeral services for Mary Lee Scales of Hugo were held at 11 a.m. Monday in the South Central District Building with Elder Astor Cooper, Jr., officiating. Interment was in Crosley Cemetery.

Mrs. Scales died March 18, 2004, at Golden Age Nursing Home in Hugo. She was 89.

Surviving relatives: three sons: Melvin Scales, Jr., of Hugo, Roy Scales of Dallas, James Scales of Tecumseh; six daughters: Brenda Mays of Hugo, Lula Scales, Glenda Scales, Linnie B. Rucker and Georgia Scales, all of Oklahoma City, Nona Harris of Paris, Texas; one brother: Arthur McCullough of Long Beach, Calif.; three sisters: Febbie Booker of Houston, Emma Jean Washington of Edna, Texas, Ruby Conley of Long Beach, Calif.; 33 grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews.

Rogan Funeral Home, Hugo.

Burley H. Sutterfield

Graveside services for Burley H. Sutterfield of Boswell were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2004, in Restland Cemetery, Boswell, with Mr. Hank Anderson officiating.

Mr. Sutterfield died Thursday, March 18, 2004, at Southeast Oklahoma Medical Center in Durant. He was 95.

Burley H. Sutterfield was born November 12, 1908, in Tupelo, Okla., the son of William Sutterfield and Lizzie Mae (Kennedy) Sutterfield. He lived most of his life in this area. He worked as a heavy equipment operator and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife Sammie; five brothers, three sisters, one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Surviving relatives: Son: Burley Sutterfield of Hugo; daughter: Wanda Dawson of Las Vegas; brother: Otis Sutterfield of Boswell; sister: Alice Douglass of Antlers; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mt. Olive Funeral Home, Hugo.

Mason Enright Bohanon

HATTIESBURG, Miss. ~Services were held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at Grace Temple, for Mason Enright Bohanon “Hatak Komassa”, 17 months, who died unexpectedly March 19, 2004, at his home.

Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Hattiesburg.

Survivors include his parents, Joseph Bohanon and Joyous Bethel of Hattiesburg; two sisters, Hannah Hartman of Santa Anna, Texas, and Eva-Louise Bohanon of Oakland, Calif.; and grandmother, Agnes Bohanon of Hugo, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Julius Bohanon and Garvan and Jacquelyn Enright Bethel.

Moore Funeral Home in Hattiesburg is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Chambless

Funeral services for Robert Chambless of Fort Towson were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 2004, at Old Ringold Church. Interment will follow in Old Ringold Cemetery.

Mr. Chambless died Friday, March 19, 2004, at his residence. He was 80.

Robert Chambless was born September 11, 1923, in Ringold, the son of Theodore "Buck" Chambless and Ariel (Belk) Chambless. He was married to Pearlie Chambless on December 24, 1942, in Oklahoma City. He served in the US Army infantry during World War II and received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He worked as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic. He enjoyed his crafts, especially making fiddles. Robert was preceded in death by his sister Maxine Manley in 1983.

Surviving relatives: Wife: Pearlie Chambless of the home; two sons: Ronald Chambless of Abernathy, Texas, and Michael Chambless of Hugo; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Hazel Farmer

Funeral services for Hazel Farmer of Sawyer were held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 22, 2004, at Sawyer Baptist Church, with Reverend Bob O'Neill officiating, assisted by Reverend Bill Stone. Interment was in Sawyer Cemetery.

Mrs. Farmer died Friday, March 19, 2004, in Hugo. She was 79.

Hazel was born August 24, 1924, in Biardstown, Texas, to Ed and Birdie (Morgan) Locke. She married Clehon Colal Farmer on August 25, 1941. She had lived in this area most of her life and was a member of the Sawyer Baptist Church in Sawyer. She was an avid quilt maker and had served as president of the 13th Place Quilters Club and also loved to crochet and work crossword puzzles. Hazel worked as a nurse's aide and a ward clerk at Choctaw Memorial Hospital in Hugo. Although she never had any children of her own, many of her great and great-great-nephews called her "Granny." She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Clehon, one brother, Edward Locke, four sisters, Jane, Mozelle, Betty Sue and Lucille.

Hazel is survived by one brother, James Earl Locke of Livingston, Texas; one sister, Margie Meadows of Scottsdale, Ariz.; numerous nieces and nephews.

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