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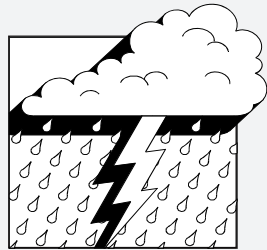
Deadline:

The deadline for all news, advertising and the "What's Happening" in The Statesman is 5:00pm Monday.

Attention: The classified ad deadline has now been changed to Mondays at noon for the same week's paper.

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Weather



Thursday: Few Shwr, H.82 L.66
Friday: Few Shwr, H.80 L.63
Saturday: Few Shwr, H.83 L.63
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Family News Policy:

Family news such as wedding or engagement announcements must be submitted by 5:00pm Monday for publication on a space available basis in the same week's newspaper. Please include a telephone number to call if questions arise about spelling, etc.

Engagement announcements must be signed by both the prospective bride and groom, or other satisfactory arrangements made by which the newspaper may verify authenticity.

Birth announcements should be signed by both parents.

There is NO CHARGE for timely engagement or wedding announcements and a photo may be included at no cost.

Anniversary announcements with photos are also published free for couples celebrating 20 years or more of marriage, with subsequent free announcements limited to increments of five years.

Free anniversary announcements may not include an invitation to a reception or party where gifts are expected.

Because of space constraints, free birthday announcements are not published. However friends and relatives may purchase advertising space to congratulate a person on their birthday.

Area Obituaries

Karen Owens Duernberger

Services for Karen Elizabeth Owens Duernberger, 54, Athens were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Cooper Funeral Home chapel, Athens.

Burial was in Oaklawn Memorial Park, Athens.

Mrs. Duernberger died May 4, 2007, at her residence.

She was born March 10, 1954, to Vernon and Edith Corley Owens. She grew up in Murchison and also lived in Whitehouse and Tyler prior to moving to Athens. She attended Henderson County Junior College, was a licensed vocational nurse and retired in 2003 from Oakbrook Nursing Home.

She was preceded in death by her father, Vernon Owens; husband, Don Duernberger; and brother, Billy Owens.

Survivors include son, Aaron Robert "Bobby" Arthur, Athens; daughter, Nomie Rebecca Storms, Mineola; brother, Mickey Owens, Brookland; sisters, Jan Masters, Ann Newbill and Tami Mason, all of Murchison; and one granddaughter.



Rev. Perkins Smith

Services for the Rev. Perkins Smith, 75, Chandler, were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hilliard Funeral Home, Van, with the Rev. Jamie Eitson officiating.

Burial was in Edom Cemetery.

Rev. Smith died May 5, 2007 in Chandler. He was born May 1, 1932, in Henderson County to the late Marion W. and Sally Shiflet Smith.

He lived in Chandler most of his life and served as pastor at Mount Zion Independent Full Gospel Church in Primrose for 35 years. He served in the Air Force, and retired from Brookshire's Warehouse after 15 years service, and was awarded the Most Dedicated Worker and Outstanding Person Award.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Wayne Smith; granddaughter, Stephanie Pearl Melton, and eight siblings.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Smith, Chandler; daughters, Felicia Melton, Michelle Denise Smith and Kimberly Taylor, all of Edom; sister, Marie Brown, Athens; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kyle Miller, Cody Melton, Michael Melton, Tristen Geddie, Tommy Taylor, David Taylor, Brian Kilpatrick and Justin Davis.

Jeanne Regan

Graveside services for Jeanne McGill Regan, 80, Chandler, were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Bascom Cemetery under direction of Burks Walker Tippitt Funeral Directors, Tyler.

Mrs. Regan died May 5, 2007 in Tyler. She was born January 28, 1927, in Smith County to the late Allen A. and Pearl M. Stroud McGill. She was an animal trainer for several of the major circuses and was a Baptist. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lou Regan.

Survivors include brothers, Bill McGill, Searcy, Arkansas, James McGill, Chandler, and Charles McGill, Henderson.

Eugenia Roach

Services for Eugenia Curtis Roach, 78, Edom, were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Eubank Funeral Home chapel, Canton, with Brother Dwain Tedford officiating.

Burial was in Haven of Memories Park, Canton.

Mrs. Roach died May 5, 2007, at her residence. She was born July 20, 1928, in Emery, Arkansas, to the late Elvin Conway and Golda Ester Harris Curtis.

She lived in Dallas for several years until 1989 when she moved to Edom where she owned and operated Roach's Fabric Shop. She was a member of Assembly of God, and was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, D.E. Roach; two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include sons, Calvin Roach and David Roach, both of Edom; daughter, Teresa Staples, Flint; sister, Delena Willis, Granbury; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Sarah Eugenia Clark

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Eugenia Clark, 84, of Chandler, will be held Thursday, May 10, at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Chandler. Officiating will be Rev. David Luckert and Rev. Jim Griffin. Burial will be in Chandler Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Chandler Memorial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Clark died May 7, 2007 at Tyler, Texas. She was born December 1, 1922 in Tyler.

She attended Tyler High School and Tyler Commercial College. She was a life-long resident of the Chandler area and was a member of First United Methodist Church of Chandler. She worked as a secretary.

Preceding Mrs. Clark in death were her parents, Seab and Tiny Clark.

Survivors include nieces and nephews, Lynn Mankin and Tom Clark, both of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Mary John Oliver and Sue Mills, both of Chandler; 7 great nieces and nephews; and 10 great-great nieces and nephews.

If desired, memorials may be made to the building fund of the First United Methodist Church of Chandler.

Lorie Finley Smith

Graveside services for Mrs. Lorie Finley Smith, 90, of Chandler, will be Saturday, May 12, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., with Chaplain Don Smith officiating.

Burial will be in Hawkins Cemetery under the direction of Chandler Memorial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith died May 5, 2007 in Tyler, Texas. She was born October 13, 1916 in Gallatin, Texas.

Mrs. Smith attended East Texas State College in Commerce, Texas, and obtained a Masters degree in Audio Visual Studies. She had lived in the Chandler area since the early 1970s. She was a member of West Lake Baptist Church of Chandler and was a retired teacher, having taught for several years at Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas. She also taught a seniors co-ed Sunday School class.

Mrs. Smith was a skilled seamstress and an avid reader, and enjoyed crossword puzzles, cooking and bird watching.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carroll Stokes and Mary Finley; two brothers, C.S. Finley, Jr. and Charles B. Finley and her husband, Clifford G. Smith.

Survivors include a step-son, Bill Smith of Oregon; sister, Glenda Freeman of Chandler; numerous nephews and other family members.

If desired, memorials may be made to Chandler Public Library or a charity of choice.

Richard "Kent" Ray

Memorial services for Richard "Kent" Ray, 41, of Troup, Texas, will be held Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at Chandler Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Jerry Hawbaker will officiate, under direction of Chandler Memorial Funeral Home.

Mr. Ray died May 5, 2007. He was born March 28, 1966 in Tyler, Texas.

He had lived in Troup for about 3 years, Washington (state) 7 years, and earlier in the Chandler/Brownsboro area. He was an oil field worker and served in the U.S. Navy during "Desert Storm."

Survivors are his parents, Billy and Sylvia Ray; sons, Jonathan Ray and Keith Ray; and brother, Scott Ray.

Visitation will be Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Edna B. Leach

Funeral services for Edna B. Leach, 92, Brownsboro, were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, Brownsboro with the Rev. Marvin Cole officiating.

Burial was in Rock Hill Cemetery under direction of Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home, Athens.

Mrs. Leach died May 1, 2007, in Tyler. She was born May 26, 1914, in Broken Bow, Neb., to the late Ellis F. and Olive Arizona Smith Reger.

She lived in Brownsboro since 1936 and was a member of First Baptist Church, Brownsboro, where she served as pianist. She retired as a licensed vocational nurse in 1975, after working in Athens and Tyler. She was a Meals on Wheels volunteer, and loved needlework and quilting.

After her retirement, in order to take care of a son that had been involved in an accident and to bring him home, she nursed him around the clock at her residence for three years.

Mrs. Leach was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Terrell H. Leach; son, Arnold Eugene Leach; grandson, David Hashem; granddaughter, Brenda Williams; and great-grandson, Joseph Bennett.

Survivors include sons, Hamilton Leach, Chandler, and Norman Leach, Red Oak; daughters, Catherine Crawford, Brownsboro, Elizabeth Borroughs, Balch Springs, Deloros Bennett, Pilot Point, Marie Hashem, Starr, Rebecca Justus, Garland, Patricia Warren, Tyler, and Sharon Morse, Breckenridge; 30 grandchildren; great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Donald Crawford, David Crawford, George Leach, Terrell Bennett, Stanley Bennett, James Bennett, Freddy Bennett, Eddy Bennett, Wayne Bennett, Weldon Bennett, John Hashem, Scott Justus, Tony Warren, Steven Leach and Richard Morse.

If desired, memorials may be made to Manasseh Ministries, PO Box 202, Ben Wheeler, 75754; First Baptist Church of Brownsboro, PO Box 256, Brownsboro, 75756; or Hospice of East Texas/HomePlace, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, 75701.

Robert W. Reeves

Memorial services for Robert Wayne Reeves, 67, Murchison, were held Saturday at Ash Baptist Church, Athens, with the Rev. Don Chapin officiating. Arrangements were with Eubank Funeral Home, Canton.

Mr. Reeves died April 27, 2007 at his residence. He was born January 20, 1940, to Eldon Maurice and Susie Grace Burk Reeves.

He grew up in Fisher County and worked at Buckner's Children's Home in Dallas for several years. He moved to Callender Lake in 1972 and mowed yards for 20 years. He was a member of Ash Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his father, Eldon Maurice Reeves.

Survivors include his mother, Grace Reeves, Callender Lake; sister, Bettye Kamstra, Lancaster, Calif.; and half-sister, Ann Case, Marble Falls.

If desired, memorials may be made to Humane Society, 900 W. College, Athens, 75751; or Ash Baptist Church, 8613 FM 1616, Athens, 75751.

Frances S. Oglesby

Services for Frances S. Oglesby, 87, Chandler, were held at 11 a.m. Friday at West Lake Baptist Church with the Rev. Eric Peyton officiating.

Burial was in Chandler Memorial Cemetery under direction of Chandler Memorial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Oglesby died April 30, 2007, in Fort Worth. She was born June 17, 1919, in Plain, Miss., to the late Rev. and Mrs. B.T. Smith. She attended Mississippi State College for Women, and moved to Garland in 1961.

She was a member of Garland's First Baptist Church, was active in Twentieth Century Study Club and helped develop Galaxy Home for homeless girls. After retirement, she moved to the Lake Palestine area and joined West Lake Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Connie Oglesby.

Survivors include her children, John Oglesby, Destin, Fla., Linda Harman, Fort Worth, and Lonnie Oglesby, Glen Rose; and two grandchildren.

Meals on Wheels Ministry, Inc.

Menu May 14-18
Orange Juice Served in Centers

MON: Chicken Alfredo casserole, buttered corn, green beans, bread, cookies

TUES: Barbecued beef nuggets, baked beans, fried vegetable sticks, bun, pears

WED: Ham & cheese/wheat sandwich, pea salad, sliced peaches, lettuce, tomato & pickles, vanilla wafers

THURS: Oven fried chicken, new potatoes/gravy, English peas, roll
FRI: Catfish filet, pinto beans, Cole slaw, cornbread, fruit cobbler

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