

## Area Obituaries

### Roy Martin

Early Friday morning, January 4, at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler, Roy Martin departed from his life on earth and joined his Heavenly Father. His final days and hours were spent surrounded by love with his beloved family at his bedside. He was born on November 27, 1940.

In June 2002, Roy retired after devoting many years to his career with Brookshire Grocery Company. Everyone who worked with him, or for him claimed that he was one of the best men they ever knew. He was known for his kindness and honesty.

His Christian service began as a Methodist and continued as a member of Chandler First United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Wesley Fellowship Sunday School Class and looked forward each Sunday to the lively discussions and Christian lessons shared with a wide circle of friends.

In 2004, Roy was diagnosed with Stage IV Cancer. He had surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy. After learning that the cancer had spread and all available conventional chemos had been tried, he willingly entered into Phase I Clinical Trials, testing medicines that had never before been used in humans. His attitude was hopeful that it would help him, but if not, much needed data was being gathered so that some day this terrible disease will be wiped out. Even after some of the chemos tested had dire side effects for him, he eagerly entered into trial after trial.

Upon retirement, Roy and his wife relocated to Chandler where they immediately became active in the God's Open Hands organization. Roy put to good use his many years of grocery experience and devoted himself to helping the local GOH food pantry run as smoothly and efficiently as possible, seeking to help those individuals who found themselves in unfortunate circumstances and in need of food. He took great pride in keeping the shelves stocked and keeping everything, including the empty boxes, organized to utilize their greatest potential. Throughout the many, many weeks of traveling to Houston for chemotherapy, he planned those appointments so that he would be back in Chandler in time for church and then to work at God's Open Hands. He handled many behind the scenes tasks, never seeking credit for the many things he did.

He also worked at the Keep Chandler Beautiful Recycle Center, taking regular shifts there until cancer prevented him from doing so. Even after that, he made sure that all discards from God's Open Hands were recycled properly.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 6 at Chandler First United Methodist Church, under the direction of Chandler Memorial Funeral Home, with Dr. Russ Munch officiating, assisted by Lt. Col. James Griffin, Rev. Linda Pinson, Rev. Bob Nobles and Ken Reid. Interment followed in the Chandler Memorial Cemetery. Sons-in-law and grandsons were pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Wesley Fellowship Sunday School class and God's Open Hands volunteers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Martin Sr. and Louise White; his sister, Dolores Baumgartner; his brother, Ronald L. Martin and his mother and father-in-law, Opal and Ralph Chaney.

He was a loving husband of 48-1/2 years to his wife Pat. He



was Daddy to daughters and sons-in-law, Lee Ann and Phillip Bickham, Janet and Brad Vanderford, and Suzan and Cody Shaw. The pride of his life were his grandchildren Briana Drake and her husband Paul, Tyler Rogers, Kaylee Shaw, Brooke Bickham, Benton Bickham, Bradley Vanderford and Lauren Vanderford. He is also survived by a multitude of friends.

Friends desiring to do so may make memorial contributions to either God's Open Hands, Chandler TX 75758 or to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Drive, Tyler, TX 75701.

### David L. Malone "Cookie Man"

Services for David L. Malone "Cookie Man", 60, of Chandler were held Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008 at 2pm, at Chandler Memorial Funeral Home with Rev. Mickey Ellis officiating.

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

Mr. Malone passed away Jan. 6, 2008 at his residence. He was born Dec. 23, 1947 in Hillsboro, Texas.

He was born and raised in the Hill Country/Lake Whitney area then moved to Chandler in 1986. He was a Christian and was employed as District Manager for Vista Bakery Company.

He loved hunting, fishing, Harley rallies, Karaoke, and Pickin' and Grinning around the campfire with his friends.

Survivors include a son, Matt Malone of Anna, Texas; and daughter, Kim Yancey of Battlefield, MO; and 5 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Dennis Brooks, Terry Hilton, Glen Dykes, Kenny Adams, Tim Beggs, David Roddy Brad White and Tommy Glen.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.



### Betsi Marie Wyatt

Services for Betsi Marie Wyatt, 5, of Brownsboro were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 6, 2008, at Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel with Rev. Tommy Weems officiating. Burial was at Rock Hill Cemetery in Brownsboro under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home, Tyler. She passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2008, in Fort Worth.

She was born on September 4, 2002, in Tyler to Ricky and Linda Wyatt. She attended Rock Hill Baptist Church and the Kabbage Patch Day Care in Brownsboro, where she had many friends.

She is survived by her parents, Ricky and Linda Wyatt; sister, Cami Wyatt; grandparents Sandy and Pam Wyatt and Ben and Glenda Bearden, all of Brownsboro, and Ray and Faye Brown of Keller; aunts and uncles, James and Michelle Brown of Sweetwater, Christy and Jamie Brown of Keller, Greg and Erin Wyatt of Brownsboro, and Carla and Lance Phillips of Whitehouse; cousins, Nathaniel, Brianna and Erin Brown of Sweetwater, Ava Claire Wyatt of Brownsboro, and Paige Phillips of Whitehouse, as well as many other aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were John Paul Boles, Tracy Gilley, Luke Rains, Chuck Rains, Olan Loveless, Terry Baldwin, Shane Steen and Wade Rowold.

Memorials may be made to Cook Children's Medical Center of Fort Worth, c/o 1st State Bank of Brownsboro, P.O. Box 405, Brownsboro, 75756.

### James Emerson Chapman

Services for James Emerson Chapman, 86, of Brownsboro were held Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at the United Methodist Church, Brownsboro with Bro. D.M. 'Pete' Chapman, the Rev. Earnest Elliott and the Rev. Kevin Otto officiating.

Burial followed in the Oaklawn Memorial Park in Athens under direction of Burks Walker Tippit Funeral Directors, Tyler.

Mr. Chapman died Jan. 1, 2008, in Tyler. He was born Feb. 1, 1921, in Murchison to the late James A. and Effie Callahan Chapman. He graduated from Brownsboro High in 1939. He entered the Navy during World War II where he served four years. He owned and operated the general merchandise Holiman store thirty years before retiring.

Mr. Chapman was a 60-year Master Mason where he served as Worshipful Master. He served as fire chief of the Brownsboro Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Brownsboro.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Evelyn Carver and Margie Ruth Jarett; and a brother, Ted F. Chapman.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Virginia Holiman Chapman; brothers, D.M. 'Pete' Chapman and wife, Fay, and Jerry Chapman and wife, Peggy.

Pallbearers were Rickey Carver, Sam Young, Gary Mallory, Sky Young, Dan Mark Chapman and Dawson Beeson. Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.



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When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

Then the work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, to heal the broken;  
To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner;  
To teach the nations, to bring Christ to all;  
To make music in the heart.  
(Howard Thurman)

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### Second and Main Crossing

It's five o'clock and I'm on my way home from the shop where I work. As I roll my motorized wheel chair to the curb of Second and Main and watch the cars whizzing by, I think, Oh, dear, traffic is extra heavy tonight. Heavier and noisier than I've seen for a while. I wonder what's going on. Where are all these people going in such a hurry? All those drivers in all kinds of cars just zipping along like they didn't have a care in the world.

Oh, yes. I remember what it's like. I used to be one of them. How glad I was at the end of the work day to be hurrying home, getting out of the city, and looking forward to a quiet evening.

But, that was then. My wheels are different now. No more speeding along in my little red car. I'm a bit slower now, but I still get around, and I have much to be thankful for.

Sometimes as I sit here watching traffic and waiting for a chance to cross over, a hand touches my shoulder and a soft voice says, "I'll help you across if you wish to go," and once again I know the kindness of my fellow travellers, and thank God for my blessings.

by Dorothy Miller Birdwell

### BEGINNING A NEW YEAR

Another year has come and gone,  
And what do I have to show?  
I pause to reflect and wonder --  
Oh, where does the fleeting time go?

The passing years are now history,  
I cannot recapture those days.  
Do I dwell on the past -- or the future?  
Is my life but an obscure haze?

The years roll by -- one by one,  
A time I can ne'er reclaim.  
God has given me abundant talents  
To glorify and exalt His name.

Have I done my very best, I muse,  
With charity toward my fellowman?  
Have I used the time God has given  
To do the best I can?

"Do unto others," says the Golden Rule,  
"As you'd have them do unto you."  
A new beginning for a happy New Year;  
A simple rule the whole year through  
Submitted by Otis Rainwater

### DREAMING OF KNOWLEDGE

I was following this woman, in a white flowing gown, through the woods. She kept looking back at me. I had the feeling I knew her, but I couldn't call her by name. We reached the edge of the woods and I could see a mausoleum. It had white columns in front and she ran inside. When I got to the mausoleum there was no door for me to enter. I walked around it many times. I had a feeling I just had to get to her.

As I came around the back again, I saw an old man by a water well; I ran to him. I was so thirsty and just wanted a drink of cool water. As I placed the ladle in the water and lifted it for a drink, the old man stopped me before the water could even touch my lips. The old man spoke and said, "It is not yet time." Not all that come to the Well of Knowledge can drink from it. He turned and walked away saying, "All in good time," and then he was gone.

By Katrina Edwards

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