

# Obituaries



HAZEL SCHILL

## Hazel Schill

Funeral services were held last week for Hazel Schill, 92, who died Monday, June 22, at her residence near Donie.

Mrs. Schill was a dedicated homemaker who loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She had her own greenhouse where she spent her time raising plants and flowers from both cuttings and seeds.

Mrs. Schill spent many hours tending to her garden.

She was a Baptist by faith and lived the last 14 years of her life on her family's ranch, S.W. & S. Cattle Company, near Donie.

Services were held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, at Bowers Funeral Home in Teague with Benny Mize officiating.

Interment followed at Union Cemetery near Freestone.

Mrs. Schill is survived by her son, Don Schill and wife Mary Jane of Donie; grandchildren, Craig Schill and wife Elyse of Donie, Debby Smith and husband Steve of Tomball, and Kyle Schill and wife Shay Robinson; great-grandchildren, Kimberly Fulp and husband Justin of Crawford, Trent Smith of College Station, Daniel Schill of Donie, Tyler Smith and Kaitlin Smith,

both of Tomball, Taylen Wallis and Laken Schill, both of Robinson; great-great-grandson, Jacob Fulp of Crawford; caregiver, Minerva Solomon; sister-in-law, Dorothy Matthew of Houston; and nephews, Jeff Fowle and Jim Matthew, both of Houston, and Bill Jackson of Taylor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert Schill.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society at P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Funeral arrangements were made under the direction of Bowers Funeral Home in Teague.

## Mary Newman

Funeral services were held Friday, June 5, for Mary Newman, 83, of Fairfield, who died June 2 in Fairfield.

Ed Ridge officiated at the services, held at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Burial was at Lake Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Newman was born April 13, 1926 in Freestone county to Leo and Mattie York Cherry.

Pallbearers were Shane House, Blake House, Greg Smith, James Myers, Zack Newman and Roy Newman.

Mrs. Newman is survived by daughters Donna and Richard Smith of Sugarland, Danna and Scott Terrell of Mobeetie, sister Neva Harrison of Pasadena and Dean Mosteit of La Port, as well as grandchildren Kristi Gary, Kim and Billy Enoch, Shane and Whitney House, Blake House, Greg and Lacey Smith, Melanie and Shawn Brooks and Amy Smith, and seven great-grandchildren.

## Lavilla "Ione" Newton

Funeral services were held Monday for Lavilla "Ione" Newton of Fairfield at Bailey and Foster in Palestine.

David Franklin officiated. Burial followed at Palestine City Cemetery.

Mrs. Newton, 90, formerly of Elkhart, was preceded in death by her parents, her husband W.C. "Mutt" Newton and her only son Luey Newton.

She was born Nov. 11, 1918 in Fairfield to Joe Fred and Althea Roberts Emmons. She was a long-time Methodist, a homemaker and a caregiver to young and old.

Mrs. Newton continued to work on her farm and in her garden until weeks before her death. She took care of others, and sat with many loved ones during their final hours. She babysat many children and is still known in the community as "Gammy".

Mrs. Newton prided herself in her family and her independence. She will be deeply missed by family, friends and her beloved dog Crystal.

Survivors are daughter Renee Gunnels and husband Gary, and granddaughters Misty McAdams and husband Craig, Amy Clark and husband Mike, all of Elkhart, and Kristy Oates and husband Steven of Fairfield.

The deceased was also fortunate enough to have spent many years teaching and loving her great-grandchildren Larami and Colby McAdams, Kollin and Karson Purdue and Justice Oates, and step-great-grandchildren Calah and Sydney Clark.

Pallbearers were Danny Clyde Turner, Tom Anderson, Roger Parker, Bob Stroud, Bobby James and Ronny Bridges. Honorary pallbearers were Don Tolar, Zelt Dunbar, Charles Dunbar and Jimmy McAdams.

Visitation was Sunday night at Bailey and Foster Funeral Home in Palestine. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to The Hospice of East Texas at 4111 University Blvd., Tyler 75701 or David Foster Hospice Unit at Palestine Regional Medical Center.

To view online, leave condolences or sign the guest book, go to [www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com).

## Ricky Ray Thompson

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Ricky Ray Thompson, 53, of Fairfield, who died June 28 in Fairfield.

Donny Chamberlain and Brian Faulkner officiated at the service, held at Croley Funeral Home Chapel in Gilmer. Burial followed at Hopewell Cemetery in Upshur county.

Mr. Thompson was born Nov. 28, 1955 in Gilmer to Gilbert R. "Toad" and Jean Kennimer Thompson. He graduated from Harmony high school and was a supervisor for EFC Valve Company.

He is survived by his mother Jean Thompson of Gilmer, son and daughter-in-law Carlos and Tiffany Johnston of Gilmer, brother and sister-in-law Rex and Carol Thompson of McAlester, Okla.,

Sister and brother-in-law Gina and David Esters of Center, grandchildren Karlye and Kahlyen Johnston, nieces Heather Rollins and Lyndsie Thompson, nephew

# Burks and King engaged . . . Couple to marry in Fairfield

Johnny Burks and Rochelle Burks of Fairfield announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Breanna, to Eddie King, Jr., son of Eddie King, Sr. and Carolyn King of Waco.

The couple will wed Saturday, July 18, at Mount Zion Church in Fairfield.

Miss Burks is a 2008 graduate of Fairfield High School and attended Tyler Junior College. She is currently enrolled at McLennan Community College.

King is a 2004 graduate of Waco High School and is enrolled in McLennan Community College.



BREANNA BURKS AND EDDIE KING, JR.

## Singers will host ice cream fundraiser

Third Generation Gospel Singers will host an ice cream fundraiser during the fireworks display July 4 at Moody Reunion grounds.

Mrs. Willie's famous ice cream in flavors of vanilla, peach and strawberry will be available from 7 to 10 p.m.

Also on sale will be snowcones, soda, tea and water.

The Gospel Singers are also preparing for their 15th anniversary, set July 17 at Owen Chapel Church of God in Christ.

The event will begin at 8 p.m. at the church, located on highway 84, about 13 miles east of Fairfield in the Butler community.

Guest speaker will be Minister Lee Kinder, with Faith Tabernacle Ministries of Palestine. Special guests will be "Communications" of Palestine. Other guests are expected from across the state.



BRANDI COTTON AND JESSE FUENTES

# Cotton, Fuentes set wedding date

Rodger and Betty Cotton of Mexia announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Brandi Jean Cotton to Jesse James Fuentes of Fairfield.

Fuentes is the son of Raymond and Justine Fuentes of Fairfield. He is the grandson of Margarita Gallegos and the late Donaciano Gallegos, and Consuela Cochran and the late Alejandro Fuentes.

A 1998 graduate of Fairfield high school, Fuentes attended Navarro College and is employed with Atmos Energy in Corsicana.

Miss Cotton is the granddaughter of Hazel

Robinson and the late Edward Robinson, and Mildred Cotton Monk and husband Claude Monk, and the late Woodrow Cotton.

She is a 2001 graduate of Mexia high school and a graduate of Texas A&M University in 2006 and 2008 with two agricultural degrees and a teaching certificate. Miss Cotton is employed with Mexia Independent School District as a sixth grade science teacher.

The couple is planning an Oct. 10 wedding at the Emmons Ranch in Streetman. Afterward, they will make their home in Freestone county.

## Talent contest set for seniors

Waco's Meals and Wheels is looking for talented seniors age 60 and older.

The Bi-Annual Senior Star Search Contest is open to any senior.

Contest will be held at Central United Methodist Church at highway 6 and Bagby in Waco.

Registration deadline is Sept. 1.

For more information call Rose Moyer at Meals and Wheels, 254-752-0316 or 800-754-0878 or email [rosemoyer@seniorministry.org](mailto:rosemoyer@seniorministry.org).

Cooper Thompson and great niece Georgia Rollins.

Mr. Thompson was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert R. "Toad" Thompson in 2002.

Visitation was Tuesday at Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer.

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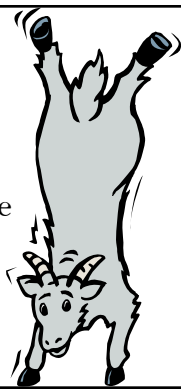
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Thank you...

Glendale Black

for buying my Market Goat at the 2009 Freestone County Fair.

Elizabeth Cooper



## Bridal Registry

Shonda Newman & Scott Isaacs  
Ali Armstrong & Brent Barnett  
Courtney Gary & Kevin Cook  
Ashley Coleman & Christian Green  
Mindy Allen & Dustin Judd  
Sally Hickerson & Brian Whitaker  
Amy Casey & Brian Nold  
Cristian Davis & Dusty Cockerell  
Jessica Jarvis & Jack Anderson  
Jessica Corley & Corey Shamburger

## Baby Registry

Mindy & David Pickens  
Tiffany (Swain) & Morgan Williams  
Adrian (Lane) & Jeremy Little  
Allison (Reynolds) & Garrett Sherer  
Jill (Price) & Jeremy Shipley  
Jackie & Chris Owen  
Jaiha & Scott Wilson



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