

FAITH



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Worshippers hold day of prayer

Francesca McNair (facing camera) hugs Katherine Propst as others say prayers during the National Day of Prayer service on the steps of City Hall on Thursday. A large crowd gathered to hear the ministers and musicians, who played and sang between sermons and prayers. Many worshippers were moved as scripture was read. Mayor Ivy Taylor presented a citation for the event and offered a prayer to the people who gathered under the oaks.

First Presbyterian's new Boerne satellite

First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio has established a satellite church in Boerne that meets on Sundays in Kendall Hall, 215 Lohmann St.

The Rev. John Dearman, pastor at Christ of the Hills Church, came to the post from First Presbyterian Church of Conroe, where he was associate pastor.

Bible study begins at 9:15 a.m., followed by fellowship at 10:15 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m.

First Presbyterian provides support, equipment and resources, a news release said. Both churches are members of



The Rev. John Dearman led his first service at Christ of the Hills in Boerne on March 12.

ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

The church was started by residents Dee and Katy Calverley and George and Charolette Phair, who began meeting in the Calverley home in mid-2016.

The church office number is 830-328-3969.

Three receive honors from Missionary Oblates

The Oblate School of Theology has awarded honorary doctoral degrees to Sister Jane Ann Slater, chancellor of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, and Father Bryan Massingale, a scholar of African-American theological ethics, racial justice

and liberation theology who teaches at Fordham University.

The ceremony Thursday included Oblate employee Yolanda Garcia, who received the Medal of Honor for 50 years of service to the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

CALENDAR

TODAY

Art exhibit: Noon-2 p.m., Coker United Methodist Church, 231 E. North Loop Road. Meet and greet for the opening of Spiritual Journeys. Exhibit continues through May 28. 210-494-3455, coker.org

Solemn Evensong: 4 p.m., Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church, 15415 Red Robin Road. 210-805-0212.

THURSDAY

Spring Luncheon: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Holy Trinity Banquet Hall, 20523 Huebner Road. Chrysalis Ministries New Beginnings luncheon. \$75 per person, sponsorships available. www.chrysalismin.org/new-beginnings-spring-luncheon, 210-299-4540, ext. 115.

FRIDAY

Banquet: 6:30 p.m., Beitel Memorial Lutheran Church, 2515 Austin Highway. Pot luck Mother-Daughter-Friend banquet. 210-654-6034, www.beitel-lutheransa.org

Dialogue and dinner: 7-9 p.m., University Presbyterian Church, 300 Bushnell Ave. The SoL Center Presents: Building Ties with our Arab Neighbors: An Evening of Conversation, Dinner, and Friendship with Narjis Pierre and Friends. \$17, includes dinner. Register in advance, 210-732-9927.

SATURDAY

Friends Festival: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Quaker Meetinghouse, 7052 N. Vandiver. Festival will feature pony rides, puppy adoption, books, jumble sale, farmers' market, and more. jmhaynes@earthlink.net, 210-858-7696.

Remembrance Mass: 8 a.m., San Fernando Cathedral, 115 W. Main Plaza. Mother's Day Mass for those who have lost their mother or other significant women in their lives. marthatij@satx.rr.com, 210-872-8621.

MAY 20

Mozart: 4 p.m., St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 11 St. Luke's Lane. Chapel Boychoir of San Antonio will perform More Magnificent Mozart. mawinden@att.net

MAY 21

Spring festival: 11 a.m.-7 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 2829 Ackerman Road, Kirby. Live music, bingo and food. http://stjoankirby.org/

Choral Evensong: 4:30 p.m., St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 11 St. Luke's Lane. Stanford's "Canticles in B flat" and "God is Gone Up," by Gerald Finzi, followed by a reception. Russell

Jackson, russellj@stlukes-sa.net.

ONGOING

Nar-Anon family groups: 7-8 p.m. Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, Recovery Place, 10929 Nacogdoches; 8-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Northwest Hills United Methodist Church, 7575 Tezel Road. Nar-AnonSA@gmail.com

Israeli dancing: 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Barshop Jewish Community Center, 12500 N.W. Military Highway. Beginning and advanced lessons for those 15 and older. \$6 per person. 210-302-6820, israelidancesa.org.

God encounter: Gatherings 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays, King's Mission Fellowship, 610 Moursund Blvd. kingsmissionsa.com, 210-922-5366.

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BELIEF by Jeffrey Weiss

Cancer-fighting hopes — and a religious tradition

I'm wearing hats most of the time these days. Some cap wearers link their choices to faith or fashion. For me, it's mostly about my brain cancer.

I'm about five months into my time with glioblastoma. GBM is a cancer with a median survival of about 15 months. Which means half of the patients live shorter and half somewhat longer.

What about me? Hard to say. But my hats are a no-kidding try at pushing to the long side — with an internal nod to a history of those traditions.

Every two days, I have to shave my head smooth and have my wife stick on a new set of electrodes that produce the electric field that I can't actually feel.

The science part of the explanation is this:

There is a theory that an electrical field in my brain will make it hard for cancer cells to divide.

A few of the molecules inside the cancer cells that are key to



Jeffrey Weiss writes the Religion News Service column "My Way to the Egress."

the split are ions. The electric field pushes those molecules out of alignment, which makes tumor growth less likely.

Optune is the name of the gadget I wear. It ain't a cure, but there's some data that indicates that it helps.

The headful of stick-um electrodes looks odd. So I wear hats when I leave the house.

Some are baseball-style, some more fedora-ish. All of them carry the same slogan, hand-painted by my wife: "Cancer sucks." Which is straight-ahead correct.

I knew when I started with my caps that I was leaning into a very old religious and even social tradition. In the U.S., most men wore toppers daily until the fade started when

Eisenhower was president in the 1950s. Nowadays, men who wear hats are mostly into unusual American fashion.

The Jewish tradition of keeping heads covered goes back a couple of thousand years. But not directly to the Torah, far as I can tell.

In Temple days, the priests covered their heads, however. And the Talmud has stories about men who wore head covers to remind them to obey God.

For instance: A woman is told by astrologers that her son would become a thief. She requires the boy to wear a head cover at all times to remind him that God is up there and paying attention. One day he's sitting under a palm tree and the wind blows the cover off. Temptation pushes him up the tree to steal and eat fruit.

That's such a popular tale that Orthodox Jews wear some kind of cap pretty much any time they're not in the shower. From small skullcap yarmulkes to gigantic fur hats, the visible

covers have a huge range. (My current caps, I will admit, aren't specifically like any of those versions.)

Christianity, on the other hand, is more anti-hat for men. With the exception of some clergy, taking the hat off is the Christian sign of a man's respect for Jesus. There's even a New Testament command in one of Paul's letters to the Corinthians:

"But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head ..."

To which I respond: What the what? There are odd gender combinations of commands in many faiths. But this one is not my cuppa at all.

Other religions have their own ideas about head coverings. Because Muhammad supposedly kept his head covered, many

Muslim men follow suit. Sikh men who follow their faith's command wear turbans. Buddhists and Hindus aren't big on head coverings with religious connection.

So where am I? My agnostic interest in Jewish tradition goes back to my childhood. I wore yarmulkes to temple services, Passover seders and a few special events. But I never felt pressure to keep the cover on at other times. If the Almighty cared, the message never made it to me.

And yet now — and for just about the rest of my life — I'm likely to never have a bare head in public. I'm not assuming God will give me credit for my own caps atop the electrodes that cover only a bit more than a standard yarmulke. But if there's a plus beyond the technology, I won't turn it down. I hope He gets a charge out of it.

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BELIEF by Sister Ann Petrus

Chapel's transfer to OLLU 'a wonderful option' for nuns

Sacred Heart Conventual Chapel was built by the Sisters of Divine Providence as the centerpiece of the campus of Our Lady of the Lake, with the then-college to the north of the chapel and the convent to the south.

Construction began in 1921 and continued through the '20s. The English Gothic edifice was created to serve the sisters, students, faculty and staff.

By 1929, in addition to the college, the college community included two boarding schools, Our Lady of the Lake High School and St. Martin Hall



Sister Ann Petrus is the superior general of the Congregation of Divine Providence.

Elementary School. All gathered to worship at the chapel.

The ground level of the chapel building is an auditorium that continues to serve the community for many purposes.

Over the years, Sacred Heart Chapel has remained an intimate part of the life of the now university and the sisters.

It has always been managed by the congregation.

In recent years, many of the daily services for the sisters have been moved to a smaller chapel that is more conveniently located at the south end of the campus and is suitable for the smaller number of sisters who remain.

They use Sacred Heart Chapel and the auditorium for special celebrations and programs. The university has many more occasions to use both, so the congregation and Our Lady of the Lake University have decided to transfer the

responsibility for the building to the university.

They agreed that the two entities will continue to use the chapel and auditorium as they have for nearly 100 years.

Over the life span of the chapel, many artifacts have accumulated and many of these have not been used for a very long time. The sisters decided to find new venues for them where they could be appreciated.

This is a wonderful option for the congregation. The sisters will have the use of the building, which occupies a very

Sales events: The sisters also are letting go of furnishings and altar accessories. **K10**

significant place both personally and in their history as a community.

At the same time, the chapel won't become a museum but actively will serve the church.

Sister Ann Petrus is superior general of the Congregation of Divine Providence and the 12th woman to hold the office since the election of the first superior general in Texas in 1866.

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Bishop changes the conversation on LGBTQ

Methodist remains in 'good standing'

By Emily McFarlan Miller
RELIGION NEWS SERVICE

Last month's decision by the United Methodist Church's top court on the consecration of openly gay bishops may have been muddled, but that just shows the Judicial Council is "a very good representation" of the denomination, said Bishop Karen Oliveto.

"We are not of one mind when it comes to the role of LGBTQI people in the life and ministry of the United Methodist Church," she said.

The 6-3 decision announced April 28 found that while the consecration of an openly gay bishop violates church law, Oliveto's consecration is not in question. She remains a bishop "in good standing" until an administrative or judicial process is finished.

Opponents of Oliveto's election and consecration have said the Judicial Council's decision



David Zalubowski / Associated Press

Karen Oliveto of Highlands Ranch, Colo., is the first openly lesbian Methodist bishop.

about people. My presence changes the conversation, and that's my hope for the commission."

The Judicial Council decision said that while "self-avowal does not nullify the consecration and cause removal from episcopal office," it is enough to subject the bishop's office to review. It also raised the possibility an "openly homosexual and partnered bishop," as well as any clergy who participated in his or her consecration, could be charged with disobedience.

Several complaints — the beginning of judicial proceedings — already have been filed against Oliveto since she was made bishop last July of the Mountain Sky Area, which encompasses Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

It was just one of the decisions the council made impacting LGBTQ clergy. The council also ruled that the denomination's regional New York and Northern Illinois annual conferences must consider all qualifications of a candidate for ministry. Both previously had decided they would not consider sexuality when evaluating candidates.

didn't go far enough since it did not remove her from office. Good News, an evangelical ministry within the United Methodist Church, released a statement calling it "convoluted and ultimately unsatisfactory."

"By allowing Oliveto's election and assignment to stand, the decision has sown further confusion across the connection," it said.

The second-largest Protestant denomination in the U.S. has debated the role of LGBTQ people in the church since its global decision-making body, the General Conference, first deemed the "practice of homosexuality" to be "incompatible with Christian teaching" in 1972.

At its 2016 quadrennial meeting, the General Conference tasked a 32-member commission

appointed by bishops to tackle the issue. The bishops will make recommendations based on the commission's work for the General Conference to act on at a special session in 2019.

While the same debate has vexed the denomination for years, Oliveto said, "what's different is now there's someone in the room."

"It's no longer an issue. It's

Trump to meet pope on his first trip to Europe as president

By Josephine McKenna
RELIGION NEWS SERVICE

Pope Francis will meet President Trump on his first official visit to Europe, the Vatican announced Thursday.

In a brief statement, the Vatican said the president's trip to the Holy See is planned for May 24. Trump also announced the trip in a Rose Garden ceremony Thursday, timed to coincide with the National Day of Prayer, in which he signed executive orders that he said would protect Americans' religious liberty.

"Pope Francis will receive the Hon. Donald Trump, president of the United States of America, on Wednesday, 24 May 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the Apostolic Palace," the Vatican statement reads.

In recent months, there had been speculation about a possible meeting between the two leaders, who are strongly opposed on major issues including climate change, capitalism, immigration and Trump's proposed border wall with Mexico.

During his early morning visit to the Vatican, Trump also

will meet the secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, and Archbishop Paul Gallagher, who is responsible for the Holy See's relations with states.

The president will stop in Rome to meet the pope before heading to Brussels for a NATO summit and then returning to Sicily for a meeting of the leaders of the Group of Seven industrialized nations May 26-27.

Recent media reports suggested that Trump may have been snubbing the pope but there was speculation the president sought to delay his first audi-

ence with the pontiff because he has not yet appointed a U.S. ambassador to the Holy See to accompany him.

Relations between the pope and Trump suffered a serious blow last year when the Republican candidate pledged to build a wall on the U.S.-Mexican border.

Without naming Trump, the pope said: "A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges, is not Christian."

An infuriated Trump at the time described the pope's com-

ments as "disgraceful" and said he was "proud to be a Christian."

On the day of Trump's inauguration in January, Francis sent the incoming president a telegram urging him not to forget the poor and those in need.

The pope also called for greater compassion for refugees days after Trump tried to impose a travel ban on travel from seven Muslim-majority countries in January.

The Vatican has urged Trump to listen to "dissenting voices" on climate change.

God will help fight your addiction if you live for Christ

Dear Dr. Graham: I went through back surgery last year, and now I've gotten hooked on the painkillers. I don't have any hope of getting off them, but maybe you can warn others about the danger. I wish I'd listened when they warned me.

— G.F.

Dear G.F.: I don't need to tell you that you're facing a very serious and dangerous problem — and not only you, but countless others as well. According to several news reports, what we've come to know as the opioid crisis is deadly and growing daily. But your situation isn't hopeless, nor should you keep telling yourself that it is, because it's not — not with God's help. In fact, you've already taken the first step by admitting you have a problem, instead of denying it or falsely claiming you can quit at any time (as addicts often do).

Now take the next step by telling God you know you cannot solve this problem on your own, that you need His help and you want Christ to come into your life. How will God help you? First, He will give you a new reason for living, a new desire to live for Christ and not just for yourself. He'll also help you resist temptation, because when you give your life to Christ, He'll come to live within you by His Holy Spirit.

In addition, God wants to help by giving you people who can assist you. You are not alone. God loves you, as do others. The road ahead may not be easy, but with God's help there is hope. The Bible says, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

Dear Dr. Graham: My husband has always been a big fitness buff, and I think it's because he's afraid of growing old. The other day I heard him tell someone that he wasn't going to



THE REV. BILLY GRAHAM

My Answer

get old and feeble like everyone else does. How can I help him be more realistic?

— Mrs. M.McL.

Dear Mrs. M.McL.: God certainly wants us to take care of ourselves. After all, He gave our bodies to us, and one way we honor Him is by taking care of them. The Apostle John wrote in one of his letters, "Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you" (3 John 2).

Nevertheless, we all lose strength as we age, no matter how physically fit we are. To think that it's not going to happen to us is simply unrealistic. Admittedly, we're all different. Some people remain alert and strong well into their 90s. But no matter who we are, eventually our bodies and also our minds wear out, and every one of us will die. The Bible says, "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come. ... Then people go to their eternal home" (Ecclesiastes 12:1, 5).

Yes, your husband needs to be realistic about the future. But his problem is deeper than this. His real problem is spiritual and can be summarized in two words: fear and pride. He is proud of his strength, and he's afraid of being weak.

This is why the most important thing you can do is to pray for him, and urge him to put his trust in Christ instead of himself. No matter what the future holds, Christ can be trusted, and He will never forsake us.

Dear Dr. Graham: Do angels get old and die like we do? And do they need to have their sins forgiven like we do? What do angels look like anyway? I am 14 years old, and I wish I could see an angel.

— A.R.

Dear A.R.: God created the angels before the world began, but unlike us, they will never grow old or die. They are sinless spiritual beings, and throughout eternity they will continue to serve God and praise Him. Even those demonic angels that joined Satan in rebelling against God will never die but will be cast "into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41).

Occasionally angels become visible, the Bible tells us. Sometimes they appear as ordinary human beings, and we may not even recognize them as angels. This apparently happened to Lot in the Old Testament, when two angels came to rescue him from God's judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:1). At other times angels have appeared in great beauty and splendor, giving people a glimpse of Heaven's glory. This happened, for example, when the angels announced Jesus' birth to the shepherds outside Bethlehem (see Luke 2:8-20).

Why did God create the angels? He created them to be His agents, working for the good of His people. One of the Bible's greatest promises is that when we know Jesus, God sends His angels to protect us. We aren't to worship them, but we should thank God for them.

I'm grateful for your interest in angels but don't make them your main concern. Instead, ask Jesus to come into your life and become His follower. Then you can be confident that "he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11).

Dear Dr. Graham: I am trying

to decide which religion I want to follow. How did you decide that you wanted to be a Christian? I don't have any religious background, but now that I'm out of college I've decided I need to start thinking about it.

— R.W.

Dear R.W.: I'm grateful for my parents' example of faith in Christ, and for their commitment to take me to church and teach me about the Bible. No doubt God used these to prepare me to make my own commitment to Christ as a teenager.

But I became a Christian not because I grew up in a Christian family or went to church, but because I sensed a need in my heart to have my sins forgiven and to know God personally. I realized later that God had put that desire within me — and I believe He is doing the same in your life. Within every one of us is what has been called "a God-shaped vacuum" — a spiritual emptiness in our souls that only God can fill. My prayer is that you won't try to fill it with anything less than the living God.

This is why I urge you to turn to Jesus Christ, for He was God in human flesh, sent from Heaven to open the way to God. Only one thing separates us from God, and that is our sin — and no matter how hard we try, we cannot erase our sins by our own efforts.

But by His death on the cross Christ became the final sacrifice for our sins. Ask God to help you discover from the Bible who Jesus is and what He has done for you — and then give your life to Him. The Bible says, "Christ also suffered once for sins ... to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

Dear Dr. Graham: My friend says we don't need to look "out there" for God. Instead she says we only need to look within, because God is inside all of us, and that's where we'll find Him.

— M.A.

Dear M.A.: Your friend is un-

doubtedly sincere, but she isn't right when she says we only need to look within our own souls in order to find God.

Let me mention two reasons why we won't find God only by looking within us. The first reason is because God is too great. God created the whole universe, and He can't be limited to any one place, including our souls. It's true that every part of His creation reflects something of His glory and His creative power, but He is far, far greater than this. As King Solomon declared, "The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you" (1 Kings 8:27).

The second reason God will not be found only by looking within ourselves is because of our sin. Like a deadly disease, sin has infected our souls and cut us off from God. God is perfect and holy, and even one sin would be enough to separate us from Him. The Bible says, "Your sins have hidden his face from you" (Isaiah 59:2).

Does this mean we can never come to know God? No, not at all — and the reason is because God has done everything He possibly can to forgive us and cleanse us and make us His children forever. He did this by sending His only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to save us. Ask Christ to come into your life today. Jesus' promise is for you: "Whoever comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6:37).

Dear Dr. Graham: How old does a child have to be before he or she can learn about God? Neither my husband nor I come from a church background, but we have two small children now.

— Mrs. A.H.

Dear A.H.: Children may not understand everything about God, but they can understand something, even at a young age.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Study: Atheists 'in the closet,' undercounted

Upward of 26% in U.S. might not believe in God

By Scott Canon
KANSAS CITY STAR

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Josh Stewart differs from most atheists. He'll tell you there is no God.

But when he gets together with other faithless folks in the Kansas City Atheist Coalition, they color-code their name tags. One hue for those who are proudly public about their beliefs, another for whom photographers are asked to avoid.

"It is an issue," said the 31-year-old Westport resident and coffee shop worker. "They're worried how their boss or their family or somebody else might react. It's not always good."

Even in anonymous surveys, atheists tend to keep their views secret.

"There's a lot of atheists in the closet," University of Kentucky psychologist Will Gervais, whose research suggests their numbers are undercounted, told the Vox news website. "If they knew there are lots of people just like them out there, that could potentially promote more tolerance."

Yes, America is becoming steadily less religious.

Fewer parents raise their children in the church. Those kids grow up less likely to worship.

It's not just that more people self-style their faith outside sect or denomination — although that's happening, too. More people reject faith in the supernatural entirely.

Yet even as their numbers grow, researchers continue to find atheists a particularly unpopular lot.

Americans would vote for a Catholic, a woman, an African-American, a Jew, a Mormon, a



Sean Rivera, UTSA Secular Student Alliance president, holds a "Hug an atheist" sign last summer in Alamo Plaza. The alliance — a group of atheists, agnostics and students of various religious backgrounds — held the event to help dispel myths about atheism.

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gay or lesbian person, an evangelical Christian or a Muslim — in that order — before they'd consider an atheist president, pollster Gallup reports. Only socialists ranked lower.

Sociologists and opinion researchers define an atheist as someone who doesn't believe in God. Yet even in anonymous phone interviews, people are a third as likely to accept the label as to concede the belief (or lack thereof). Said one researcher: "They're hiding it."

A research group surveyed Americans in 2004 and again in 2014. The numbers remained virtually unchanged and declared a clear preference for the faithful over the irreligious.

A quarter of those surveyed thought atheists didn't share their values. More than a third said atheists held a different vision for the country. A third said they lacked a moral center. Nearly half don't want their children to marry an atheist.



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Aaron Wirtz speaks at Wichita Oasis. The Wichita, Kan., group is focused on atheists, humanists and agnostics.

A recently published study based on 2,000 interviews suggested that a quarter of Americans or more are atheist — multiples of what other surveys have found.

Gervais and fellow University of Kentucky psychologist Maxine Najle posed a list of

innocuous statements — "I own a dog," "I enjoy modern art" — and asked how many of the declarations applied to a respondent. Then they put the same statements to another group but added the statement "I believe in God."

By comparing the results,

they concluded that 26 percent of the U.S. population doesn't believe in God. Previous surveys in 2015 by Pew and Gallup asked directly about the belief in God and found the number of atheists at between 3 percent and 11 percent.

"Obtaining accurate atheist prevalence estimates may help promote trust and tolerance of atheists — potentially 80 million people in the USA and well over a billion worldwide," the study said.

For now, though, atheists remain largely out of view and broadly disliked.

"Anti-atheist sentiment is still really high," said Penny Edgell, a sociologist at the University of Minnesota. "That doesn't decrease with exposure, doesn't change as the number of atheists grow. That stigma is why there could be quite a few people out there who don't identify as atheist. They're not comfortable."

2 popes, 2 divergent approaches to Islam

By Christopher Lamb

RELIGION NEWS SERVICE

The global growth of Islam and in particular the rise of Islamic extremism have forced recent popes to set out, with increasing urgency, a strategy for engaging the religion.

As Pope Francis' recent trip to Egypt demonstrated, the most recent pontiffs have come up with starkly different approaches — though it's not yet clear if one is better than the other, or if either will be effective.

When Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI addressed the question of Islamic extremism he did so during a speech at a university in his Bavarian homeland where, as a priest and professor, Joseph Ratzinger had worked decades earlier.

That 2006 address in Regensburg, Germany, was a theological master class on the relationship between faith and reason. But it also angered Muslims who object to Benedict's citing a 14th-century Christian emperor who claimed that the Prophet Muhammad had only brought the world things that were "evil and inhuman."

Benedict also delivered his message to Islam from afar.

Francis, on the other hand, has made it his business to try to build bridges with the Muslim world with the energy of a missionary.

That approach was on display during his 27-hour trip to Egypt, viewed as the leader in the majority Sunni Islamic world, and a nation that is making a serious — though controversial — effort to crack down on extremist-inspired violence.

So important to Francis, in fact, is the "personal encounter" with Muslims that the pontiff put his own safety at risk by going to Cairo, a trip that took place less than three weeks after 45 worshippers were killed in bomb attacks on two Egyptian



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Pope Francis delivers a speech in Cairo on April 29. During the pontiff's historic visit to Egypt, he presented a united Christian-Muslim front to repudiated violence committed in God's name.

churches.

The pope even shunned a bulletproof vehicle and when he arrived at a sports stadium for an open-air Mass he greeted the crowds from an open-topped golf buggy.

"Whereas previous popes — even in more secure places — have ridden in bulletproof vehicles, Francis showed his courage in Egypt, and his will to be close to the people, by this simple gesture," explained Gabriel Said Reynolds, a professor of Islamic studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Reynolds took part in a recent Vatican-Muslim forum at Cairo's Al-Azhar university, a major center of Sunni-Islamic learning with global influence and expertise in interpreting the Quran. The dialogue that Reynolds is part of only restarted under Francis — who was elected in 2013 — after relations had soured under Benedict.

Yet even as the current pope pushes for a personal encounter with Islam, his predecessor's legacy of engaging Islam via a

theological challenge to extremist elements among Muslims continues to hold some sway.

Indeed, just as Francis was heading to Egypt a letter appeared from the retired pope to the president of Poland in which Benedict accused "radical Islam" of creating an "explosive situation in Europe."

Catholic defenders of Benedict's Regensburg address insist that he correctly addressed some uncomfortable truths within Islam and they point out that the speech led 138 Islamic scholars to write to Benedict in 2007, a letter that paved the way for a new Catholic-Muslim dialogue initiative.

Yet while it was Muslims who approached Benedict a decade ago, under Francis things are the other way round.

Francis' approach to Islam is characterized by a willingness to "cross over to the other side" — Egypt is the seventh Muslim majority country he has visited in his four years as pope. And a papal visit to Bangladesh, where almost 90 percent of the

population are followers of Islam, is planned for later this year.

This has always been his style. When he was archbishop of Buenos Aires, Francis — then Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio — became the first Catholic bishop to visit Argentina's Islamic Center, and the Jesuit pope has continued to focus on building personal connections with Muslims.

This personal approach has been bolstered by Francis' consistent refusal to link the Islamic faith per se to terrorism, and has made the Islamic world take notice.

It also meant that when Francis issued one of his strongest and most detailed condemnations of religious violence during his Al-Azhar address, his speech was welcomed and frequently interrupted with applause.

"He knows that the only effective way for his message of peace to touch the hearts of the larger global community is to speak together with leaders of

other religious communities," Reynolds explained.

"He is counting on the prestige of Al-Azhar and its grand imam in particular to join with him in broadcasting this message."

Al-Azhar, an influential 10th-century mosque and university, and its leaders are taking an active role to try to crack down on extremism in Islam. They are revered experts in interpretations of the Quran and that is key to countering the largely Sunni-inspired ideologues of the Islamic State, or ISIS, who use scripture to justify terrorist violence.

But those religious leaders also face an uphill task and a power struggle with the Egyptian government over who gets to reform what.

President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi has made it his business to keep a lid on extremist violence since taking power in a 2013 coup that overthrew the country's first democratically elected president, Mohammed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood.

El-Sissi's administration has, for example, tightly controlled the content of Friday sermons delivered at the country's 100,000 mosques in an effort to curb growing fanaticism. It hasn't, however, stopped ISIS from picking off disaffected members of the Brotherhood. This puts the pope's attempts into perspective.

What all this underscores is how intertwined religious problems are with the politics of Egypt, a phenomenon that is common across the Arab world.

That is also a special challenge to those in the secular West who think if religious faith was sidelined then the problems go away.

Yet it presents an opportunity to the pope and the Vatican as leaders of an ancient Western religious institution that is also experiencing major growth in the developing world.

LIFE TRIBUTES

Even at 75, Newell active in businesses

By Mary Mills Heidbrink
STAFF WRITER

John Robert Newell, known as a visionary businessman in the recycling industry, died in Jamaica on April 21. He was 75.

Newell and his wife were on the island, a favorite destination, to celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Born in Kenedy, the son of recycling entrepreneur and inventor Alton S. Newell Sr. moved with his parents to San Antonio in 1947, when his father started Newell Recycling Co.

After living in Hot Wells on the South Side, the family moved to Terrell Hills, where Newell attended Alamo Heights High School, graduating in 1959.

He grew up working in his father's business on Probrandt Street and "had a battery route at 16," daughter Natalee Newell said. "It was a family business; my grandfather, grandmother and two

boys."

Newell met his future wife while she was visiting relatives in San Antonio, his daughter said.

"Her cousin took her to meet some of his friends that weekend at Wards Hotdog Stand on Austin Highway," Natalee Newell said. "The were smitten at first sight."

Reunited months later at Baylor University, the couple dated for almost five years before marrying in 1964 and honeymooning in Jamaica.

"They returned almost every year," Natalee Newell said. "It held a special place in their hearts."

Newell left Baylor after his father told him he was needed in San Antonio.

"Scrap business is always up and down, but they had definitely expanded and needed to expand more," Natalee Newell said.

Starting Newell Enterprises in 1976, Newell focused on shredding and separation operations, including the recovery of

iron, zinc and stainless steel during the automobile-dismantling process.

"He adapted a mining technology to separate out the aluminum, then the copper," Natalee Newell said. "He loved coming up with new ideas and figuring out the technology. It was his lifeblood."

Even the unpredictability of the industry didn't deter him.

"During recessions, scrap recycling is the first to go and the last thing to come back," Natalee Newell said. "He diversified into a lot of different things."

A true entrepreneur, Newell owned or invested in car dealerships, oil, restaurants and ranching, among other businesses, and was known to be a fair but tough negotiator.

"He came up with a lot of ideas that people at the time might have thought counterintuitive," Natalee Newell said. "But he made it work."

Employing up to 300 workers at one time, many



Courtesy photo

John Newell initially worked in the recycling industry. He also was involved with oil, restaurants and ranching.

of Newell's local people were with him for more than 20 years and some for more than 30.

"He was the kindest, most generous person," Natalee Newell said. "He was always concerned about other people, and never got angry; if someone did something wrong, he'd say maybe they were just having a bad day, and ... let it go."

For all his success, Newell "liked to fly under the radar," his daughter said.

A generous donor to groups such as Youth for Christ and Trinity Baptist Church, Newell also supported smaller churches, Christian radio stations and orphanages in Jamai-

John Robert Newell

Born: June 5, 1941, Kenedy

Died: April 21, 2017, Jamaica

Preceded by: Parents Winifred Elizabeth Jandreau and Alton Scott Newell.

Survived by: Wife Sue Peeler Newell; daughters Natalee Newell and Noelle N. Hollingsworth; three grandchildren; a sister; a brother.

Service: Funeral was April 30.

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He "did most of his giving anonymously, but many groups ... benefited," his daughter said.

Far from considering retiring at 75, Newell was actively engaged in his businesses.

"He had people in charge of different companies and would check in with them every day," Natalee Newell said. "With email and internet, he could do anything from anywhere."

Newell also was close to his family, "an old-time patriarch," gathering with them for dinner several times a week when in town, his daughter said.

"He was our rock," she said.

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OLLU sister: 'We need to pass things on'

Nuns' declining numbers, rising ages prompts sales events, chapel transfer

By Elaine Ayala
STAFF WRITER

Like so many U.S. religious orders, the Congregation of Divine Providence has dwindled in size. Today it has 134 nuns with an average age of 81.

That reality has forced the group to make tough decisions about piling themselves of possessions, a plight not unlike that of so many boomers and their adult children whose attics and garages have had to be emptied of both treasures and trash.

Perhaps the most difficult decision has been relinquishing control of the congregation's crown jewel, the Sacred Heart Chapel and Auditorium, which will be transferred to Our Lady of the Lake University. Negotiations are described as nearly complete.

The order's leadership teams have been in discernment for several years over these moves, including this week's sale of more than 60 altar accessories.

In storage and unused in decades, the religious objects include ornate large- and small-scale brass vases, candelabra,



John Davenport / San Antonio Express-News

Perhaps the most difficult decision has been transferring the congregation's crown jewel, the Sacred Heart Chapel, to Our Lady of the Lake University.

pedestals, Bible stands, bells and crucifixes. The exhibit and sale will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday through Sunday at the Estate Sale Gallery at Los Patios, 2015 N.E. Loop 410.

Superior General Sister Ann Petrus said turning the chapel over to the university is "a wonderful option for the congregation," especially since the sisters will continue to use "a very significant place in their history"

without the day-to-day responsibility for it.

It ensures "the chapel won't become a museum," she said.

The university confirmed last week that it's taking over responsibility for chapel upkeep and renovation costs.

OLLU President Diane E. Melby confirmed the university will "provide the congregation funds to cover costs associated with the chapel and for the transfer of the prop-



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Superior General Sister Ann Petrus said turning the chapel over to OLLU ensures "the chapel won't become a museum." The university is planning more than \$2 million in preservation projects and a permanent endowment fund for its upkeep, OLLU President Diane E. Melby confirmed last week.

erty." That figure will be finalized this summer, an official said.

"The university is going to undertake several projects to preserve this sacred space for future use by our community and our city," Melby said in a statement.

The work will include preservation of stained glass windows, an upgrade of its heating and

air-conditioning system, replacement of its audio system and a permanent endowment fund for upkeep.

The initiative will have an estimated cost of between \$2 million and \$2.5 million, Melby said.

Mary Anne Votion, a lay worker who serves as mission support director for the congregation, said some members have be-

come sentimental about objects that will be exhibited and sold. But the sisters are also embracing the simplicity inherent in such decisions and "have come around to the new reality for us," she said.

Among the most outstanding pieces are an unusual candelabrum in the round, of medieval or Gothic influence; a tall candelabrum with classic

Continental design which coordinates with a Bible stand; a pair of 36-inch tall Grecian style vases; and a vase with a pair of entwining dolphins at its base, said June Hayes, owner of the Estate Sale Gallery, who is handling the sale pro bono.

Votion said many of the items were brought to the convent from Europe by early mother superi-

ors, now called superior generals, and are reminiscent of objects seen in grand European cathedrals.

They're elaborately designed and made mostly of brass. A few may be gold-plated, said Hayes, including the candelabrum in the round. They feature two tiers of candle holders that give them the appearance of



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Sister Deborah Fuchs (left) and Sister Gloria Ann Fiedler unpack items to be sold this week at the Estate Sale Gallery at Los Patios, 2015 N.E. Loop 410.

"little cathedrals," she said.

The collection includes a series of pyramid-shaped candelabra, several crucifixes and a 48- by 36-inch gold-toned frame with the image of the Blessed Mother.

A large thurible, or metal container used for burning incense, is also in the collection, as is a small bell used during Masses.

"It appears to me to represent a span of at least 75 years or more of collecting high-quality, beautifully forged accessories for the altar," said Hayes, an appraiser accredited by the International Society of Appraisers.

None of the items in the Divine Providence collection will be auctioned, and each will be tagged for sale, she said. All sales must be made in cash or by check made directly to the congregation. Hayes' team of appraisers is still researching the collection's worth, looking for comparable objects and the prices at which they sold.

Neither she nor Petrus

could estimate a grand total. "The realized price is one thing, the asking price is another," Hayes noted.

The congregation will hold another sale July 1 at the chapel auditorium on the OLLU campus, where it will sell many of its furnishings.

Hayes hopes churches, faith groups and individuals who collect religious artifacts will show an interest in the sale events.

Sister Joyce Jilek, 84, who has been a member of the order for 65 years, said she's glad the congregation has reached this point. She said the sisters questioned each other "on why they should hang on to things. We are all getting older, and we need to pass things on."

While other congregations have struggled with these decisions, Jilek said journey was smoother because their leaders kept them informed.

"It's a good transition time," she said. "June will be a good time."

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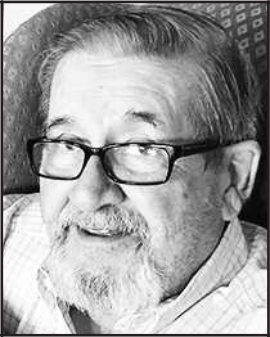
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RONALD L. ADAMS

January 10, 1937 - May 1, 2017



TSgt Ronald (Ron) L. Adams, age 80, died May 1, 2017. He was preceded in death by his cherished wife of 35 years, Cheryl Muzzi Adams; as well as his parents, Lillian Rhine Adams and Victor Adams; his brother Richard Adams; and two sisters, Betty Watts and Fay Stahl. He is survived by his sister, Doris Detwiler and his five children: Kelly Adams McCabe, Joseph Adams, Christi Neel, Mikaila Adams, and Lisa Adams Dargel. He also leaves behind six grandchildren and other beloved friends and family.

Raised in Pennsylvania, Adams enlisted in the US Air Force in 1954 and served as Air Force Special Operations, Pararescue (PJ). A veteran of the Vietnam War, he served two tours and earned commendations for his dedication and bravery, including multiple awards of the Purple Heart and the Air Medal. Prior to retirement from military service, Adams received a master's degree in political science from Syracuse University. After traveling the world, Adams settled in San Antonio, Texas, where he raised his family, cheered for the Spurs, and served as a career bookkeeper until his retirement.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, May 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Porter Loring Mortuary North, San Antonio. He will be interred at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Wednesday, May 10, at 11:00 a.m.

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ABRAHAM M. GALLEGOS II

January 9, 1936 - May 3, 2017

Abraham M. Gallegos II born January 9, 1936, went into the loving arms of the Lord on May 3, 2017, at the blessed age of 81. He is survived by his spouse of 59 years Ruth Gallegos; children Abraham Gallegos III, Mary Jane Davila and late son-in-law Richard Davila, Gerrie Balderas and Son-in-Law Richard Balderas; 9 grandchildren & 12 great-grandchildren. He will

be dearly missed and never forgotten. A visitation at St. Dominic's Catholic Church will begin Tuesday May 9, 2017 at 5:00 PM with a Rosary at 7:00 PM. Visitation will resume May 10, 2017 at 8:30 AM at church with a mass at 10:00 AM. Interment to follow at San Fernando II. Arrangements with Trevino Funeral Home 226 Cupples Rd.

DEBORAH LYNN ALLISON

October 10, 1965 - April 29, 2017



Deborah Lynn Allison, 51, went to be with the Lord on April 29, 2017. She was born on October 10, 1965 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as the daughter of Steven and Cathryn Allison. Debbie left behind two children and their spouses: Crystal and Ryan Whitney, and Christopher and Chelsea Allison, also two grandchildren, Crystalinne

and Graye Whitney. She also left her love Reggie Garcia.

Debbie lived in the San Antonio area all of her life, graduating from John Marshall High School and working as a Certified Nurse's Assistant. When she was not working, her life centered on her family, especially making sure they had food and clean clothes and bodies. We would laugh a lot at her phobia of germs that developed from working as a CNA.

Debbie's faith in the Lord gave her hope that she would see her mother and grandparents again someday just never knowing it would be at such a young age. She would tell her family everyday of her love and wish for them to believe in Jesus Christ.

Debbie you will always be in our hearts and minds.



FRANCISCO ROLANDO "ROLAND" ALVAREZ

April 24, 2017



Francisco Rolando "Roland" Alvarez, of San Antonio, TX entered into eternal peace on Monday, April 24, 2017, at the age of 72, after a valiant battle with cancer.

Roland is survived by his daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchild, as well as a multitude of family and friends.

A Rosary was recited on Friday, April 28, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church.

Roland was a prankster and a lover of life. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

As per his final wishes, he was cremated and his ashes will be buried at a later date with private graveside services.



LYNN WADE AUTRY

November 29, 1951 - April 29, 2017



Lynn Wade Autry, 65, of San Antonio, TX passed away April 29, 2017 unexpectedly, but peacefully, in his sleep. He was born November 29, 1951 to Paul and Charlene Autry. Lynn is survived by daughters Kimberly Cantrell and husband Todd, Kathryn Welder and husband James; Rebecca Autry, four grandchildren; Sadie, Will, Wes and Kylee; brother, Stan Autry and his wife Dawn. He is preceded in death by his parents Paul and Charlene Autry; Sister Patricia Mayer and Brother Russell Autry. Lynn was an Independent Bail Bondsman and successful Real Estate Investor for many years. His passion was fishing in the Texas bays. He will be dearly missed.

Memorial service will be held at St. David's Episcopal Church on May 11, 2017 at 10 am. Reception immediately following the service.



LELAND E. BUTLER

March 7, 1931 - April 28, 2017



sisters, Lois Burgess and Shirley Lowery, both of Charleston, W.Va. He is loved by many nieces and nephews.

Lee graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston, W. VA in 1950 and joined the Air Force. He retired in 1979 after serving his country for 28 years and earning numerous decorations. He continued his education and graduated from Texas State University in 1980.

Lee was an avid athlete and enjoyed handball, basketball and golf. He loved his family and many friends.

Visitation will be from 5-7PM on Monday, May 8, 2017, at Sunset Funeral Home on Austin Highway. Funeral Services will be at 9AM on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at Sunset Funeral Home followed by burial at Ft. Sam Houston at 10:15AM.

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SMSgt. USAF Ret. Leland E. Butler, age 86, was born March 7, 1931 in Toledo, Ohio to Garnet and Robert Butler. Lee passed away April 28, 2017 and is survived by his beloved wife Bonnie of 64 years, his devoted children: David Blake Butler (Cindy), Dana Butler, Beverly Erben (Monty), Becky Whealen (Dennis), seven grandchildren including spouses and fiancés, and his three precious great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his two

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SAMUEL D. CALDERON

December 23, 1933 - April 29, 2017



Calderon and Hilario Calderon. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, family members and friends. He will be terribly missed by all his family and all who knew him along with his employers of over 40 years, the families of Bobby and Stuart Cavender. The family would like to extend a sincere thanks to the loving and caring staff at VITAS Hospice of San Antonio.

A visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2017, at Porter Loring Mortuary on McCullough with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society.

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Samuel D. Calderon, known to everyone as Sam, born in San Antonio, TX went to be with the Lord on April 29, 2017 at the age of 83.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eligio Calderon and Elidia De Leon Calderon; brothers, Henry Sorola, Sylvestre Sorola, Eligio Calderon and Ventura Calderon; sister, Martha Gutierrez. Sam is survived by his sister, Bertha C. Hernandez; brothers, Felix

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EDELMIRA GOMEZ DE LEON

September 9, 1929 - April 28, 2017



grandchildren, Jessica Hernandez (Eric), Carlos De Leon (Lise), Melissa Roberson (Cliff), Jose De Leon, III (Yvette), Juan De Leon, Monica Ortiz (Pierre), Lisa Ortega, Timothy De Leon, Brianna De Leon, Noelle De Leon, Christian Jayden De Leon; and numerous great and great-great grandchildren.

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Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 from 5:00pm-9:00pm, with a Time of Remembrance at 7:00pm at Palm Heights Mortuary. A procession will depart the funeral home on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 9:30am, with a 10:00am Funeral Mass at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

For personal acknowledgement, please sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the Tributes section.

Edelmira Gomez De Leon passed away on April 28, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas. She was born on September 9, 1929 in Del Rio, Texas to Alberto Gomez and Leandra Frausto Gomez. Mrs. De Leon was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jose De Leon; daughter, Viola Ortega; son, Jose De Leon, Jr.; and brother, Artemio Gomez. She is survived by her daughter, Dolores Cantu; sons, Charlie De Leon, Christopher Jason De Leon (Vanessa);



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JULIA M. DUCHOW

April 28, 1925 - April 30, 2017



Julia Michiko Duchow has earned her angel wings on April 30, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 92. Her last days were spent surrounded by the family that she loved so much. She made a difference in the lives of many during her service to her country as a Corporal in the Army Air Force during World War II as a surgical nurse. After her service, she continued to help others by bolstering confidences through her amazing work as

a beautician at Lady Bird. Julia was born in Pixley, California April 1925 to Tsugino and Isamu Tanaka. She married Wallace Duchow in October 1948; together they raised five children. Her children Linda Oringderff and Brenda Brooks (m. Alvin) survive her. 8 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren also survive her. Her parents, her husband, and her children W. Greg Duchow and Patricia Duchow precede her in death. We will all remember Julia's contagious smile, her warmth, and her energy. She will lie in state from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at Porter Loring Mortuary North. Please join us in honoring this amazing woman on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Porter Loring Mortuary North. Interment with Military Honors will follow in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

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SAMANTHA MICHELLE CERNA

June 12, 1987 - May 3, 2017



with the Lord on May 3, 2017, at the age of 29. She was born in San Antonio, Texas, on June 12, 1987. She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Arturo Cerna. Samantha is loved and will be deeply missed by her beautiful daughter, Mia Raquel Garcia; loving boyfriend, Ruben Garcia; parents, Albert J. Cerna and Susana Reyes Cerna; siblings, Sabrina Z. Cerna, Savannah A. Cerna and AJ Cerna Jr.; grandparents, Juanita C. Cerna and Jose and Margarita Reyes; cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. Visitation will be held at Castillo Mission Funeral Home from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, with a Rosary to be recited at 7 p.m. Procession departs at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, for a 9 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Family Catholic Church. Interment will follow at San Fernando Cemetery III.

Samantha Michelle Cerna, also known as "Sam or Sammy," will be remembered as a very outgoing, big hearted, funny and loving person who was always there for everyone. She had a passion for hair and make-up, softball, and enjoyed dancing to all types of music. She loved family outings and gatherings. Sam was joined

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GAIL MARIE DIAS

June 21, 1967 - May 2, 2017



Gail Marie Dias, beloved mother was called home by the Lord on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at the age of 49. She was born on June 21, 1967 in Laredo, TX. She is preceded in death by her sister Sylvia Gonzalez. She is survived by sons Jose, Hector and Victor Diaz and Ruben Pineda as well as numerous other family

members and friends. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017 from 3 pm until 9 pm with a Rosary at 7 pm at Castillo Mission Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 1 pm at San Fernando Cathedral.

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ANDREW ROBERT GAGE

December 3, 1984 - April 29, 2017



Andrew Robert Gage, born in San Antonio, TX on December 3, 1984 went to be with the Lord on April 29, 2017 at the age of 32. He is survived by his Father: Robert F. Gage; Mother: Zulema

Martinez (Domingo Martinez); Son: Kyle Gage; Sister: Stephanie Michelle Gage (Julian Herrera); Brother: Christopher Justin Gage (Lizz Misury Gage); Grandparents: Robert and Martha Gage; Nieces: Carolyn Alyssa Gage and Celeste Stephanie Gage; Nephew: Amare Christopher Gage and one on the way Robert Jewels Herrera; Numerous Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. Visitation will begin Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 4:00pm with a Rosary recited at 7:00pm at Delgado Funeral Home. Funeral service will continue Friday, May 12, 2017 at 9:00am at Delgado Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

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LIFE TRIBUTES

DOLORES L. GARCIA

May 5, 2017



Georgianna, Cynthia, Lisa and four siblings. Also left to cherish her memory are numerous family members and friends.

Dolores was a woman of great compassion and grace. Affectionately known as Granny, she was loved by everyone, especially her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had a quick wit, a zest for life, loved playing cards, plants, and especially her family. Without doubt, Dolores' passion and purpose in life was her beloved family, who will cherish her memory forever.

Dolores Landez Garcia, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, was called home by the Lord on Friday, May 5, 2017 at the age of 83. She was born to Julio and Quirina Landez on December 5, 1933 in Crystal City, TX. She was preceded in death by husband, Robert M. Garcia, her parents, two sons, Robert, Jr. and Joe Marcus, and three siblings. She is survived by her children, Sylvia, Frederick,

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 and begins at 4 pm with a rosary at 7 pm, at Castillo Mission Funeral Home. Interment will take place at Fort Sam Houston National cemetery, Friday, May 12, 2017 at 9:45 am.



OPAL B. GREEN

July 3, 1927 - April 30, 2017



Opal Henrietta Bryan Green, born July 3, 1927 in Amarillo, Texas to parents Ben Bryan and Minnie Henrietta Wiggins, passed away on April 30, 2017. Opal graduated from

Glenmora High School in 1944 and was married for over 57 years to "Green". She received her Bachelors of Science from Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio in 1974 and later completed her Master of Arts from Webster College in 1978.

Her professional career included over 40 years with the United States Civil Service until her retirement in 1988 and then Opal followed her dream to enter the real estate market. She was a long time member and supporter of First Presbyterian Church, Toastmasters International and Philanthropic Educational Organization.

She considered education of utmost importance and second only to her family and beloved

pets. She gave her heart and soul to her children and grandchildren, but "Mimi" reached many with her generosity, compassion and her beautiful smile :) She lived life with a flare, on her own terms and nothing was too difficult for her!

She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert Green and grandson Marshall Glowka. She is survived by her daughters, Joyce Glowka and Peggy Gromatzky and her husband Carl Gromatzky and their families: grandson John Glowka and his wife Marya Glowka with great grandchildren Jonah and Leila, granddaughter-in-law Eileen Glowka; granddaughter Lynn Gromatzky and grandson John Gromatzky.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., Monday, May 8, 2017 at Porter Loring Mortuary North

**SERVICE
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017
10:00 A.M.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
404 N. ALAMO STREET**

Interment will be held in Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. You are invited to sign the Guestbook at www.porterloring.com

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BEATRICE GONZALES

July 28, 1940 - April 26, 2017



Beatrice was born in McAllen, Texas and raised in San Antonio, Texas. She attended Burbank High School. After graduating, she attended business school and began working at Kelly Air Force Base. She retired after 30 years of service to the government as a Freight Rate Specialist.

Beatrice enhanced the lives of all those around her. She was kind, loving and thoughtful, and always placed the needs of others before her own.

Beatrice Gonzales of San Antonio, Texas passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. She was 76. Beatrice is survived by her loving family, husband of 51 years Rudy Gonzales and their twin daughters Patricia Gonzales and Lisa Marie Gonzales. She is preceded in death by her parents Casimiro and Isabel Rodriguez and her daughter Barbara Aileen Gonzales, born and died August 14, 1977.

Services will be held at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church, 1314 Fair Avenue, San Antonio, Texas on May 11, 2017, the Rosary will begin at 9:30 a.m. the Mass following at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Fort Sam Houston National cemetery at 11:30 a.m.



TERESA G. HINOJOSA-RAMON

July 6, 1925 - April 5, 2017



Teresa G. Hinojosa-Ramon - Beloved Mother, 91, passed away in Austin on April 5, 2017. Teresa was born July 6, 1925 in San Antonio, Texas, daughter of the late Felix Garza Sr. and Theresa P. Garza.

Family was Teresa's passion. She will always be remembered by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as the most loving Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother a family could have. She will be dearly

missed as she truly filled all of our lives with love and happiness.

Teresa is survived by children, Albert Hinojosa (Sue) of Colorado, Carmen Garza of Austin, Philip Hinojosa (Loretta) of SA and Candice Basham (Ray) of SA, grandchildren, Natalie Garza (Mike Gordon) of Austin, Daniel Garza of Austin, Alison Hinojosa of Colorado, great-grandchildren, Nailah and Zahrina of Austin. Brother, Leandro Garza of SA, sister, Lupe Hearn of SA, sister-in-law, Betty Garza of California. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 35 years, Ponciano M. Ramon, brother, Felix Garza, sister, Frances Pena.

Arrangements were provided by Heart of Texas Cremation and Burial Services, Austin, Texas.

Condolences may be sent to teresaghinojosacondolences@gmail.com or 4211 Triboro Trail, Austin, 78749.

JOSEPHINE "JO" M. KELLER

January 22, 1954 - May 3, 2017



and Constance Moreno; sons, John Edward Sanchez and Michael Garcia (Mikisha); grandchildren, John David Sanchez, Michael Garcia, Maiya Garcia and Matthew Garcia; sister, Maggie Moreno and brother, David Moreno, Jr. Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Porter Loring on McCullough.

**ROSARY
WEDNESDAY,
MAY 10, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

PORTER LORING CHAPEL

**MASS
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017
11:00 A.M.
ST. MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
1710 CLOWER**

Interment in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

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LIFE TRIBUTES

MELVIN M. KIRKLAND

December 5, 1943 - May 1, 2017



Melvin M. Kirkland passed away peacefully May 1, 2017 with his family by his bedside. He was a husband, father, grandfather, friend and a Christian.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Marshall M and Bessie Mae Kirkland and his son Mitchel M Kirkland. Survived by his loving wife of 19 years Iris, and his brother Jimmy Kirkland (Tammy) - his children Beverly Hawkins

(Dale), Nedra Bunk (Jeremy), Cindy Kalisky (Mark), Delaine Wilson (Nathan) his grandchildren and numerous relatives and friends. Melvin attended and graduated from East Texas State University in 1966. He held memberships in Lota Lamba Sigma and Waskom Lyons Club. He served as a member and volunteer of Community Bible Church where he enjoyed participating on the communion team and guest services for over 15 years. Melvin was a loyal employee of General Motors for over 40 years as an insurance adjuster until he retired in 2012.

Services
Visitation will be from 6-8p.m. at the Mission Park Cherry Ridge location on May 7th. The funeral will be held at the same location Monday, May 8th at 12:00 p.m. with a procession following to the Mission Park Dominion.



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MARTHA CANCHOLA ARTEAGA LUNA

March 22, 1938 - April 29, 2017



Martha A. Luna, born March 22, 1938, entered into Eternal rest on April 29, 2017. She

was born to Refugio Arteaga and Guadalupe Canchola in Cementville, Texas. She is survived by her loving husband, Timoteo N. Luna and her daughters Teresa L Garcia, Maria Elena Luna, Guadalupe Luna, Cynthia Luna, sons Michael Luna and Sergio Luna (Rosalinda), ten grandchildren, 8 great grand children, her brother Reynaldo Arteaga (Josefina) and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her granddaughter, Maria Isabel Luna and son, Timoteo Luna Jr. Martha was a Life Time Member of National PTA and the Texas PTA. The Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers conferred unto Martha an Honorary Life

Membership and Extended Service. She was an elected member of the Edgewood Council of PTA. She was an active advocate in the community. Her passions included gardening, volunteering her time at school and campaigning during City and School District elections. She never faltered when asked to volunteer her time, which meant at times volunteering her daughters. She was strong willed, independent and a loving mother to all. She was a breast cancer survivor and a role model to many. She helped as many people as she could. Martha was also a lover of dogs; her dogs will miss her greatly.

Services will be on Monday May 8, 2017 with visitation starting at 5PM at Castillo Mission Funeral Home on General McMullen with a Rosary at 7:30PM. On Tuesday May 9, 2017 the procession will depart at 11:15AM for a Noon mass at Holy Rosary Catholic Church on One Camino Santa Maria. Interment will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.



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GRANT LOGAN

October 19, 1931 - April 28, 2017



Grant Logan, born October 19, 1931 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 28, 2017 at the age of 85 years. He is preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Lucy C.

Logan; sister, Marjorie Logan; brother, Meredith Logan, Jr.; and his parents, Meredith E. Logan and Rosa Hayes. He is survived by his children, Vera Chastang, Ronald Logan, Rosa Logan, Mary Gadison & Lee Gadison, Jr.; sisters, Elizabeth Logan and Lucy Waldon; sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Montgomery and Eleanor Cockrell; nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces and other relatives and friends. Visitation will begin Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. with funeral service to be held at 11:00 a.m. at Grace First Baptist Church, 2514 Observation Drive. Interment will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.



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DOROTHY JEAN MCGLASSON MARTHIS

November 2, 1932 - May 4, 2017



Dorothy Jean McGlasson Marthis passed away on May 4, 2017 at the age of 84. She was born on November 2, 1932 in San Antonio, Texas to parents Edward and DeLora McGlasson. Dorothy attended St. Mary's Parochial School, two years at Brackenridge, and graduated in 1950.

In 1954 she married Reggie Marthis. They worked in LaCoste ISD and Medina Valley ISD. After being blessed with their son Rick,

Dorothy retired in 1968.

Dorothy was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church. She was an active member of the Altar Society and spent 20+ years volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and delivering Meals on Wheels. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, brother Edward McGlasson, Jr., and husband Reggie Marthis of 58 years.

She is survived by her beloved son Rick, his wife Jana, grandson Brett, granddaughter Kailyn, sister DeLora Williams, nephew Alan Williams, nieces Jennifer Kitchen and Brenda Funderberg, other extended family members, many friends, and her dogs Barney and Gina.

A memorial mass will take place at St. Luke's Catholic Church on May 20 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Humane Society or a charity of your choice.



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MARGARITA A. MONTALVO

February 23, 1928 - May 3, 2017



Mrs. Margarita A. Montalvo, age 89, was reunited with her Amor Chiquito on Tuesday, May 3rd 2017. Born February 23rd 1928 in Mirando, TX. She is preceded in death by her Amor Chiquito Manuel T. Montalvo, father Leonides Arambula Sr., mother Maria Gomez, grandmother Manuela Gomez, brothers Manuel Arambula and Jimmy Troutz, grandson Richard Navajar Jr., two great-great granddaughters. Survived by daughters Becky (Joe)

Pastrano, Sylvia Montalvo, Beebe (George) Terrell, Irma Montalvo, Margie (Juan) Perez, sister Josephina Ramirez, brothers Leonides Arambula, Herbert Troutz and Henry Troutz. 17 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. She was a beautiful, giving, and blessed woman of God. Her smile and compassion will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her. She was one of the co-founders and an active member of the Guadalupanas of St Margaret Mary's. **A rosary will be recited Thursday, May 11th 2017 at 7PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapel South. A funeral mass will be celebrated Friday, May 12th 2017 at 10AM at St. Margaret Mary Catholic church. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.**

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com.

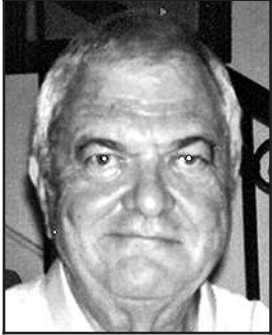


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DONALD EDWARD MILLER

August 29, 1937 - May 2, 2017



Donald Edward Miller, passed away peacefully at home on May 2, 2017, surrounded by his family and gifted caregivers. He was born on August 29, 1937, in San Antonio, Texas, and was the only child of Marcella Marie Cavanaugh and Elmer Tilmon Miller.

Don, a fourth generation Texan and lifetime resident of San Antonio, graduated from Alamo Heights High School in 1955. He then went to Tulane University, receiving a BBA degree in 1959 and commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy. While at Tulane, he was also president of his fraternity, Kappa Sigma. After graduating, Don served our country as a naval officer on the USS Isherwood, as part of the Western Pacific Fleet. He had wonderful memories and colorful stories from his time in the military, none made a more powerful impression on him than steaming into a very calm and peaceful Pearl Harbor at 0700 on a Sunday morning and rendering honors as they passed the charred remains of the USS Arizona. After completing active duty in 1961, Don returned to San Antonio and worked for the Tower Life Insurance Company and Church's Chicken, before opening the Donald E. Miller Agency in 1974. Don had many professional successes throughout his career, but he considered the relationships he developed, with clients and associates, as one of his greatest accomplishments. Don retired in 2011.

Don always talked about being blessed with stability. He treasured spending time with the love of his life, Betty Gene, aka "Babe", his five children, 10 grandchildren and lots of fun loving friends. When he was not having lunch with Babe at La Fonda, he could be found on the golf

course or playing gin rummy with his buddies in the 19th Hole, or the Men's Grill. Of course, we all knew he was most content at home with Babe, a glass of wine, and his beloved cats. His friends had several nicknames for him - the two he heard most were The Tree, for obvious reasons, and Water, that stemmed from his golfing days as part of the great Alamo Heights Mules teams of the 50's. Indeed Don was larger than life and one of a kind. His gentle way and big heart were only overshadowed by his unmistakable laugh that made anyone who heard it smile.

Don and Betty Gene were members of Trinity Baptist Church. Other memberships included The San Antonio Country Club, Oak Hills Country Club, Club Giraud, the Order of the Alamo, the San Antonio German Club, Eggplant Unlimited and Los Compadres. He served on several boards along the way, enjoying both business and philanthropic pursuits.

Don was preceded in death by his loving wife and parents. He is survived by daughter Lisa Miller Aldrich and husband, Steve; daughter Laura Virginia Miller; son Marcus Cottingham Miller and wife Carolyn; son John Blake Miller and wife Cindy; and son Donald Edward Miller, Jr. and wife Amy; his ten grandchildren Miller, Carson, Matthew, Michael, Heather, Merritt, Craig, Carlee, Avery and John; and great grandchildren Bodhi and Bridget. The family would like to thank Joann Valentine, Gloria Contreras, Joyce Moreno, and Gwen Marshall for their years of compassion and devoted care. Visitation will be Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Porter Loring on McCullough.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017
3:00 PM
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
319 E MULBERRY
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
78212

Senior Pastor D. Leslie Hollon officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Baptist Church, VITAS Healthcare, or a charity of your choice.

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DONALD BERNARD MOYE

August 20, 1931 - May 2, 2017



On May 2, 2017, Donald Bernard Moye made his way into heaven at the age of 85, at home with his children in San Antonio, Texas due to declining health. Donald was born in Buffalo, New York on August 20, 1931. At age 17, he enlisted in the Air Force. He married Inez Cyrina Montague in 1957. After retirement, Donald attended nursing school at Incarnate Word University. Donald felt a responsibility to San Antonio and helped to

begin the social group, San Antonio Zulu Association. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha. He was the first African-American President of the Fiesta Commission in 1996. He is preceded in death by his father; mother; beloved first wife, Inez; and son, Damon. He is survived by his brother, Abdur Rahim Muhammad and wife Rachel; daughters, Lynn Payne and Lori Moye; his beloved 2nd (ex)wife, Linda Everett Moye; and his (step)children, Michelle Meharie, Sydney Johnson, Bryan Johnson, and Sheryl Johnson, and many grand and great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 12th from 5:00PM to 7:00PM with a Wake Service at 7:00PM in the chapel at Porter Loring McCullough. Saturday, May 13th at 11:00AM, funeral service will be at Travis Park United Methodist Church, 230 E. Travis St.

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JESSE M. OLGUIN

December 27, 1939 - May 2, 2017



Jesse M. Olguin born in Coughran, TX on December 27, 1939; went to be with the Lord on May 2, 2017; at the age of 77. He is preceded in death by his parents Santos

and Eloisa Olguin. Survivors include his wife Elsa Pena, children Sylvia Olguin, Jesse Olguin, Leroy Flores, Elizabeth Chavez, Rico Olguin, Rene Olguin; godson Moses Castro, numerous grandchildren and other loving family members and friend. "Until We Meet Again"

Visitation will held on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with a memorial service to begin at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South.

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BEVERLY "BEBY" ANN PAPE

MAY 18, 1934 - MAY 3, 2017



Beverly "Bebby" Ann Pape was born May 18, 1934 in San Antonio. She grew up on her parent's dairy farm and went to a two-room school house before graduating from Alamo Heights High School. She was a lifelong member of Beitel Memorial Lutheran Church. At a young age, she felt called to become a nurse; she

graduated from Incarnate Word with her BSN. She was a practicing nurse for numerous years in San Antonio, lastly at Methodist Hospital. She left nursing to care for her mother, which she faithfully did until her mother's death. Beby was preceded in death by her father, Oscar Pape; mother, Meta Serold Pape and brother, Elroy Pape. She leaves to mourn her sister, Joyce Pape Theis and numerous extended family members and friends who treasured her ability to speak her mind, refreshing sense of humor, and unwavering faith in God. At her insistence, there will be no funeral. As you are led, please praise God for the gift of Beby and commend her to His keeping. You are invited to sign the guestbook at www.porterloring.com

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RUTH F. QUINN

May 4, 2017



Benito Gauna and wife Rose, Juan Gauna and wife Velia; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Visitation will begin Sunday, May 7th at 4:00 P.M. in The Angelus Chapel with a Rosary to be recited at 6:00 P.M.

Funeral Service will be held Monday, May 8th at 12:00 P.M. in The Angelus Chapel. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.

Ruth F. Quinn age 87 passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2017. She is survived by her children: Aurora Cruz and husband Joe, Louis Gauna,

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MERCEDES CASTILLEJA RANGEL

May 2, 2017



Mercedes Castilleja Rangel passed peacefully into rest on May 2, 2017 among her family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mario N. Rangel, parents Pedro and Maria De La Luz Castilleja and brother, Luis Castilleja, Sr.

She is survived her by daughters Annette Sanchez (Hector) and Barbara Silva (Andres) and her sons Anthony (Ida), James Michael and Paul Daniel, brothers Juan (Doris) and Armando Castilleja (JoAnn, deceased)

and sisters Olga Castilleja and Consuelo Barrientes, 10 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins who loved her.

Visitation will begin Monday, May 8, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. in The Angelus Chapel with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 P.M. Funeral Mass will be offered Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 8:30 A.M. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 617 S. Santa Rosa Ave. Burial will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren: Anthony Simon Rangel, Andrew Sanchez and Paul Daniel Rangel; nephews: Luis Castilleja, Jr., Efrain Castilleja, Mark Anthony Castilleja, Roger Barrientes and Abel Barrientes. Family Reception to follow burial.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. . www.stjude.org

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GENARO RINCON

November 19, 1923 - April 27, 2017



Genaro Rincon, was born on November 19, 1923 in Mexico to Policarpio and Florencia Rincon. Genaro embraced God on April 27, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 93. "Jerry", as he was known, was a unique and beautiful soul; very generous and kind hearted to everyone. He was very loving to all his family and will also be remembered for his offbeat sense of humor. He was a friendly person and well respected by all. He was preceded in death by his

sisters Dolores and Rita; brothers Pedro, Arnulfo, Mariano, Rogelio, and Santos; son-in-law Humberto. He is survived by his loving wife Mildred S. Rincon; daughters Rachel R. Lopez (Justo) and Dolores R. Zulaica; sons Genaro (Irene), Frank (Isabel), Hector (Maria), and Andres (Gloria); he is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. "Jerry" will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM with a Rosary at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 8, 2017 at Brookehill Funeral Home. Procession will depart at 9:15 AM on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 for a Mass at 10:00 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. "For personal acknowledgment, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the Tributes section".

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MAXINE MARY WILKINSON ROLOFSON

June 17, 1915 - May 1, 2017



Maxine Mary Wilkinson Rolofoon passed away peacefully on May 1, 2017. She was born June 17, 1915, the eldest of three daughters to Fred Lee and Samantha Clark Wilkinson.

Mrs. Rolofoon met her future husband Lyle Allen Rolofoon Sr. while he was on duty in Southern Missouri prior to WW II and married him on March 27, 1937. They were happily married for 67 years until his death August 6, 2004. Maxine had an abiding intellect, and was a constant student. She graduated from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa and did her graduate work at the University of Nebraska. Throughout her life she was an avid reader, bridge player, gardener and took up swimming when she retired from teaching. Mr. and Mrs. Rolofoon belonged to the Aldersgate Methodist Church of Lincoln, Nebraska for many years before moving to San Antonio, Texas to be near their daughter, where they joined Coker Methodist Church.

Mrs. Rolofoon was an active Church Lady, a Golden Girl of P.E.O., an active member of Chapter DW, P.E.O. of San Antonio, Texas. While living in Lincoln she always played in the Lincoln Symphony Bridge League and with Lyle loved to travel visiting England, Spain, Hawaii and drove from Nebraska to California and back to Texas while in their late 70's and early 80's. They were quite the active twosome.

Maxine had "claims to fame" throughout her life but her favorite was being chosen as an Admiral in the Nebraska Navy for her work with the Lincoln School Systems English Curriculum spending many summers rewriting it and bringing up to code.

Mom will be remembered by

her family and friends for her heart, her smile, her loving nature. Her grandchildren will remember the Christmases with the dessert table that was filled from the early morning until late at night and that "gran" felt it was only right that every meal had dessert even breakfast! Her chocolate chip cookies were cookies for the Gods! Not one grandchild ever went hungry at Grans. We will miss Gran and love you to the moon and back.

Mrs. Rolofoon was preceded in death by her husband Lyle Rolofoon, Sr., her son William Elwyn (Jimmie), her son Lyle Rolofoon, Jr., her sister Maureen Followill, and her mother and father Fred and Samantha Wilkinson. She is survived by her sister Jean Fay, daughter Jeanne Samaras (George) grandchildren Trey Rolofoon (Kim), Robert Rolofoon (Kathy), Chad Rolofoon (Nichole), Jennifer Maurin, and Richard Gartner (Lorrain) bonusgrandchildren Elizabeth Waring (Richard), Nick Samaras (Nancy), Eleni Allen (Chip) and greatgrandchildren Kyle, Cade, Julia, Kelsey, Grant, Drew, Chase, Elle, Kaya, Ryder Rolofoon, Logan Maurin, Kaitlynn Gartner, Lily Waring, Valentina, Viviana Samaras, and Laura and Chet Allen.

The family would like to thank the Varga family of Leon Springs, Texas for their loving care they have given mom this past year. She was cared for and loved as family. No one could ask for more for their loved one. Alamo Hospice is to be admired for their dedicated service to Maxine. They were truly wonderful and her family thanks you so much.

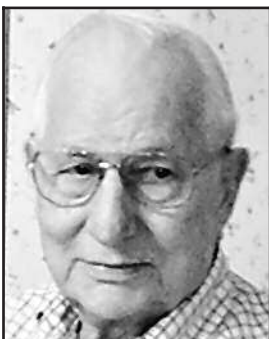
Services will be held at the Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska. Friday, May 12, 2017 from 4 pm until 7pm there will be a viewing and family visitation. Her funeral will be Saturday, May 13, 2017, at 10:00am with a luncheon to follow.

Mother loved flowers in her honor please send them to someone you love a lot or to a Church or nursing home or Temple or place of worship this next weekend for Mother's Day May 14, 2017.

To leave condolences for the family, please visit www.ebensberger-fisher.com and select the Obituaries tab.

EDGAR LEO RICHARDSON

November 13, 1922 - April 29, 2017



Lt. Col. Edgar Leo Richardson USAF, retired, born in Valier, Illinois on November 13, 1922, passed away on April 29, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 94. Edgar graduated with a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's University. He served 30 years in the United State Air Force, from which he retired. Edgar served in Germany in World War II; two of those

years were spent at a prisoner of war. Once home, he owned several businesses, one of them being Richardson Lighting, and was also a home builder, and proud member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles Leo Richardson and Vallie Purdy Richardson. Edgar is survived by his wife of 71 years, Adeline Richardson; children, Ron Richardson, Diana Rodriguez, Don Richardson, and Mary Ann Dillin; five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 pm at Sunset Funeral Home. Services will be at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 9:30 am with interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

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BETTY SAWYER

September 15, 1956 - April 29, 2017

Betty Sawyer went to Heaven on April 29, 2017 at the age of 82. She was born in Cox's Creek, KY to parents, James and Dessie Taylor. She married her precious husband of 61 years, Tom Sawyer, on Sept. 15, 1956. Betty was always very involved in all of her kid's schools, sports, and numerous activities. She and Tom were charter members of San Pedro Presbyterian Church, where they both taught Sunday school. She enjoyed her bridge friends, church groups, and spending time with her family. Although Betty lived in San Antonio for over 60 years, she loved traveling back to Kentucky to spend time with her sweet family and friends. Betty loved to stop along the way to play slots and in Lake Charles, LA. She was one of the original Steinmart "Boutique Ladies" where she worked for over 15 years. Betty is preceded in death by her parents and her beloved daughter, Kelley. She is survived by her husband,

Tom, her sister, Louise Jennings (Mike) of Mt. Washington, KY, her sons, Nat Sawyer (Lindsey) of San Angelo, Joby Sawyer (Marianne) of Galveston, her daughter, Tracey Sawyer Moreno (Steve) of San Antonio, amazing grandchildren, Matthew, Jordan, (Stephanie), Madison, Justin, (Tarah), Logan, Mason and Landon, & wonderful nieces and nephews. Her funeral services will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 1:00pm. at Sunset Funeral Home, 910 N. Loop 1604, San Antonio, TX 78232 and she will be laid to rest next to Kelley at Sunset Memorial Park, 1701 Austin Highway, 78218. In lieu of flowers, she would appreciate donations to the Animal Defense League 11300 Nacogdoches Road San Antonio, TX 78217 or Coker United Methodist Church 231 E. North Loop Rd. 78216. The entire Sawyer family is so thankful for all the love, support, and prayers.

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111 Rosewood Ave., Boerne, TX 78006 (830) 249-2321

LIFE TRIBUTES

DON W. SAUNDERS

September 8, 1941 - May 1, 2017



Don W. Saunders passed away peacefully on May 1, 2017, in the presence of his adoring wife and children. He was born on September 8, 1941, in San Antonio, Texas, to Frank and Ruby (Robinson) Weltens, and was later the stepson of longtime San Antonio attorney, T.J. Saunders.

Don was a lifetime resident of San Antonio, attending North East High School and

graduating in 1959 as the first Class President of the inaugural class of Robert E. Lee High School. He went on to attend the University of Texas at Austin on a baseball scholarship, ultimately graduating from St. Mary's University with a Juris Doctor degree in 1966. He would then go on to a distinguished law career and life of community service spanning over 50 years, highlights of which include serving with distinction as a Captain in the U.S. Army JAG Corps, recognition by the North East Independent School District Board of Trustees for meritorious service on the Board of Equalization, serving as President of the Rotary International Club of San Antonio, and most recently, serving as General Counsel to Hermann Sons Life and other San Antonio corporations.

Don took great pride in being a member of the State Bar and representing the legal profession with dignity and respect. Hard work, accessibility, no nonsense, common sense, and smarts were

the hallmarks of his practice and his son, Charles, similarly a graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law, followed him into the legal profession.

Don was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, photography, and in particular, SCUBA diving, both as a member of the SAINTS and as a PADI-certified instructor. He was an unwavering fan of the San Antonio Spurs.

Don unconditionally loved those around him. He was at his best, and most in his element, as a gentle mentor and teacher, whether extracting the essence of a complex legal matter, or teaching his children and grandchildren how to hunt and shoot, or espousing the simple pleasure of fishing.

Don is survived by his wife Sharon, daughter Kathryn Craven, and her husband Jonathan and grandsons Astin and Tyler, son Charles Saunders, and his wife Suzanne and grandchildren Jackson and

Josephine, stepdaughter Lorene Kohleffel, and her husband Michael and grandchildren Jacob, Luke, and Olivia, sister Janet Saunders, and sister Susan Ford, and her husband John and sons Mark and Joseph Maniscalco.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 12, 2017, at Porter Loring Mortuary, 1101 McCullough Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78212. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M., with the service commencing promptly at 11:30 A.M.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grief Support at Hermann Sons Life-Camp or Remington Acres Equine Sanctuary.

You are invited to sign the Guestbook at www.porterloring.com

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FRANK GUZMAN SILVA

May 3, 2017



Frank Guzman Silva passed away on May 3, 2017 at the age of 83 in San Antonio, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents, Pedro

and Juanita Silva and grandson, Eric Mendez. Frank is survived by his former wife, Elida Silva; daughter, Blandina (William); sons, Johnny (Helen) and Ralph (Olga); brother, Pete Silva; sisters, Mary Tejada (Jesse) and Christina Treet (John); grandchildren, David, John Rene, Gabrielle, Ralph, and great grandchildren, Sydney, Marissa, and Nicholas. Visitation will be on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at Sunset Funeral Home from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 pm. Services will be on Friday, May 12, 2017 at 10:00 am at St. Benedict Catholic Church, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

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ALVIN "AL" B. SCHUERG

December 9, 1932 - May 3, 2017



Alvin "Al" B. Schuerg of Seguin was born in Lockhart, Texas, on December 9, 1932, and passed away on May 3, 2017, at age 84. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Dale Schuerg, March 12, 2012, age 53; his parents, Albert & Paula Schaefer Schuerg; 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Al is survived by his wife, Joyce Gerdes Schuerg; daughter, Nanette Murray (Harvey Frenzel); son Alvin E. Schuerg (Cathy);



step-daughters, Connie Batey Barnes (Keith), and Cindy Batey Teuscher (Louis); 7 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and 2 step-great-grandchildren.

Al graduated from Lockhart High School in 1951 and joined the United States Navy, and was honorably discharged in June, 1955.

Al was the Driver's License Patrolman in San Antonio until he

became the License and Weight Patrolman in 1961. He then moved to Seguin and worked in the surrounding area of Seguin, which were his proudest years.

Al retired to work the Gerdes farm after his father-in-law, Marvin Gerdes, had a stroke. He enjoyed the tractor work and the cattle.

Al and Joyce enjoyed dancing especially at The Farmer's Daughter & Martinez Hall. They won the Waltz contest at the Comal County Fair in 2007. Al and Joyce would take a vacation trip to Branson, Missouri, every year from 1990 to 2010.

Al was diagnosed with Macular Degeneration in February, 2003, at age 71, but he prided himself in being a great dancer until his heart attack in July of 2011. It was Al's inner feeling of FRIENDLINESS that drew people to him. His heart was weak, and though his body was tired from fighting his cancer since July, 2016, his will was still strong. Our loss is Heaven's gain! May he SEE AGAIN the

beauty of the flowers and the faces of the people he loved.

Visitation will begin at 4 P.M. on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, with family receiving friends between 4:30 and 7:00, at Tres Hewell Mortuary at 165 Tor Drive in Seguin, (830) 549-5912. Services will be held at 3:30 P.M., Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at Tres Hewell Mortuary, with burial to follow at Elm Creek Community Cemetery, 2005 Settlers Way, Seguin. Gathering after the burial will be at 1951 Settlers Way.

Pallbearers: Jack Gillespie, Darrell Phelps, David Dickinson, Ronnie Lange, John Grein, Jonathan Wacaster.

Honorary Pallbearers: Henrietta Evans, Cliff and Betty Dietz, Paul and Pat Bosenbury. You are invited to sign the guest book at www.treshewell.com.

CPL JEREMY MICHAEL THOMPSON

MARCH 14, 1990 - APRIL 25, 2017



Corporal Thompson was a loving Husband and Father. His boys were his pride and joy. Spending his days playing football with his oldest son

Jeremiah, playing with legos with Adrian, piggy back rides with Jaxen, and cuddles with Ben. He was the most amazing devoted Father and Husband.

Corporal Thompson was also a two-time war veteran whom served his country for 8 years. The army took him and his family on a journey station in Fort Drum, New York where his family grew and strengthened with love and by the numbers. Every soldier he came across then became family. Corporal Thompson was and is loved by many and will be always remembered and greatly missed.

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LIFE TRIBUTES

BRO. JOHN REYNOLDS TOTTEN, S.M.

April 28, 2017



Bro. John Reynolds Totten died on April 28th, 2017. He was 103 years old and had lived Marianist religious life for 83 years. At the time of his death, he was the oldest member of the Marianist Province of the United States.

Bro. John was born into a military family and moved many times during his youth. He was very proud of his heritage. He was born in Fort Monroe, VA, went to grade school in the Panama Canal Zone and went to high school in San Antonio.

He met the Marianists at St. Mary's University and joined after his first year. In his early years as a Brother, he worked at various high schools and institutions in St. Louis, MO. He taught a variety of subjects. In 1954, he came to San Antonio to teach at Central Catholic High School.

In 1957, he began his long association with St. Mary's University. Bro. John was a philosophy teacher who was revered by his students for his clarity and kindness. He was also involved in the formation of the

new members of the Society of Mary. He was an outstanding student of Marianist life and was instrumental in encouraging the study of Marianist spirituality and the Marianist charism.

He is survived by: nephew, Jamie Totten (Jodie), Hendersonville, TN; niece, Beatrice Britton (Peter), South Hamilton, MA; and, niece-in-law, Sandra Totten, Rock Hall, MD.

FUNERAL SERVICES

On Tuesday, May 9th, viewing will begin at 6:00 pm at the Marianist Residence Chapel followed by the Rosary at 7:00 pm.

On Wednesday, May 10th, viewing will begin at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel in Treadaway Hall followed by the

Eucharist of Christian Burial at 4:00 pm in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel. Burial will follow immediately in the Marianist Cemetery, with a social afterwards.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Marianist Mission, 4435 E. Patterson Road, Dayton, OH 45430.

Condolences may be sent at www.theangelusfuneralhome.com Arrangements by:

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John F. Delgado & Family

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We wish to thank everyone who attended the services of Robert Harris on Tuesday, April, 29, 2017.

Your presence gave us great comfort.

The Flores-Harris Family



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NELLY WATSON

June 3, 1974 - May 1, 2017



On May 1, 2017, the love of my life, mother of our children, and pets passed away surrounded by family at the age of 42. She was born in San Antonio, Texas on June 3, 1974.

Nelly married Dennis A. Watson on April 30, 1991. She was immediately thrown into the fire of being a serviceman's wife and mother. One year into their marriage she was alone for six months

to do it all. She strapped in and took charge. This became one of the defining moments of her life. She grew ten years in that short time, trust me I know, I found out things were different when I returned. There was a new alpha in town and it was not me. She ran a tight ship for those eight years; the foundation which our marriage was built.

Nelly led a busy life, but her family was the center of her attention. She was a devoted mother to two of the greatest people on earth. She was the soccer mom, homework czar, and school trip chaperone; she kept the family active and on the go.

Nelly had a passion for animals. She loved her furrries like they were her kids. She arranged birthday parties and park visits. She would even take her little puppy to daycare so he would not be home alone.

Nelly spent most of her working years in Human Resources. She started her first front desk

position at MCRD in San Diego from 1995 through 1998. There she gained a solid based of experience and knowledge. This led to her hiring at Goodwill Industries after relocation. She started as a recruiter and rose to Director of HR. She helped Goodwill through its largest growth periods before leaving in 2013. Her success was driven by the selfless desire to serve the company and its people.

Nelly was preceded in death by her stepfather Renato Renteria, father-in-law Dennis J. Watson, and her beloved pets Riley, Baxter, and Tenshi Watson. She is survived by her husband of twenty-six years Dennis A. Watson, her sons Zachary and Addison, her pets Sterling, Quinn, Kiyoshi, Mika, her mother Leticia Renteria, sisters Nancy and Ashley, brothers Victor and Daniel, mother-in-law Maria Watson, sister-in-law Lisa and Juan Casso, nieces Cristina, Brianna, Adrianna, Addison, and Adelina and numerous other family and friends.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

11:00 A.M.

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My Love taken too soon, you were the light of my life. Your gift of love and friendship was given without condition. We beat the odds. us against the world. We were each other's soul mate. How do you get that right on the first try? I can only say I was the lucky one, the one with a lifetime of love in a fraction of my life. My sweet pea, my love, my heart aches, my life in turmoil, I will miss you with every sunrise and sunset. I will survive with your love and memories of better life with you.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Nelly's name to the Animal Defense League - <https://adltexas.org/>.

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