

Deaths



**Rachel Brooks
Mrs. Brooks**

Funeral services for Rachel Elizabeth Brooks, 88, of Lampasas are Feb. 13, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Sneed Funeral Chapel in Lampasas. Officials are Ministers Elvis Fisher and Reid Schaub. Burial will follow at Rock Church Cemetery in Rumley.

Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the funeral chapel.

Mrs. Brooks died Feb. 10 at Rollins Brook Community Hospital.

She was born Feb. 26, 1920, in Double Horn, the daughter of John and Alma Hall Meredith.

Mrs. Brooks started school at Spicewood and then moved to Lampasas County as a young girl. She attended Clayrock School, to which she often rode her donkey.

She married Norwyn Brooks on Dec. 24, 1935, in Lampasas.

Mrs. Brooks was an accomplished seamstress and quilter and a longtime active member of Broad Street Church of Christ. She enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include a son, Cecil Brooks and wife, Evonne, of Johnson City; three daughters, Jeanie Fullingim of Kyle, Joyce Halden and husband, Danny, of Round Rock, and Shirley Wilborn and husband, Paul, of Lampasas; one brother, J.E. Meredith of Wagner, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years in January 2008, and by four siblings.

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**Lottie Brown
Mrs. Brown**

Funeral services for Lometa resident Lottie Christine Brown, 82, are Feb. 13, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Sneed Funeral Chapel in Lampasas with Minister Bob McClinton officiating. Burial will be at Clear Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown died Feb. 7 at Rollins Brook Community Hospital.

She was born Sept. 15, 1926, in Copperas Cove, the daughter of Charlie and Lottie Christine Kidd Brinegar.

Mrs. Brown was reared in Copperas Cove where she married Lindberg Brown on Sept. 14, 1959.

She was a Baptist and a homemaker and had lived in Lampasas and Lometa most of her life.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Brown of Lometa and Benny Brown of Bryan; one daughter, Edna Mae Brown of Temple; two brothers, Jake Brinegar of Izoro and Oliver Brinegar of Copperas Cove; and five grandchildren, Corina Mae Shuey, James Earl Bolt, Scott Leroy Whitehead, Sandy Johnson and Kathy Biggs.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Brown, and a sister, Elvie M. Walters.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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Mr. Martin

Funeral services for J.D. Martin, 84, of Lampasas are Feb. 16, 2009, at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Martin died Feb. 11 at Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple.

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Mrs. Upenieks

Liselotte Upenieks, 87, of Copperas Cove died Feb. 8, 2009, at Metroplex Hospital in Killeen.

A memorial service will be held Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. at Christian House of Prayer in Copperas Cove. The body was cremated.

Mrs. Upenieks was born Aug. 29, 1921, in Blankburg, Germany, to Willy and Auguste Bleil Pfeiffer.

She was a restaurateur in Germany and she moved to the U.S. in 1986.

Mrs. Upenieks was a member of Christian House of Prayer in Copperas Cove.

Survivors include a daughter, Ilona Hunter of Lampasas; and one son, Hans Christian Pfeiffer of Munich, Germany.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

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Agency accepting loan papers

Lampasas County was declared eligible for Farm Service Agency disaster emergency loans on January 13, 2009.

Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production due to the damages and losses caused by drought that occurred on January 1, 2009, and continuing are eligible for FSA loans.

Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into account when determining eligibility.

FSA Farm Loan Manager D. Dale Vann Sr. urges farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to get their applications into FSA as soon as possible.

Home lost in blaze

A fire Tuesday afternoon destroyed a double-wide mobile home northeast of town.

The blaze was reported at 2:24 p.m. at 3196 County Road 3430 at the home of Randy and Stacie Fesler, Lampasas County Fire Marshal Gene Harrison said.

The fire started in a hot tub at the back of the home, Harrison said. The tub's motor froze, but the heating element stayed on, causing the fiberglass of the hot tub to catch fire. The fire spread to the wood surround of the hot tub before igniting the back of the house and then traveling up the wall and into the attic.

Strong winds and paper insulation that smoldered fueled the fire, the fire marshal said.

Fire officials returned to the scene for a rekindle Tuesday night and again Wednesday morning.

The 2008 Palm Harbor home was a total loss, said Harrison. The Red Cross was called to the scene to assist the family.

Family friends who were home at the time of the blaze saw the smoke and called 911, Harrison said. No injuries were reported.

In addition to the Lampasas Fire Department, assistance was provided by the Kempner Volunteer Fire Department, Deputy Greg Chapman of the Lampasas County Sheriff's Department and Lampasas Police Department officials who transported air packs to firefighters on the scene.

Mrs. Fesler's sister, Melanie Murdoch, was en route Wednesday from a yearlong tour in Iraq, a spokesperson at Grace Fellowship said. She was to join her three children who were staying at the residence. The Feslers have two children, ages 9 and 7; Ms. Murdoch, three children, ages 13, 11 and 5.



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A fire at CR 3430 claimed a double-wide mobile home. The blaze started in a hot tub in the back of the home. The family lost all of their possessions.

A request for gift cards from stores in the area was being made to help the families supply their basic needs, the church spokesperson said.

Cards can be brought to Grace Fellowship or preferably be mailed directly to Mr. Fesler's parents at

the following address: Bill and Theresa Fesler, 3196 CR 3430, Lampasas, TX 76550.

Said the church spokesperson: "The Fesler family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of support they are receiving and love they are being shown at this time."

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