

Recent Deaths

Simpsonville News

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Louis Spencer 1946 - 2013

Funeral services for Louis Roland Spencer, 66, of Gilmer were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at Charity Full Gospel Church with Pastor Jerry Hill officiating.

Burial was at Elkins Cemetery in Arp under the direction of Turner Brothers Mortuary.

Born Nov. 8, 1946 in Saginaw, Mich., he was a Baptist and had been employed by the City of Gilmer and Railroad Transport.

He married Jane Fronie Seagroves on Jan. 8, 1986 in Smith County, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles Tidwell of Bullard and Andrew Tidwell of Tyler; four daughters, Tracy Nokes of Ore City, Irene Inglett, Sharon Hill and Rebecca Ducker of Gilmer; and two brothers, Wayne Spencer of Gilmer and Bill Spencer of Gladewater.

Pallbearers were Preston Nokes, Jerel Hill, Keith Sampson, Joe Boone, Chad Finnerty and Robbie Boone.



Carlton Fluellen, Sr. 1941 - 2013

Funeral services for Carlton "Woody" Fluellen, Sr., 71, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at First Assembly of God with the Rev. Dr. A.L. Bell officiating.

Burial will be at Zion Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Fluellen died Thursday, May 16, in Longview.

A native and lifetime resident of Upshur County, he was born Aug. 31, 1941 in Gilmer. He was a retired employee of Lone Star Steel, and was a Baptist.

He married the former Jacqueline Jones on Oct. 29, 2004, in Upshur County, and she survives.

Also surviving are seven sons, Carlton Fluellen, Jr., Eric Fluellen and Steredrick Goodjoint of Gilmer, Markeef Fluellen and Tony Young of Dallas, Nemius Fluellen of Longview and Ronald Williams of Burleson; five daughters, Cassandra Sowers of Frisco, Yolunda Buchanan of Gilmer, Millette White of Pittsburg, Charrisse Ray of Ft. Worth, and Carmetrice Fluellen of Tyler; 35 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Narvie "Tootie" Thomas of Gilmer and Bobbie L. Walker of Dallas.

Pallbearers will be Kendall Jackson, Carlos Crump, Norman Chism, Kenn Finch, Andre Turner and Tyrone Fort.

Ruth Tackitt 1920 - 2013

Ruth E. Tackitt, 92, of Gilmer passed away Wednesday May 22, in Tyler.

She was born in Gilmer on July 9, 1920 to John Henry and Bessie Mae Tackitt. She was a Baptist and the owner and operator of "The Fashion Shop" in Gilmer.

Memorial services for Mrs. Tackitt will be held at a later date.

Gladewater Opry entertainers announced

Saturday night's Gladewater Opry program will feature Tom Brown, Cathy Windham, Sam Brannan, The Clarkston Cloggers, Clinton Gandy, Marcus Leary, Hailey Hines, Emily Bowdin and Jordan Todd, along with the Texas Smoke Band.

Tickets are \$10 for those over 12; children 6-12, \$5; and under six free.

The Opry House is located at 108 E. Commerce St. in downtown Gladewater. Showtime is 8 p.m.

Call 903-845-3600 for information or reservations.

SIMPSONVILLE, May 21 — The going-away party that was held for Joe Hallonquist at the Simpsonville Church of Christ, last Saturday was a great success. Joe had a lot of well-wishers Saturday morning before the party due to the fact they had to work and couldn't make it. There were about 38 present. There were lots of food and fellowship.

Although he had lots of family and friends there, his mother is not a bit excited about his leaving. Being a mother, I can understand her feeling that way. Joe, however, is looking forward to the experience. We all know God will be watching over him as he serves to keep us free, and will deliver him home safe.

I know those that are closest to Joe hate to see him leave, like his new wife. God bless her. This is just another one of Joe's journeys of life. Joe is an amazing young man who seems to like adventure in his life. Joe, only getting married a few months back, is leaving two women with their hearts broken as he gets ready to leave for Afghanistan.

We will all miss Joe while he is away, but we can all look forward to his return home. Time really goes by fast in this world, and he will be back before we know it. But to his family, it will fill like forever. Let's all keep Joe in our prayers, so he can return home safe, happy and proud.

Richard and Lila Wells just returned from a weeklong trip to Branson, Mo. They had a wonderful time, just resting and having fun while enjoying life. While there, they toured a cave and went down a zip line, which only lasted about two minutes. Lila said it was

so much fun, even short as it was.

The cave had a lot of steps, but since they wanted the exercise it worked out good. It was equivalent to a 505-story building. They climbed 700 steps down and only 200 up. At this point they mercifully got on a tram the rest of the way up. They just tried to enjoy everything they could while there. There was just lots of different fun things to do everyday.

Lila said Missouri was really pretty and had a lot of hills. They toured Silver Dollar City, along with many other sites. There was always a lot of walking to be done. However, like all good things it had to come to an end. They are glad to get back home, and they have memories to last a lifetime.

Last Sunday was Homecoming and Memorial Day for the Simpsonville Church and Cemetery. It was held at the Simpsonville Baptist Church, but the Church of Christ and United Methodist Church took part. This is held every year on the third Sunday in May.

This year, the Church of Christ did the program. David Calvert led the singing, and the message was given by John Richard Spencer. The attendance was great, with close to 100 present. Sue Davis said they enjoyed seeing all their friends and relatives.

After the program, everyone gathered at the pavilion for lunch, where there was lots of food served. It was good to have all the churches to come together for this special dedication. They all had a good time and remembered many loved ones who have long been gone from this old

world. Each year a different church is the host.

Simpsonville Baptist Church is still making little girls' dresses for missionaries. In April they mailed out 25 little dresses to Snowflake Ministries in Pryor, Okla. The folks at Pryor will be leaving for Haiti on May 25, and will be taking the dresses with them. The missionaries from Pryor are going to take pictures while there, and send them to the Simpsonville Church.

The ladies at Simpsonville have 20 more dresses made and will be sending them out to Hemmed in Prayer in Alabama. Sue Davis wanted to let everyone know how thankful the ladies are for all the fabric that has been donated to make this possible. She said a big appreciation goes to Louise Duffy, who Sue said is always bringing material to her home. God bless these ladies for doing such a great job. This makes the community proud.

Richard and Sue Davis have a granddaughter who will be graduating next Saturday from North Mesquite High School, with 575 in her class. They are making big plans to be there.

On June 1, they have another granddaughter who is getting married. She attends college in Tahlequah, Okla., but the wedding will be in Royce City. They are excited about the wedding. This will be their second grandchild to get married. We wish this couple all the luck in the world.

This has been a rather quiet week for the Simpsonville VFD. They held their regular monthly meeting last Saturday morning. There was

a good turnout. All the equipment was checked out, so we will be ready to roll when needed.

Most of East Texas has been under moderate risk for severe weather. If you don't have a storm cellar or shelter you need to find out who does have one in your community. It is too late to look after the storm has hit. Some people have the entrance to their cellar inside their garage, so you may not see it by just driving by, so ask around.

We don't want to be surprised like Oklahoma was. At the time of this writing the death toll in Oklahoma was 51, and expected to rise. Tornadoes twisted through Oklahoma, this time taking aim at the town of Moore, south of Oklahoma City. This is about 90 miles west of where I was born and raised at Lake Texoma. At least 20 of the dead were children. Let's all keep these people in our prayers, and pray that none of the storms come our way.

Obituary Policy

Information on obituaries is published free of charge in *The Gilmer Mirror*. All obituaries follow a standard form and any request by family members for deviation from this form will require payment for the obituary.

The Mirror does not list survivors beyond the immediate family — spouse, children, parents, brothers and sisters, and grandchildren. Inclusion of any other survivors will require payment for the obituary. (Exception: Should a person have no survivors other than a niece, nephew, etc., then that relative may be listed.)

There will be a \$10 charge for a photograph run with a free obituary.

A non-refundable \$20 deposit will be charged for paid obituaries not submitted by a funeral home. The deposit will be credited when payment for the obituary is made.

Reminiscing Upshur County

BETTY BIVINS COOK

All the stormy weather that hit Oklahoma earlier this week brought back lots of memories of storms we've experienced in this area in years past. I'll have to admit that I was pretty nervous when storms started rolling in late Tuesday afternoon.

I'd made it home from work and was sitting in the living room watching *Emergency* with granddaughter Hannah when I noticed that the wind was blowing very hard, and it was suddenly almost like night outside. The wind was blowing the trees, in sort of a circular motion it seemed.

Past experiences with such storms led us to light some candles and a couple of oil lamps. Sure enough, in a few minutes the electricity went off, and it was dark as night outside.

I expected it to be off for several hours, probably into the night or longer, but this time we were lucky, and it was back on before too long.

Grandson David Gee was in Tulsa, Okla., and the hotel where he was staying ordered all guests down to the ground floor because forecasts said the same storm system that hit Moore, Okla. earlier that afternoon was headed toward Tulsa.

It did arrive at Tulsa, but took a path with the worst hitting south of town, and with no tornadoes thankfully.

We are so thankful that no more devastating tornadoes

hit, and our prayers are with folks in Moore and other areas of Oklahoma who were affected by storms.

The first tornado I remember hit Upshur County in February of 1950, early on a Sunday morning.

Although that tornado didn't stay on the ground nearly as long as the Oklahoma tornadoes did, the damage it did affected lots of people in the county.

It had first hit Harmony School, doing considerable damage to the roof. (I started first grade that fall, and remember seeing sheets of tin twisted into the tall pine trees that were across from the school for several years after that.)

The tornado also destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seahorn and their family, then hit the Mt. Gilead Methodist Church that was located about a quarter mile from our house.

It then hit a house a short distance away on what is now FM 852, destroyed Marshal Green's barn where he'd been milking his cows only a few minutes earlier, then some of James Gee's chicken houses. I don't remember where it hit after that; maybe that's when it began to break up. But I'll never forget that scary

morning.

When son Darrell was in the third grade, a funnel was spotted somewhere around Mineola. It was storming really bad, and the teachers at Harmony Elementary moved the children out into the hall for safety. (A tornado had hit Wichita Falls earlier that day, so everyone was nervous.)

At probably the worst part of the storm, the school called me to come pick up Darrell — he was sick. I don't know who was scared the most, Darrell for having to be out in the hall waiting for a tornado, or me having to drive in all that wind and rain.

Thankfully it was just a bad storm, and no tornado came this way.

And Darrell was fine once we got home.

ATTENTION

The UCYSA will hold its Annual Open Meeting on June 8 at 9 a.m. at The Yamboree Pavillion

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Kid's Fish Day planned June 1

Pine Cone Fishing Club and Lake O' the Pines Chamber of Commerce will host the 14th Annual Kid's Free Fish Day at the Corps of Engineers Hurricane Creek recreation area, on Lake O' the Pines, Saturday, June 1.

Kids ages two to 16 years old are invited to participate in the event. They must be accompanied by an adult.

No license is needed, but bring your own pole. Bait will be provided, and a free lunch will be served.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and fishing (from the bank only) will be from 9 a.m. until noon.

All catches are weighed and prizes will be awarded.

Awards are based on total weight of top five fish caught.

For more information, call 903-755-2796 or 903-665-9575.

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Here are some very important things to do. Adjust the height of your seat so that your thighs are parallel to the floor (very important) and the weight of your body is evenly distributed across the seat by both your buttocks and the back part of your upper thighs. Sit in your seat with your back flush up against the chair's backrest and your feet flat on the floor. If you are short (under 5'4"), you must raise the seat height of your chair to work at the desk surface. Use a footrest so that you will be able to sit with your thighs parallel to the floor as described above. If you are tall (over 6'1") and cannot adjust your work surface to a height comfortable to you, do not adjust your chair down to where your knees are higher than your pelvis. Do whatever is necessary to bring your work surface up. One simple solution is to place wooden blocks under the desk legs. If your work surface height is adjustable, adjust it to the height most comfortable height for you. When keying into a computer, be sure your forearms are at a 90-degree angle to your upper arm (no higher than 75 degrees) and keep your wrist level with your forearm. Change work posture frequently, every eight to ten minutes and keep in mind that chiropractic is perfect for muscle and joint pain.

Call me today to find out how I can help you avoid computer use injury.

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