

Obituaries



Franklin Delano Barnes

Franklin Delano Barnes, 81, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2015. Funeral services were Monday, December 7, at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Hart, with former Hart resident, Les Reed, minister at First Baptist Church in Crosbyton, and Wilbur Ormond, pastor of Hart's First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Graveside services followed at 3 p.m. at the Childress Cemetery in Childress with Josh Faucett, pastor of First Baptist Church in Hart, officiating. Arrangements were handled by Colonial Funeral Home of

Dimmitt. Family and friends visitation was Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Soloist Vivian Bennett sang "How Great Thou Art" and "In the Garden," accompanied by Neoma Williams on the piano. Mrs. Williams and Pat Smith, organist, played preludes and postludes at the funeral.

Frank was born in Arlington, Texas, on January 28, 1934, to Champ and Louise Barnes. He graduated from Texas Tech University with both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree, and an Administrator Certification from West Texas State University, Canyon. Frank taught Ag in Hermleigh, Texas, for 14 wonderful years and seven great years as Elementary Principal in Hart.

In 1976, Frank started Triple A Pump Company and had many, many good customers until his retirement in 2013. He was a former mayor of Hart and a former Chief of the Hart Volunteer Fire Department. Frank was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Hart. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and "talking to flowers," and was an avid Red Raider sports fan!

Those left to cherish his wonderful memories are his wife, Shirley Barnes of Lubbock; two sons, Brad and his wife Karen of Hart, and Clay and his wife

Hunter of Las Vegas, Nevada; one daughter, Lori Barnes of Grapevine, Texas; three grandsons, Tim Barnes and his wife Mallory of Lubbock, Trevor Barnes of Slaton and Trent Barnes of Houston; one sister, Mary Lou Moore of Arlington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Frank is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Champ Barnes, Jr.

Memorials can be made to the Hart Methodist Church, PO Box 309, Hart, Texas 79043 or to the Hart Volunteer Fire Department, Box 193, Hart, Texas 79043

You may go online and sign the guestbook at www.colonialfuneralhome.org



Maria Angelita Niabes

Funeral mass for Maria Angelita Niabes, 82, of Hart was at 11 a.m. Monday, November 30, 2015, at St. John's Catholic Church in Hart with Father Raj Malapady, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home of Plainview. A rosary was recited at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the funeral home.

Maria Angelita died Tuesday, November 24, in Hart. She was born August 2, 1933, in Beeville, Texas, to Anacleto and Eva Basquez. She married Santos Niabes in 1953 in Littlefield, Texas, and then moved to Hart, where they resided.

Maria Angelita worked many years for Smith Potato, Inc. She also worked many years along-

side her husband in contract labor. The past 22 years, she was a housewife. She enjoyed knitting, sewing, cooking and being out in the yard. Her biggest love was family.

She leaves behind her husband, Santos Niabes of Hart; one daughter, San Juanita Niabes of Plainview; one son, Pedro Niabes of San Benito, Texas; one daughter-in-law, Casilda Niabes; three granddaughters, Cassandra Lee Niabes, Christina Lee Niabes and Brittany Llamas; three grandsons, Pedro Niabes, Jr., Joey Llamas and David Christopher Piñon; six sisters, Joventina Guerrero, Amelia Carbajal, Maggie Martinez and Micaela Vasquez, all of George West, Texas, and Maria Luisa Carrasco of Hart and Ofelia Corrales of Houston; three brothers, Robert Basquez of Three Rivers, Texas, Jesus Basquez of George West and Leonardo Basquez of Albuquerque, N.M.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and one son, Santos Niabes, Jr. Maria will be greatly missed, but the memories we have will carry throughout each and everyday.

Book Notes Hart High School's State Rodeo Championship Win

In a book, "Let's Rodeo (Sandhills Cowboy)," by Don Workman, the author writes of a Rodeo Club in the early 1950s at Hart High School of which his brother, Edd, was a member:

"Edd had joined a Rodeo Club in Hart, Texas, the year before (1952), since Hart High School was not large enough to have football. The vocational agricultural teacher had taken it on himself to have a rodeo team. His name was Herb Williams, and he and his wife loved kids; neither knew much about

rodeoing. They had a bucking barrel in a room filled with sawdust with rubber on the front for spurring, and you could learn how to jerk your knees on a bucking bareback horse.

"As most high school kids will do, they each had scouted around and found the best equipment available, the best spurs, the best bull ropes, the best bull riding spurs, etc.

"Mr. Williams also built the best rodeo arena in which to practice and bought the stock to practice. They developed some of the best cowboys in the region. Their team won the High School Championship in 1953 for the State of Texas. Wayne Beavers, Truman Swopes, Wesley Sharp, Lloyd Davis, Edd and others made up the team. It was an amazing group of cowboys. They could all rope and ride rough stock, and any of them was capable of winning the All-Around at any rodeo in which they entered."

(Editor's notes: Before Wayne and Joyce Beavers moved from Hart this year to be near their daughter in Carlsbad, New Mexico, The Pulse asked Wayne about this championship. He confirmed it.)

Workman goes on to write that there weren't enough sponsors for high school rodeos. "We did not have enough adults who understood rodeoing to open chute gates or arena gates. They didn't know to crack chute gates to get horses and bulls to turn back toward the opening before swinging the chute gate wide open. Also, they did not know when to open arena gates to let the stock out of the arena. An arena gate should never be opened until the rider has been either bucked off or has dismounted in some way before opening an arena gate. The rider could be still on when a horse goes into a de-riggin' chute at a full run.

"One of my worst accidents happened at the Hart High School rodeo when the catch pen gate was left open, and my continued to Page 3

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