

Houston *Deaf* Seniors of **Texas** NEWSLETTER

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DEDICATION TO . . .

Editor of this Houston Deaf Senior of Texas Newsletter, I would like to dedicate this to some people that we know have served the deaf community for many years. We take special pride dedicating this newsletter.

In Memoriam

We Seniors of 1951 respectfully dedicate THE TOWERS to the memory of Dr. J. W. Blattner, who for sixty years devoted his time, ability, and interest to education of the deaf.

**"Here was a man to hold against the world, a man to
match the mountains and the sea."**

Dr. Blattner, a nationally known pioneer in the education of the deaf, came to the Texas School for the Deaf in 1885 and was principal for 27 years, the position now held by his son-in-law, Mr. O.L. McIntire. His daughter Mary Ann McIntire is one of our advanced teachers. While here, Dr. Blattner edited the Lone Star, built up a fine staff of teachers, organized classes for teachers-in-training, devised a method of teaching the elementary sounds, prepared the first formal course of instruction for schools for the deaf, and pioneered in preparing text books for the instruction of the deaf children.

On Sunday mornings, Dr Blattner delivered in the language of signs beautiful sermons which would have been a credit to any minister. He was a tireless worker--active, keen of mind, and deeply interested in the deaf to the end of his days.

The deaf lost a dear friend on August 23, 1950, when Dr Blattner died at the age of ninety-two. Dr. Blattner was truly a great man. We pay our added tribute not only to his memory but to the respect that we hold for him and for the service that he rendered to the deaf, which will endure forever. He always wanted others to share whatever he owned. He looked to God for all he needed to help him carry on--for solace in his sorrow and courage in the dawn--because he want to be with Him for all eternity.



DR. JOHN WILLIAM BLATTNER

From The TOWERS of 1940

Mr. E. R. Wright, the Superintendent of TSD



MR. WRIGHT . . EMMA RUTH . . MRS. WRIGHT

E. R. Wright, son of deaf parents, was born and reared on farm in Trinity County, Texas. After completing high school he entered Sam Houston State Teachers College, where he majored in Government and Sociology and received his B. S. degree in 1935. After the time he received his degree he was granted certificate to teach in all schools in Texas. In 1938 he was elected by the people of the 29th District to represent them in the Legislature and served during the long season in 1939 at which time he tendered his resignation to accept position as Superintendent of The Texas School for the Deaf. Mr. Wright's mother is an ex-student of The Texas School for the Deaf, having entered the school in 1884.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 4, 2007, (Tuesday)

Postive Interaction Program (PIP) will celebrate 20TH Anniversary and will be at Chevron Building at Downtown. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX., and then will ride on bus and van. Let Evelyn Autry know if you plan to go first.

September 7, 2007 (Friday)

"Old Faithful No 81 Folks" will have luncheon from 11 AM to 3 PM at Golden Corral Resturant.

September 7, 2007 (Friday)

ASL Social will be at Incredible Pizza at 5950 Fairmont Pwy, Pasadena TX 77505 from 3pm to 9pm. Any questions please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@houston.rr.com. or www.aslsocial.net.

September 12, 2007 (Wednesday)

Houston Deaf Senior will have a regular business meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center (WGARC), formerly Metropolitan Multi-Service Center (MMSC) at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 from 9 AM to 1 PM.

September 14, 2007

Houston Deaf Senior will have a field trip to Gonzales TX. More details contact the field trip committee, Gertie Sessions VP 281-447-7575 or Julie Spauling VP 291-445-1072. We will meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX. at 6:30am. The bus will leave at 7am. Hope you can join us.

September 14, 2007 (Friday)

Houston HandTalk is to be held at Galleria Mall at Food Court on 5085 Westhemier Road in Houston, TX 77056 Contact Roger Spivey for more details. HoustonHandTalk@Yahoogroups.com. Always start in 5pm to 9pm.

September 20, 2007 (Thursday)

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a fellowship and potluck at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 9920 Long Point Rd from 9 AM to 1PM. If you wish to bring a covered dish, please contact Evelyn Autry at 713-984-8186 TTY or Nancy Krone at 281-565-8614 TTY and let them know what you will bring.

September 21, 2007 (Friday)

ASL Social will be Prince's Hamburger at 11406 Fuqua, Houston TX, 77069.at 3pm to 9pm. Any question please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@houston.rr.com or www.aslsocial.net.

September 26, 2007 (Wednesday)

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a social meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center (WGARC), 1475 West Gray, Houston from 9AM to 1 PM. Contact Pasty Walker, our chairwoman social committee for more information.

From Zelma Curbello of HDST Love Fund

Love Fund from Betty Telfer, Carl & Delma Long and Menefee Holdren

From Audrey Leger of HDST Newsletter Fund

Reopening Subscriber: Welcome back subscriber (now new SC member), Robert F. Stevens

Renewal Subscribers: Thank you for renewal: Patricia Bussard, Dolores Cordova, Ray M. Dean, Jr, Larry & Sherrian Fewell, Mary Graves, Shirley Jackson, Nancy Krone, Garcia Lorello. Antonia C. Pitre, L. V. Thornton, Miriam Thumann, Rose Warchasick and Loyd & Dorisgean Williams.

Anyone who wishes to donate \$\$\$ to LOVE FUND or HDST NEWSLETTER FUND should please make a check or money order payable either to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens - Love Fund (or) HDST Newsletter Fund. And mail to

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(Front row left to right) Melba Damron, Barbara Slaton, Rose Stoffels, Madeline Robison, Herman Pekar, Elizabeth Melguin, Miriam Bredahl, (second row) Florence Ziegler, Mary Boozikee, Jackie Ragsdale, Maxine Wright, Lavern Carlson, Kathryn Caldcleugh, Mollie Ann Long, (third row) Charles Meligum, Charles Messidine, J. T. Jacobs, Roger Pendergras, Donald Sowell, Rubin Sims, (fourth row) James Penny, William Buchanan, Travis Sessions, Lewis Stovall, Harry Richard, Larry Harmon, Max Floyd



(first row l to r) Paula Ann Houghton, Joleta French, Elaine Weimann, Beverly Fair, Pauline Dudley, Barbara Johnson, Delores Martnez, Odis Trotter. (second row l to r) Billie Grace Reid, Gertrude Kasper, Richard Duncan, J.C Morris, Billie Simmons, Dorothy Krystyniak, Sammy Lane. (third row l to r) Darlene Tyler, Charlene Aaron, Sammy Derstine, Glen Thrasher, Jeanette Fitch (fourth row l to r) Billie Jean Graham, Jewell Melugin, Betty Jane Lewter, Eileen Kennedy, Virginia Andrews, Billy Gumm, Minnie Lee Holst. (fifth row l to r) Beverly Wilson, Xavier Montalvo, Dick Bell, Carolyn Rose, Howard Busby, Gus Curbello. (sixth row l to r) Mr. Jack Hensley, Mrs. Peggy Mitchell, Mr. Robert L. Davis, Mr. Will Rogers.

Top Picture of 1949 Sophomore Class-- Middle Picture 1949 Freshman Class Bottom Picture 1952 Junior Class



JENNIE LEE ROACH
Sophomore
Apple Springs, Texas



MELVIN HOFFMAN
Senior
Waco, Texas



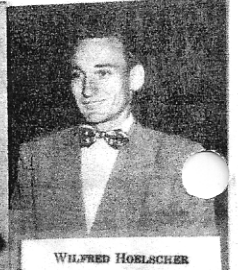
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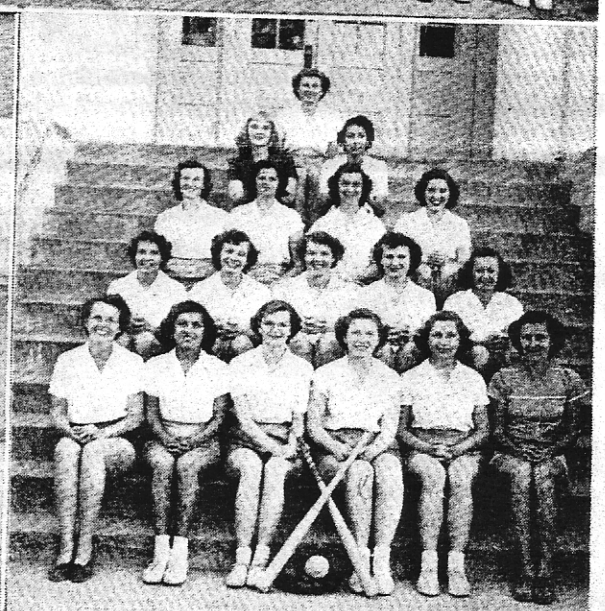
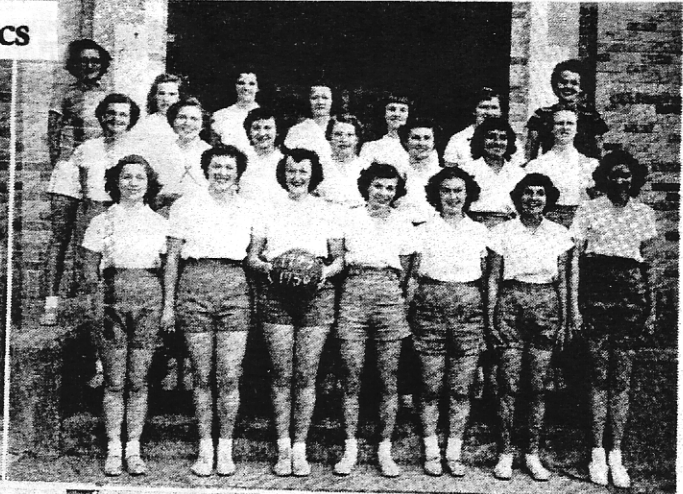


ZELMA SIDES
All Around Girl



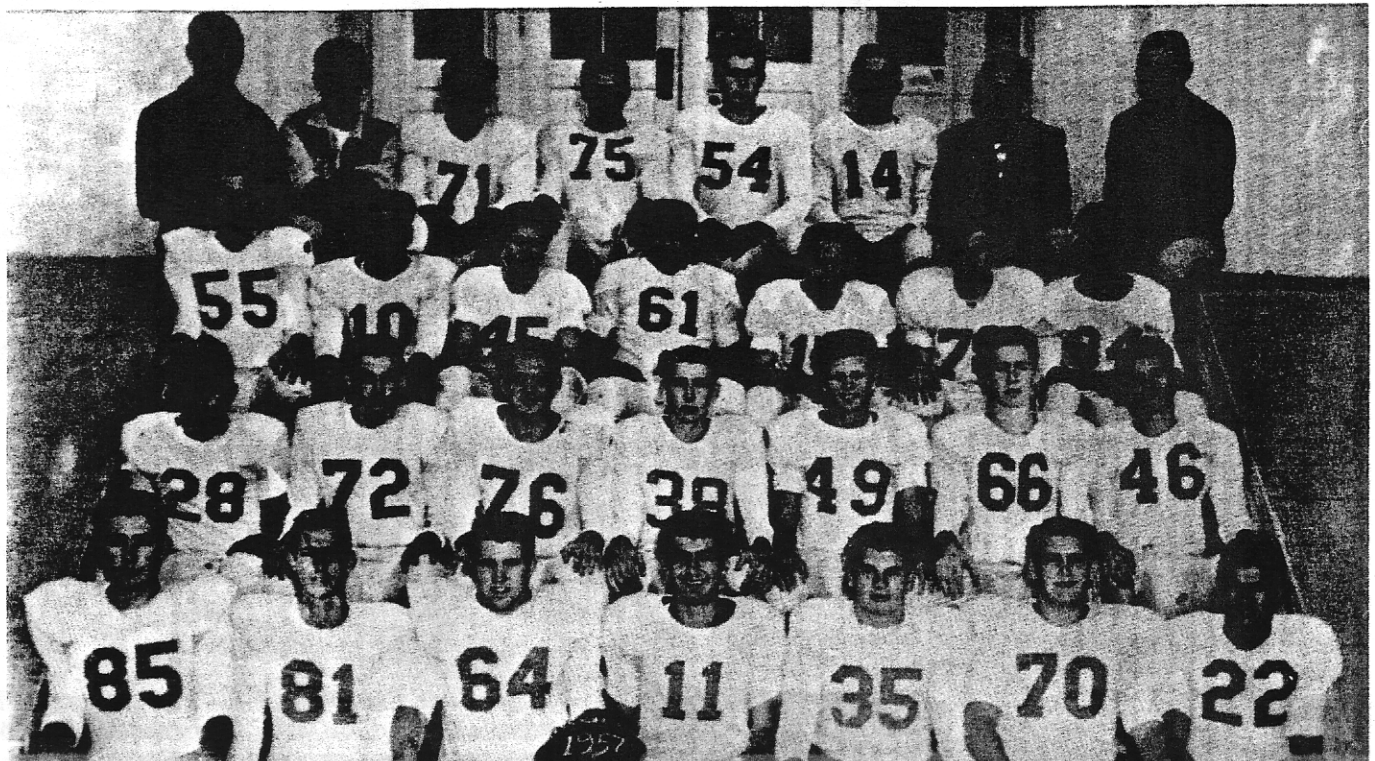
WILFRED HOBSCHER
All Around Boy

Girls' Athletics



SPORTS NEWS

1957 - T.S.D. RANGERS - NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Front row (left to right): Robert Whitworth, Monty Frazier, Roger Spivey, Rey Cavazos, Jerry Smith, Edwin Easley, John Carrillo. Second row: Simon Capetillo, Willie Broussard, Glen Crager, Joe Harrington, Phillip Bushnog, James Bardsley, Alfred Wagner. Third row: Dwain Dube, Sammy Maskill, Greddie Ricklefsen, George Aguilar, Kenneth Keith, Raymond Chandler, Arturo Cervantes, Fourth row: Mgr. John Martz, Ronnie Williams, Calvin Adams, Larry Flanagan, Jimmy Jackson, Head Coach Raymond Butler, Ass't Coach Bert Poss. Not in picture: Sammy Oates, Robert Powell.

In 1953 the name "Silents" was change to "Rangers" Ten years later T.S.D. Ranger was named Football National Champions again. Rangers won 7 games and lost 1. Led by Sammy Oates and the team lost to Sacred Heart by a score of 20 to 19 in a play-off contest.

Fun Facts

From The History of the Texas School for the Deaf Football by Thomas E. Withrow, Jr and Richard Norton

Most Rushing Yards--Career Sammy Oates 516 carries --- 55 touchdowns -- 4,433 yds
 Most Rushing Yards--Season Sammy Oates 181 carries, 12 touchdowns in 1955 -- 1,1514 yards
 Most Rushing Touchdowns --a game-- Sammy Oates 6 tds.11 carries/218 yds-- St Edwards ACA, 1956
 Most Rushing TD -- Career -- Sammy Oates 55 tds -- 1954-1957 (4 years)
 Longest Pass: 89 yds touchdown -- Sammy Oates to Ray Cavuzon: vs S.M.A., 1957

Most Passing Yards -- Career

Jackie Newman --1,664 yds--68.4% passing (104/152), 13 tds, 1953
 Aaron Trotter --1,573 yds --33% passing, 17 tds, 1984-86
 Sammy Oates --1,473 yds--42.3% passing, 24 tds, 1954,56-57

Most Passing Touchdowns -- Career

31 Passing tds -- 1954-57 --Sammy Oates
 22 Passing tds -- 1943-47 --Lee Montez

1957 - TSD RANGERS		
we		they
40	MANOR	0
32	T.M.I.	24
38	ST. MARY'S	6
45	ST. JOSEPH'S	13
0	ST. EDWARD'S	24
32	SAN MARCOS	6
26	SHINER	21
14	SACRED HEART	13
227		107
7 WINS - 1 LOSSES		
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP		
19	LANIER	20
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS		

SWAAD BASKETBALL'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS AND ALL-STARS

From 1948 to 1959

Compiled by Jerry Dartez, Hall-Of-Fame Director

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



Lee Montez,



Beaty.



J. L. Jackson,



Clyde Nutt.



Fair

Year	Players	Club
1948	Lee Montez	Houston
1949	Wallis Beaty	Jackson
1950	Wallis Beaty	Little Rock
1951	John L. Jackson	Little Rock
1952	Clyde Nutt	Little Rock
1953	James Fair	Houston
1954	NO AWARD	
1955	John L. Jackson	Little Rock
1956	John L. Jackson	Little Rock
1957	John L. Jackson	Little Rock
1958	NO AWARD	
1959	Melvin Crowley	Alexandria

FIRST TEAM ALL-TOURNAMENT

<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
Lee Montez, Houston Gene Harkness, Houston Wesley Stone, Houston Robert Steed, Little Rock William Fields, Little Rock	Jack Owens, Little Rock Lee Montez, Houston James Fair, Houston John Jackson, Little Rock Wallis Beaty, Little Rock	Clyde Nutt, Little Rock Wallis Beaty, Little Rock John Jackson, Little Rock Lee Montez, Houston James Fair, Houston	John Jackson, Little Rock Clyde Nutt, Little Rock James Jackson, Jackson James Fair, Houston Lee Montez, Houston
<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Clyde Nutt, Little Rock James Fair, Little Rock Bobby Hallmark, Dallas Lewis Stovall, Dallas Maxwell Mercer, Little Rock	Clyde Nutt, Little Rock Jodie Passmore, Little Rock Bobby Hallmark, Dallas John Jackson, Little Rock James Fair, Houston	Clyde Nutt, Little Rock John Jackson, Little Rock Bobby Hallmark, Lubbock Ray Dean, Dallas Billy Gumm, Dallas	Houston Nutt, Little Rock Clyde Nutt, Little Rock John Jackson, Little Rock Bobby Hallmark, Dallas Billy Gumm, Dallas
<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
Clyde Nutt, Little Rock Robert Wood, Dallas Truitt Saunders, Dallas Emelio Salinas, San Antonio Fay Nutt, Little Rock	Houston Nutt, Little Rock Clyde Nutt, Little Rock Emelio Salinas, San Antonio John Jackson, Little Rock Howard Morgeson, Houston	Clyde Nutt, Little Rock John Jackson, Little Rock Grainsville Jackson, Tulsa Billy Gumm, Dallas Joesph Russell, Jackson	Clyde Nutt, Little Rock Houston Nutt, Little Rock Billy Gumm, Dallas Melvin Crowley, Alexandria Elton Ford, Houston

Football National Championship Teams: 1941, 1942, 1943, 1947, 1957, and 1986

Football All-Americans from 1948 to 1957

1949 Andrew Backham, Guard 2nd team	1949 Nimm Shelton, Back 2nd team
1949, LM- 1950, B- 1951, LB- J. T. Jacobs, Defense Team	
1952 Weldon Seely, LB Defense Team	1952 Burfold Mathis, Fullback, Special Mention
1952 Emelio Salinas, Fullback, Special Mention	1953 Royce Burdette, End 2nd Team
Sammy Oates 1954 Back, 2nd Team --1955 B, 2nd Team --1956 B, 1st Team --1957 B, 1st Team	
1953 Jackie Newman, QB, Special Mention	1954 Kenneth Milner, Tackle, 3rd Team
1954 Mario Montalvo, Center, 3rd Team	1954 Roberto Garcia, Guard, Honor Mention
1955 Jimmy Brooks, Guard 1st Team	1955 Charles Pinkard, End, 3rd Team
1955-1966--1957 Jerry Smith, B, Special Mention	1955 Jor Cervenka, End, Honor Mention
1955 Jerrel Quinn, End, Honor Mention	1955 Gary Coleman, Tackle, Honor Mention
1955 Curtis Robinson, Tackle, Honor Mention	1955 Willis Qualls, Guard, Honor Mention
1956 Larry Smith, Guard, 2nd Team	1957 Roger Spivey, Guard, 1st Team
1957 George Aguilar, Guard Honor Mention	1957 Monty Frazier, End, Honor Mention

OBITUARY



Myrtle Hornsby Callan, the oldest living members of the Hornsby family, dies Thursday morning at her home in Austin. She was 105. She taught at the Texas School for the Deaf. Her career there lasted 30 years. Callan was buried in Hornsby Cemetery, the graveyard where more than 360 Hornsby descendents are buried, including National League baseball great Rogers Hornsby.



HAROLD LLOYD HEBERT, 80, of Port Arthur passed away on Friday, August 3, 2007 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services was held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 7, 2007 in the chapel of Broussard's in Nederland.

Lloyd was born in Baytown, TX and raised in Port Neches by the Neches River. He graduated from the School for the Deaf in Austin. Lloyd moved to Enumclaw, WA, where he lived for 35 years raising cattle and owning his own body shop. Lloyd loved hunting and fishing. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert "Bob" Hebert. Mr.

Hebert is survived by his wife of twelve and a half years, Jane Norris Hebert of Port Arthur,

daughters, Betsy Dominique of Arkansas, Brenda O'Keefe of Alabama; Sisters, Patty Kasper and husband J.C. of Wimberley, TX, and Jackie Burnett of Port Neches, brother, H.C. Hebert and wife Edith of Port Neches; several grandchildren, stepsons, Randy Philpott, Ricky Philpott and wife Elaine, Clarence Philpott and wife Lori, Mark Philpott and wife Babette, sister-in-law, Ethel Felder; and a host of other relatives and friends.

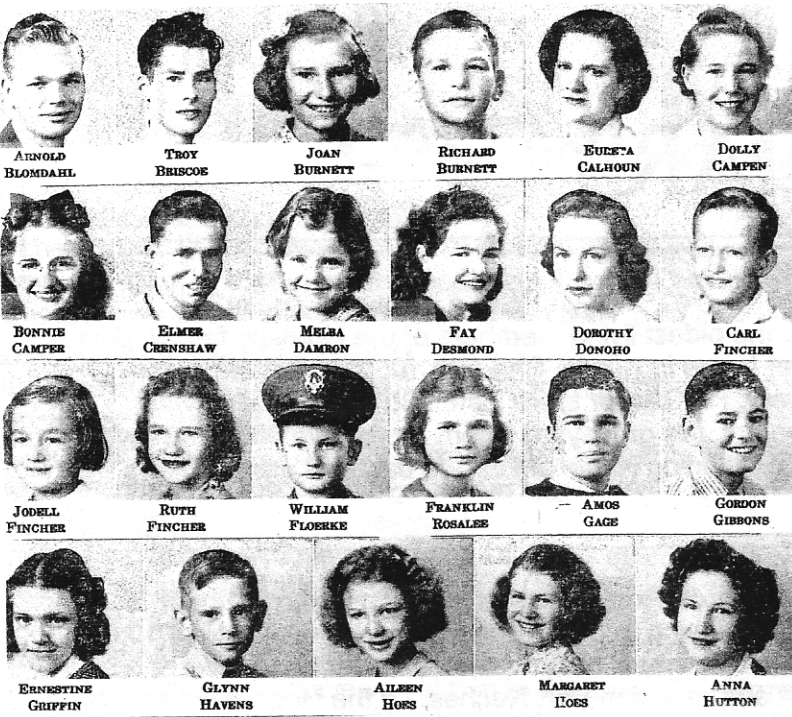


FRED LEE CLIFTON, 63, passed away on August 3, 2007, at Clear Lake Hospital. He was born on September 24, 1943, in Houston, TX to parents Freddie Lee and LaRue (Childers) Clifton. Fred attended the Texas School for the Deaf, graduating in 1963. He attended Lee College, earning his Associates Degree in Technology and majoring in Electronics on May 21, 1971. Fred was a senior audio/electrical technician and developed communication equipment for the NASA space program. Fred was a hard-working man, a devoted father, and a loyal friend. He was preceded in death by parents Freddie Lee and LaRue (Childers) Clifton, sister Betty Dean and many aunt and uncles. He is survived by his sons, Paul Clifton (wife Lea) and Peter Clifton

(wife Celina); his brothers Mike Clifton (wife Cynthia) and Jack Clifton; his grandchildren Lauren Clifton, Catherine Clifton and Avery Clifton; his nieces and nephews Jacqueline Clifton, Samuel Clifton, Diana Creighton (husband Greg), Kristy Dean, and Jennifer Bell (husband Wayne); his great nieces and nephews Sharon Creighton, Brynne Clifton, Brooke Clifton and Thaddeus Bell. A memorial was held at South Park Funeral Home, 1310 North Main Street, Pearland, TX 77581 at 1:00 p.m Thursday, August 9, 2007.

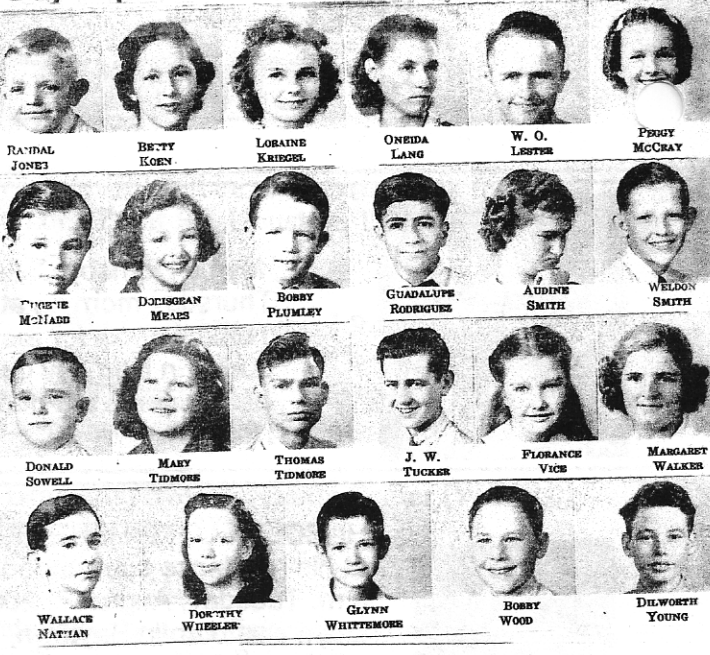
WILBERT VERNON FAIR, 69, passed away on August 11, 2007 in Lubbock, TX parents of Richard and LeeOra Fair. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Jerri. He is survived by his only daughter Rita and husband Billy and his 2 sons Chris and Kevin; his brothers Richard Lee Fair (wife Patricia Beadles) James Dean Fair (Lavern Carlson) sisters; Margaret (Eyrich) Beverly (Fair) Duncan and Evelyn Prophet. His graveside service was at Resthaven Memorial Park, Lubbock, TX. at 9:30 a.m., August 14, 2007,

1940



ARNOLD BLONDAHL TROY BRISCOE JOAN BURNETT RICHARD BURNETT EURETA CALHOUN DOLLY CAMPEN
 BONNIE CAMPER ELMER CRENSHAW MELBA DAMRON FAY DESMOND DOROTHY DONOHO CARL FINCHER
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