



PORT LAVACA



LADISLAV "LADDIE" BENES

PORT LAVACA - Ladislav "Laddie" Benes, 85, of Port Lavaca, passed away October 20, 2012. He was born June 28, 1927 to the late Bendrick and Mary Sary Benes in Shiner, Texas. Laddie was a business owner of Texaco Gas Station for many years and a catholic.

In Volume Two/1978 in The Texaco Marketer Magazine a section called "Earning Their Trust", a woman submitted a small paragraph praising Laddie and his Texaco Station."I just wanted to write a word of praise to you about Laddie B. Benes' Texaco station in Port Lavaca, Tex. He is always courteous and helpful. He washes the windshield and checks under the hood and the tires without being asked. And he tells you if he sees anything wrong, which really means a lot to a woman. I think you should be proud to have him for a 'Texaco man.'"

Laddie is survived by his wife of 67 years, Grace Trevino Benes, son; Randy Patrick Benes, daughter-in-law; Judy Benes, grandchildren; Carrie Benes Blanton and husband Craig, John Benes and wife Sarah and Steven Franco, great-grandchildren; Amanda, Tyler, Hayley and Bryce Blanton and Sierra Bradley. He was preceded in death by his parents, son; Ronald David Benes and daughter; Judy Ann Benes Franco. Honorary pallbearers will be David Smith, Craig Blanton, Tyler Blanton, John Benes, John Durham, Mark Barefoot, Bill Swope and Terry Blevins.

Laddie Benes' Texaco Station was a Port Lavaca landmark for many years. Each time I pass the location I imagine Laddie's ominous shadow moving from customer to customer conversing with each and tending their vehicles while simultaneously directing the activities in the grease rack and office areas. He was larger than life and a celebrated citizen of Port Lavaca's past. Rest in peace Laddie.....Tom Batts, Cuero, Texas.



Ronnie Benes 57

Ronnie Benes, 57, of Victoria, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004.

He was born March 8, 1947, in Pittsburg, Calif., to Laddie and Grace Trevino Benes of Port Lavaca. He was the owner of Ronnie's Speed Shop and was a long-haul driver. He was head mechanic for John and Judy Clegg's race car and worked for Clegg Industries.

Survivors: wife, Judy Hamilton Benes; daughter, Carrie Benes Blanton of Victoria; son, John Benes of Gonzales; sister, Judy Franco of San Antonio; brother, Randy Benes of Victoria; and three grandchildren.

A rosary was recited 7 p.m. Friday.

Visitation was 9 p.m. Friday.

Private family services will be held, Paul Orosco officiating. Colonial Funeral Home, Victoria, 361-578-3535.

Pallbearers: John Clegg, David Ricks, Duane Mullenix, Craig Blanton, Laura L. Benes, and Tyler Blanton.

Honorary pallbearers: Godfred Berger Jr., Rick Fredericks, Albert Ruiz, Mike Kendrick, Mark Gregurek, Jimmy Casal, and Bill Tumlinson.

Memorials: American Liver Foundation, South Texas Chapter, 2425 West Loop South, Suite 660, Houston, Texas 77027-4207, or Organ Donation, UTMB, 301 University Blvd., Galveston, Texas 77555-1008

Judy Benes Franco 57

Mrs. Judy Benes Franco, a woman with a brave and adventurous spirit passed away in San Antonio on June 29, 2006 at the age of fifty-seven. She was born on October 24, 1948 in Raymondville, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her husband Sam Franco, her brother Ronnie D. Benes and by her mother-in-law Mary Franco. She is survived by her son Steven Franco and his fiancée Angie Garcia; parents Mr. and Mrs. Laddie B. and Grace Benes of Port Lavaca, Texas; brother Randy P. Benes and his wife Laura of Victoria, Texas; nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and by her beloved dog Oscar.

Judy was raised in Port Lavaca, Texas where she graduated from Calhoun High in 1966. She is a 1969 graduate of Texas State University. For over thirty-three years she touched countless lives as a teacher with the Harlandale and Southwest Independent School Districts.

Mrs. Franco's family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Castillo Mission Funeral Home on Monday, July 3, 2006. A rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home where services will conclude.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Vitas Hospice at 8109 Fredericksburg Road or to the Steven Franco education fund. Services are under the direction of Castillo Mission Funeral Home.