Obituaries

Cecilia Olivarez Cortez

Cecilia Olivarez Cortez, 62, of Kingsville, died Jan. 27, 2018 in Kingsville. She was born on June 10, 1955 in Kingsville, to Salomon and Julia Zapata.

She was a retired caregiver.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Grace and Julia Zapata; her fiancé, Juan Salomon; and her sister, Elena Chapa Garza.

She is survived by her husband, Juan Gamez of Kingsville; one daughter, Elena Chapa Garza (Danny) of Corpus Christi; 12 grandchildren; 17 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be at a later date.

Cecilia Olivarez Cortez

Matiana Chapa Randolph

Matiana Chapa Randolph, 62, of Kingsville, died Jan. 28, 2018 in Magnolia.

She was born Nov. 3, 1955 to Louis and Marcella Villezuela Chapa of Kingsville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jose Randolph; her parents; a brother, Alfredo Cortez of Kingsville; her aunts, Juanita Trevino Chapa of Kingsville and Lori Randolph Marshall of Corpus Christi; her four children, Luis Chapa, Randy Randolph, Manuel Cortez and John Randolph; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

Matiana Chapa Randolph

Celia Gamez Garza

Celia Gamez Garza, 77, of Kingsville, died Jan. 25, 2018 with her family by her side.

She was born on Friday, Nov. 29, 1940 in Alfred, to Juan and Jacoba (Deanda) Cortez.

She was preceded by her parents and five siblings.

She is survived by her husband, Jean Gamuz and sisters, Delia Aguilar, Sylvia Barba, and Margaret Salazar.

Services will include a rosary followed by a religious service at El Templo Betel Assembly of God Church, with burial in Retama Park Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or in the name of Matiana Randolph.

A Rosary and Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Funeral services for Celia Gamez Garza will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Ramon Flores


He was preceded in death by his parents and his fiancé, Gracie Flores.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa Flores of Three Rivers; three daughters, Vicky Arcos (Rick), Mary Ann (Flores) Bautista (Kelly) and Tonya Flores of Montgomery, Ala.; two sons, Ramon Flores (Coria) of Kingsville and Ramon Flores Jr. of Port Isabel; and four children, David Flores, Tony Flores, Juan Flores and Victoria Flores.

Ramon Flores

Foundation accepting scholarship applications through March 1

Submitted Item

The Coastal Bend Community Foundation recently announced the opening for submission of online scholarship applications effective through March 1, 2018.

Students are encouraged to visit the foundation’s website at www.cbcfoundation.org and click on “CBC Scholarships Application.” Students from the foundation’s seven-county service area of Aransas, Bee, Calhoun, Coke, Film and Nueces counties are eligible to apply.

CFC currently administers over 100 scholarships, awarded more than $453,200 in scholarships in 2017. Students who submit a single online CBCF scholarship application will be considered for all of nearly 50 scholarships using this application process.

They are also encouraged to review and apply for any of the other more than 50 scholarships, available as online scholarships. Each of these scholarships has specific application requirements and paper applications identified on the website.

For more information about college scholarships and other CBCF initiatives, visit the website at www.cbcfoundation.org, or call Nicole Ross, Program Director, at (361) 882-9740.