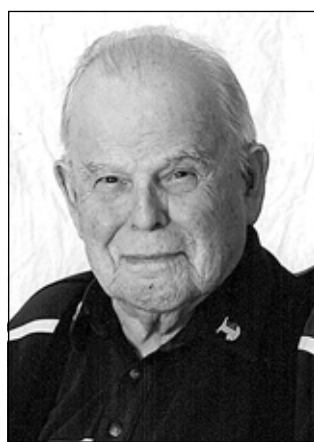


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John G. Mavris

John G. Mavris of Lake Jackson, Texas, passed away Saturday, June 7, 2014. He was born in Beggs, Oklahoma, on August 3, 1920 to George Mavris and Ada Diles Mavris. He grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and graduated from Tulsa Central High School. He attended The University of Tulsa until he joined the Army in 1942. He served in the Philippines during the Asiatic Pacific Campaign of WW II. He was honorably discharged in 1946 as a First Lieutenant. John then joined the US Army Reserves and ultimately attained the rank of Full "Bull" Colonel. He graduated from "The Command and General Staff College of The US Army" in June, 1965. He spent many weekends and summer weeks teaching military classes for the Reserves. He received the "Meritorious Service Medal" when he retired from the Reserves.

John married Mildred Smith Bates in 1946 in Independence, Kansas. Mildred was a widow with a young son and daughter. John loved the children as his own and they loved him as the only Father they ever really knew. They made their home in Tulsa, Oklahoma, until he and Mildred moved



to Lake Jackson in 1996 to be near family.

John worked for the Southwestern Power Administration for over 30 years until he retired. In addition, he and Mildred owned and operated Mecca Coffee Company for several of those years.

John was a long-time member of the Baptist Church. He served as a Deacon at Memorial Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma where he cared for the needs of several widows and participated in mission trips. He is a member of First Baptist Church Lake Jackson.

John and Mildred enjoyed travelling all over the United States and abroad. They visited all 50 states and all continents except Australia. They generously took their daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren

on many of their travels and literally showed them the world. Since his father emigrated from Greece, his most meaningful trip was to take grandchildren to visit his relatives in Greece.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Mavris; mother, Ada Mavris; brother, Nick Mavris; sister, Helen Mavris Katapodis; son, Bernard Bates; and daughter, Billie Bates Cole. He is survived by son-in-law, Marvin Cole of Lake Jackson; Granddaughter, Diana Cole Henderson; Grandson, Steven Cole; Grandson, Michael L. Cole; and Great Grandchildren Rebecca Henderson Seekatz, Rachael Henderson,

Caroline Henderson, Michael R. Cole, Jennifer Cole, Sydni Spradling, Ty Spradling, John Cole, Makayla Cole, and Bethany Cole.

A celebration of life will be held at First Baptist Church Lake Jackson on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation is scheduled at the church at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dignity
Restwood
Funeral Home & Memorial Park
979-297-2121
1038 W. Plantation Dr.
Condolences may be offered at www.restwoodfuneralhome.com

Ascend

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to put it in your calendar."

Ascend, based in Houston, has five plant locations throughout the Southeast. It manufactures polyamide raw white and dyed fibers and filaments for textile and carpet yarn applications.

By the end of the work day Thursday, the team almost doubled the initial amount of money and was able to help the Brazoria County Women's Center, a local family and the animal shelter in Alvin.

"It was highly impactful, it was amazing to me to watch," said Hudson, one of the five team members from the Chocolate Bayou plant. "No one on the team knew they were being selected. We had worked around each other, but didn't really know each other, we had just a casual working relationship."

The team started the day brainstorming what to do with the money.

"The initial idea was we may be able to feed 10 different families at some level," Hudson said.

The team began calling grocery stores to see what kind of help they could receive to stretch their money, Hudson said. One store said they would have to go through a corporate process, while another offered a discount.

On the way to the latter store, Hudson realized they would drive by the H-E-B

Pantry store in Alvin.

"I said, 'Why don't we just stop by and see if they can do anything?'" Hudson said.

The manager of the H-E-B told the Chocolate Bayou team he could give them \$150 in groceries on the spot.

The team did some quick calculation, found that was a better deal than the other store's discount, and began shopping. While shopping, the team called the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office to see if the department has the names of any families in need.

The Sheriff's Office recommended helping the Brazoria County Women's Center, and the team went to work.

While that was happening, the H-E-B store manager contacted the corporate office and asked if there was anything more that could be done to help the team.

"About 45 minutes to an hour later, the manager came back and said, 'Look, you're not going to believe this, but they have offered \$650 to your group,'" Hudson said. "We were just blown away, I was flabbergasted."

Not only was the team able to donate quite a bit of food to the women's shelter, the donation included more expensive household items such as laundry detergent and fabric softener, Hudson said.

"Because of their gifts, it allowed us to get other items that were on the

women's shelter website," Hudson said.

Women's shelter representatives also mentioned the need for a small refrigerator.

"We were needing a small refrigerator. We keep some of our residents that stay at the shelter's medicine in there," shelter Executive Director David Moore said. "Ours had recently gone out."

While on the way to deliver food, the Chocolate Bayou team stopped at Walmart in Alvin.

"We showed it to an associate and they made the agreement to give us the dorm-sized refrigerator," Hudson said.

The Women's Shelter depends quite a bit on donations from the community, but this was the first of its kind, Moore said.

"It was impressive, the whole effort for it was impressive," Moore said. "It makes a huge impact for us, just the cost of feeding and housing. We depend on people like this in the county."

Through Alvin ISD, the team learned about a family in need and was able to donate some food and money for bills, Hudson said.

With its remaining money, the team bought \$200 worth of pet food for the Alvin animal shelter and donated \$200 to sponsor future adoptions.

"In a nutshell, it was one of the highlight days of my life," Hudson said.

Wilma Marion Holtz Jennings

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Wilma Marion Holtz Jennings, 87, passed away on Friday morning, June 6, 2014 in Sweeny, TX after a long illness. Formerly from Pasadena, TX, Wilma would have been 88 on June 14th. She was born on Flag Day--June 14, 1926 in Pueblo, Colorado. Wilma is preceded in death by her spouse, Rev. Richard Jennings; parents—Thelma Payne Holtz and William F. Holtz; and brothers, Robert and Harold Holtz. She is survived by her caregiver and loving daughter, Thelma Jennings Buchanan and husband, Don; two sons, Richard William Jennings and wife, Barbara, and Robert Allen Jennings. She is also survived by her sister, Jane Courtney and spouse, Rev. Don Courtney; and brother, Richard Holtz and wife, Jane. There are



eight grandchildren, Anjie Jennings, Rev. Nathan Buchanan and wife, Kayla, Rev. Jason Jennings and wife, Keely, Aaron Buchanan, Melissa Buchanan Huffman, Amanda Jennings, Greg Jennings and wife, and William Jennings. There are 15 great grandchildren, Christopher Jennings, Elaina, Kate and Olivia Buchanan, Kirsten, Jacey Kate, and Kensley Jennings, Ariana and Ciara Buchanan, Gavin Buchanan,

Mia, Joshua Cain and Abby Huffman, Mayhann Jennings, and Forrest Wade Jennings. Wilma loved the Lord, her family, church, and her country. She was a retired LPN and avid health advocate. In 1981, she was ordained as a lay minister at Faith Temple Church in Pasadena. She was a faithful member of Full Gospel Lighthouse in Sweeny, TX. She was "a giver" and is with our Lord... "Do not weep for me—I am not here!" In lieu of usual remembrances, memorial donations in honor of Wilma may be mailed to the Full Gospel Lighthouse, 701 Brockman, Sweeny, TX 77480. Funeral service will be at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2014, in the chapel of Grand View Funeral Home, 8501 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena, TX with Receiving of Friends at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Grand View Memorial Park—adjacent to the funeral home.

James Lewis Jones II

James (Jim) L. Jones II was born March 31, 1962 to James L. Jones and Ruby Faye Farmer, in Sinton, TX. His parents divorced when he was 2 years old. He lived in Ingleside, TX, until he was 13 years. His dad married again and the family moved to Lake Jackson in July 1976. Jim attended Brazosport Schools and

graduated in 1980.

He married Mary Salinas in 1986 and they had two children, a boy and girl. After ten years of marriage they divorced and Jim never remarried. He lived with his parents and did odd jobs.

Jim was a very good craftsman. He was a carpenter and a lot of the homes in this area he helped build.

He is survived by his parents, James and Dorothy Jones, of Richwood; son, James Lewis III and wife, of Lake Jackson; daughter, Miranda, of Spring; one granddaughter; and two grandsons.

His body will be cremated and a memorial will be held later. He went to be with the Lord on June 2, 2014 in Richwood.

Dow

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research," said Mark Weick, director of sustainability programs for Dow. "But for this to become something that is an emission control, everyone needs to know it works."

Many plants, and especially trees, capture pollution naturally when it hits their leaves. Trees with the biggest leaves and the widest canopies capture the most pollutants, especially nitrogen oxide, a common byproduct of combustion that can irritate lungs and contributes to the formation of ground-level ozone. The reforestation proposal imagines emissions from Dow's largest North American factory drifting downwind into the trees near Freeport.

Dow and the Nature Conservancy began a six-year, \$10 million collaboration in 2011, when they came together to look at ways natural resources could be used to save the company money.

After reading an obscure notation by the federal Environmental Protection Agency that suggested reforestation could improve air quality, the two groups decided to research how the idea might work and whether it could be cost-effective.

Scientists used a complex model from the U.S. Forest Service that considers everything from wind patterns to the size of tree leaves and the overall canopy to estimate the air-quality improvements that might come from 1,000 acres of forest.

"The big discovery was that you could combine the traditional infrastructure with reforestation and still meet regulation," said Laura Huffman, the conservancy's director in Texas.

The trees, Huffman said, might not completely replace traditional technology, but they could complement it, allowing factories to use smaller, cheaper equipment.

The research found that over 30 years, a 1,000-acre forest would remove 4 to 7 tons of nitrogen oxide annually, said Timm Kroeger, a senior environmental economist with the conservancy. A traditional mechanical "scrubber" removes about 50 to 70 tons annually.

So a 10,000-acre forest equals one average industrial scrubber, he explained. And in this part of Texas, where open land is ample, reforestation is within reach.

The cost of the project not including the land would be about the same as using traditional forms

of pollution control, Weick said.

Organizers hope to work with a landowner interested in reforestation, probably with help from conservation tax credits. Or the Nature Conservancy or the federal government would buy the land and give it to Dow free of charge.

A recent progress report determined the cost of cleaning a ton of nitrogen oxide through reforestation was \$2,400 to \$4,000, compared with \$2,500 to \$5,000 using traditional equipment.

The research is still being reviewed by other scientists. And before any formal plan could be adopted, it would have to win approval from state and federal regulators, who would require any pollution-cleansing method to be quantifiable and enforceable.

Even if it wins broad support, the plan won't be approved anytime soon. In Texas, it can take up to four years to change clean-air rules. And that's before any proposal moves up to the EPA.

As he looked out over land ripe for reforestation, Jeff Wiegel, the conservancy's director of strategic initiatives in Texas, was realistic about the pace of progress.

"It's a long road toward that," he said.

Brazoria

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from the firm about how much it would cost and how long it would take to pay off a bond to build a water park. He said that information will be helpful in making a decision on whether to move forward with the issue.

A 2012 report commissioned by the city set the price tag to install a water park with all the amenities it envisioned at about \$9.4 million, and such a park would not generate enough revenue to cover its debt service. Officials agreed then it would be best to start small with the basics, wanting to spend only about \$6 million, then

expand it if warranted.

The proposed site for the water park wouldn't cost the city anything. Brazoria First Assembly church has agreed to donate a 35-acre site on Highway 36 across from McCoy's if the project goes through.

The meeting will be at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 201 S. Main St. For information, call 979-798-2489.

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This event will be hosted by the Lake Jackson TEA Party at

The Lake Jackson Library
Tuesday, June 10, 2014
From 6:00pm to 8:30 pm
Contact: Vic Wade 979-415-4859

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BRAZORIA COUNTY WEATHER

TODAY: 88
50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny.

TONIGHT: 75
Partly cloudy. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

WEDNESDAY: 89/78
Mostly sunny. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

THURSDAY: 90/78
Partly sunny; rain possible overnight.

HIGH/LOW Yesterday: 87/81

Averages: 88/75

Records: 93 (1985)/64 (1976)

RAINFALL Yesterday: 0.01

Month: 0.10

Year: 13.45

SUN

Sunrise: 6:22 a.m. **Sunset:** 8:20 p.m.

DROUGHT MONITOR

Brazos River flow: 2,920 cuft./sec.
Brazos River level: 7.52 feet
Reservoir levels: 64.7% full

GULF FORECAST

Today: South winds about 15 knots. Seas 3 to 4 feet. Chance of showers and storms.
Tonight: Southwest winds 10 to 15 knots. Seas 2 to 3 feet.

MOON

Moonrise: 5:56 p.m.
Moonset: 4:16 a.m.

Phases

Full: June 13
Last: June 19
New: June 27
First: July 5

TIDES AT FREEPORT

High: 3:32 a.m. (1.7 ft)
Low: 7:55 p.m. (-0.26 ft)

AROUND TEXAS

Temperatures indicate yesterday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Abilene	82	61	.42	Clr
Amarillo	70	54	.40	PCldy
Austin	86	75	.09	Clcy
Brownsville	93	78		Clcy
Dallas-Ft Worth	81	65	.85	PCldy
El Paso	96	74		PCldy
Houston	87	78	.50	Clcy
Lubbock	77	56	.29	Clr
Midland-Odessa	84	61		Clr
San Antonio	89	77	1.18	PCldy

AROUND THE NATION

Temperatures indicate yesterday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Atlanta	88	70		Clcy
Boston	81	67		Clcy
Chicago	78	55		Clcy
Cleveland	72	53		Clcy
Denver	69	44	.05	Clr
Detroit	81	57		Clcy
Indianapolis	74	60		Rain
Las Vegas	106	82		Clr
Little Rock	74	67	1.44	Rain
Los Angeles	76	60		Rain

Memphis	84	67	2.83	Rain
Miami Beach	90	72	.58	Clcy
Nashville	78	65	.32	Rain
New Orleans	90	77		Clcy
New York City	68	63	1.60	Clcy
Philadelphia	82	67	.32	Clcy
Phoenix	110	80		Clr
Pittsburgh	69	61		Clcy
St Louis	78	64		Rain
Salt Lake City	85	58		PCldy
San Francisco	77	58		Clr
Seattle	70	56		Clcy
Washington, D.C.	85	70	.45	Clcy