

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Marie Muehr Dunkerly**

Marie and her family were born in Schulenburg, Texas, and moved to Sugar Land in 1929 when she was 6 years old. Her father John Muehr worked for several companies including Sartartia Dairy. Marie's first husband, Ray Miller, was killed in an auto accident in Greenville, Texas, in 1952. She later married Raymond Dunkerly in 1957. Marie worked for Imperial Sugar Company for twenty years until retiring in 1979. Marie has a terrific memory of people, places and events that occurred in the early years of Sugar Land. She still resides in the house that was built in 1920 and remains a long and faithful member of St. Theresa Catholic Church.

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Marie Muehr Dunkerly died on April 7, 2011. Her obituary may be found at:  
[http://www.tributes.com/obituary/print\\_selections/91203789?type=6](http://www.tributes.com/obituary/print_selections/91203789?type=6)

## Interview Summary

### People (in alphabetical order)

Raymond Anhaiser – played big band music at school dances  
 Miss Blaschke – Aunt  
 Victor Blaschke – Uncle  
 Laura Cooke – best friend  
 Betty & Roy Cordes – Sugar Land business owners  
 Ruby Douglas – best friend  
 Charlie Dierks – first owner of 1920 house  
 Anna Maude Dunkerly – Raymond’s first wife  
 Freddy Dunkerly – Mabel’s brother  
 Harold Dunkerly – brother in law  
 Mabel Dunkerly – sister in law  
 Raymond Dunkerly – Second husband  
 Pete Fendley – cattle owner  
 Lillie Mae Hickey – Imperial Sugar secretary  
 Dr. Dub O. Jenkins – Sugar Land doctor  
 Austin Karr – employed at Credit & Collections  
 Charles Kelly Family  
 Dr. Kuykendall – Sugar Land doctor  
 Nona Laperouse – Post Mistress  
 Mr. Laubach – childhood adult friend  
 Father Bob Matzinger – favorite priest  
 Ray Miller – First husband  
 Alton Muehr – Brother  
 Anna Muehr – Sister  
 John Muehr – Father  
 Leo Muehr – Brother  
 Louis Muehr – Uncle  
 Rosie Derrick Muehr – Mother

Wilbur Muehr – Uncle  
 Father Murray – Priest  
 Mose Norvick – vegetable man  
 Rufus Phillips – employed at Credit & Collections  
 Dr. Quillian – Sugar Land doctor  
 Mr. Scarborough – managed dairy  
 Dr. Slaughter – Sugar Land doctor  
 Myrtle Stahbler – office worker  
 Mr. Steed – Imperial Sugar manager  
 Lucille Terry – best friend  
 Tice Family – neighbors  
 Dr. Wheeler – Sugar Land Dentist  
 Hugh Williams – Imperial Sugar Company President  
 Junior Wirtz – Sugar Land veterinarian  
 Odell Woods – worked for railroad  
 Virg Woolley – Mabel’s husband

### Places / Businesses

Miss Cheaney Beauty Shop  
 Gandy Hotel  
 Hughes Tool Company  
 Imperial Inn Hotel  
 Imperial Sugar Company  
 Knights of Columbus Hall  
 Pike’s Cafe  
 Prickle Hotel  
 St. Theresa Catholic Church  
 Sartartia Dairy  
 Schulenburg  
 Sugarland Industries

## **Events**

Born April 10, 1923 in Schulenburg Texas.

Moved to Sugar Land in 1929 at age 6.

Married Ray Miller in 1941, he died in 1952

Married Raymond Dunkerly in 1957

Miscarried four times

Worked for Mr. Baldwin at the root beer stand and later Pike's Café as a waitress.

Worked for 20 years at Imperial Sugar Company

Retired from that company in 1979