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Abstract: Mary Agnes Miksch

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Born Mary Agnes Kalinec in 1933, Mary Agnes and her husband Leroy were both teachers in Needville ISD. Later Leroy became Superintendent and Mayor of Needville. Although Leroy has now passed, Mary Agnes provides details on meeting Leroy at a dance while he was a student at Texas A&M University; moving to Fort Sill, Oklahoma during his military years; moving to the muddy streets of Needville in 1956 where Leroy started as a biology teacher; buying property and building a house to raise their 3 children; and being actively involved in the community and the Catholic Church. Agnes taught school for 26 years and describes how students respected their teachers and life was much simpler.

Mary Agnes and Leroy were married 51 years before his passing. Because of their activities and enormous contributions to the community, the Leroy Miksch Family Pavilion was dedicated at the KC Hall in Needville. Mary Agnes was taught that we belong to God and we are on loan on this Earth. She is thankful that she had 51 years to share with Leroy.

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Interview Summary

People

Ben Babovec – Rosenberg Mayor
 Mae Goodlich – teacher
 Mrs. Horak – landowner
 Frank Kalinec – father
 Mary Kalinec – mother
 Melvin & Maggie Kettler – friends
 Ollie & Brenda Kunkel – friends
 Dr. Landis – Texas A&M professor
 Beatrice Lehman – friend
 Brett Miksch – grandson
 Cynthia Miksch – daughter
 Leroy Miksch – spouse
 Randy Miksch – son
 Ronnie Miksch – son
 Colonel Stratton – commander at Fort Sill, OK
 Mr. Schroeder – landlord
 Mr. Skrabanek – homebuilder
 W.C. & Karen Todd – farmers
 Delbert Wendt – Needville Mayor

Places/Businesses

Bryan, Texas
 Bryan Air Force Base
 Bryan Business School
 Fort Sill, Oklahoma
 Somerville, Texas
 Texas A&M University
 University of Houston

Events

Mary Agnes was born and raised in Bryan, Texas. She attended school in Bryan including one year of business school.

She and Leroy met at a dance while he was a senior at Texas A&M University. They married in 1953 and moved to Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he served out his military duties.

They moved in 1956 to Needville where Leroy was a biology teacher and later he served as Needville ISD Superintendent. Mary Agnes also taught school for 26 years at Needville ISD.

She and Leroy was actively involved in the community and in church. Leroy was also involved in many service organizations during his lifetime. Because of their dedication to the community people enjoy the Leroy Miksch Family Pavilion at the KC Hall.

Mary Agnes and Leroy were married for 51 years before his passing in 2004. She is grateful that God loaned Leroy to her for those precious years.

Mary Agnes has been a volunteer at OakBend Medical Center for over 20 years and still very active in her church. She also enjoys her 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.