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**ROPE MYERS TO JOUST IN SULPHUR SPRINGS**



Not at the corral gate but at local radio station KSST, I met World Champion Steer Wrestler and Olympic Gold Medalist Rope Myers. He will return to Sulphur Springs in full armor for the Shadow Renaissance Festival and Tournament on the weekend of July 28-29, 2018. During our interview, I learned a lot about Rope, and how nice a tough guy can be.

He and his siblings were aptly labeled with rodeo names. "Butch Myers, my dad, named me Rope, my sister Ty, and my brother Cash because back then, he would rope the calf, tie the calf and win the cash. So we've been doing this a long time. I was very fortunate to win national championships in the rodeo arena and then was able to come back and use that platform to talk to kids about who Jesus is," Rope said. Originally from the Boulder, Colorado area, Rope was raised in Kansas and Texas. He ended a 20-year career of rodeo travel a few years back and began to teach steer wrestling (bulldogging) in clinics, online and most recently at Sky Ranch, a Christian retreat camp located at Van, Texas. Rope's wife Candice already had a Country Christian music ministry going and was homebased at Sky Ranch. So now their full time work is together in their ministry White Riata, as well as in raising their four children.



Brothers Cash (left) and Rope Myers

A few years ago, Candice noticed a news item about an upcoming television show featuring the sport of jousting, and mentioned it to Rope. He said "That's different" and told her to check it out. Not long afterward, Rope signed on with Knights of Valor for Shane Adams "Full Metal Jousting", an upcoming History Channel program.. Since Rope's career was in a head-to-head physical contact sport, working horseback in history's first head-to-head competitive sport sounded exciting to him! Filming was done in 2011 and the season opener came in February 2012, and at the end of Season One, Rope ended up with the \$25,000 Quarterfinals prize. Another highlight of recent years was appearing with his dad Butch hazing during an exhibition match, while brother Cash worked the arena. Butch Myers had won the steer wrestling world championship at the NFR in 1980 and competed there again at age 52 against Rope, who remains the only person to ever beat his dad's NFR arena record time. This year, the Myers rodeo team put on the 50th Anniversary American Qualifier at Decatur, Texas, with winners to appear in the RFD-TV American Event in 2019.



Rope as Knight of Valor

Butch hazes (left) while Rope dives for the steer



In Sulphur Springs, professional jousting will be held during the Shadow Renaissance Festival and Tournament on Saturday July 28 and Sunday July 29, 2018. Tickets are available at the Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce, at One Stop Sign Shop and at shadowrenfest.com. Featuring not only jousting competitions, there will also be acts like a Falconer group with Birds of Prey, a flame performing troupe and a belly dancer troupe, the Pirate Magician, Ron Deeny Escape Artist and The Blacksmith Ogre. Other attractions will include a Dragon's Lair with axe throwing and sword fighting, and the visiting Scottish Court of Scarborough Fair. Also on the grounds, local ATA members will host a Battle Ring with foam sword fighting activities for kids. The festival will cover the arena and outdoor grounds. The first day, Friday July 27 has free admission for the public. Tickets are on sale now for Saturday and Sunday, reasonably priced for all ages and include all-day access to the grounds.

Rope is excited about this opportunity to assist Shadow Ranch Therapeutic Riding Center with this year's fundraiser Festival. He is well aware of the help and hope offered there for children and adults with disabilities and/or debilitating situations in their lives. Shadow Ranch will use the festival's proceeds for operating expenses, expansion and their Literacy Program begun in 2017. Find out more about the riding center on Facebook or shadowranchtrc.blogspot.com

A local old-timer who grew up rodeoing with Butch in the Boulder area told me that he first saw Rope at a Mike Pribble Fourth of July Rodeo in Sulphur Springs during the early 1970's. Rope was a little tyke then, but his return to the same grounds in 2018 makes at least a small mark in local history. Hope you find a shady place, and til next week, let's count our many blessings. I will watch for you at the corral gate.

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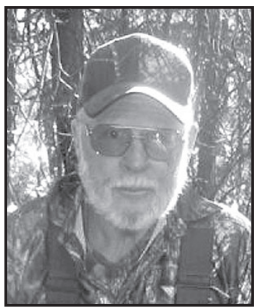
## Ernestine Shrode Kennedy

Funeral services for Ernestine Shrode Kennedy, age 83, of Denison, were conducted at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Pat Morris officiating. Interment followed at Nelta Cemetery with Corey Timmons, Cody Kennedy, Allen Shrode, Rafe Shrode, Larry Cross, Jason Purser, Jordan Morris, and Rev. Pat Morris serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held at 10:00 a.m., one hour prior to service time. Ernestine passed away on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at Homestead of Denison in Denison.

Ernestine was born on May 22, 1935 in Hopkins County, the daughter of Carl Shrode and Della Troboy Shrode. She married Samuel Sterling Kennedy on December 4, 1954 and he preceded her in death. Ernestine was the Cafeteria Supervisor for the Garland ISD before she retired.

She is survived by her children, Richard Allen Kennedy and wife Brenda of Rowlett, Pamela Diane Hester of Ravenna, James Darwin Kennedy and wife Debra of Denison; brother, Tommie Wayne Shrode and wife Sallee; sister, Clara Ann Shames; grandchildren, Megan Kennedy Linville, Jennifer Kennedy Purser, Jeffrey Wayne Cross, Corey Wayne Timmons, Stephen Sterling Hester, Robert Hester, Cody Allen Kennedy; and great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Anna-Marie Cross, Caroline Jane Purser, Cate Joy Purser, Kennedy Lochlyn Linville, Clayton Stone Purser and Jett Allen Linville.

In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Carl "Leon" Pete Shrode, sisters, Joy Delverne Johnson, Lillian Maggie "Cotton" Morris, and grandson, Matthew James Kennedy. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



## Roy Glen Mills

Roy Glen Mills, age 82 of Karnack, TX, passed away on Thursday, July 19th, 2018 in Terrell, TX. He was born on November 27th, 1935 in Wood County to Joe Bailey Mills and Valta (Baker) Mills. After his US Air Force service during Vietnam Roy was employed for many years with Boeing as an Aircraft Electrician.

He was preceded in death by wife, Patricia Ann Mills, and his parents.

He is survived by three sons; Bob Mills and wife Linda of Adkins, TX., Brad Mills of Dallas, TX., Mark Mills and wife Marcie of Kaufman, TX.; one daughter, Wanda Freeman and husband Jim of Harvey, MI.; sisters, Sue and husband Gene LupPlace, Gayla Wells, Sylvia and husband Dennis Cherry, Mary and husband Craig Christopherson, Linda and husband Dennis Murr; brothers, Joe Jack and his wife Pearl Mills, Dan Mills, Hershel and his wife Gina Mills; ten grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 27th, 2018 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro, 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494. Funeral Services will follow at 10:00 am, at the funeral home, with Bro. Dennis Murr officiating, interment will follow at Sharon Cemetery in Winnsboro, with Clay Mills, Nathan Mills, JB Mills, Dan Mills, Hershel Mills and Kevin Folmar serving as pallbearers.



## Audrey Faye Stocks Moore

Audrey Faye Stocks Moore who was born August 20, 1918 at home in the New Hope community of Franklin County, TX, to Ike and Darthie (Alexander) Stocks died on July 20, 2018, in Mt. Pleasant, TX.

Audrey died just one month before her 100th birthday.

She attended New Hope school where she played basketball. Audrey graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1936. On May 28, 1938 she married Roy E. Moore in New Hope Community where they raised their three children, Lanora Jean, Gaylon and Bennie. They were married for 46 years.

Audrey was a lifelong resident of Franklin County as well as a lifelong member of New Hope Baptist Church. She loved her family and spent many hours planning and cooking for the many occasions they celebrated. She cooked many, many pans of cornbread dressing and many more pecan pies throughout the years. She also spent countless hours canning produce from the family garden. All done for the love of her family!

Audrey was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, 2 sisters, Myrtle Burgin and Winnie Elledge and 2 brothers, Lokey Stocks and A.D. Stocks.

She is survived by her daughter, Lanora Jean Moore Anderson and her husband Billy Jack of Mt. Pleasant; 2 sons, Gaylon Moore and his wife Jean and Bennie Moore and his wife Avery all of Scroggins, 3 Grandchildren; Darthie Anderson, David Anderson and his wife Phyllis, and Jeffrey Moore and his wife Kristine; 9 great-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren, Phillip Anderson, Brittany Anderson, Joshua Moore, Elizabeth Moore, Jhonatan Moore, Mariaelena Moore, Talia Moore, Shannon Sharpton, and Derick Warren; 7 great-great-grandchildren and step-great-great grandchildren, Cheyenne, Mason, Tanner, Zak, Kolton, Alice and Lydia; nieces, Carolyn McCuine, Gale Stocks, and Judy Stocks.

A Visitation was held on Monday, July 23rd, 2018 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494, followed by Funeral Services at 2:30 pm in the Beaty Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Larry Black officiated, interment followed at Bethel Cemetery in Scroggins, with her sons, Gaylon Moore and Bennie Moore, grandsons, David Anderson and Jeffrey Moore, great-grandsons, Phillip Anderson and Joshua Moore serving as pallbearers.



## Sarah "Nell" Sisco

Funeral service for Sarah "Nell" Nichols Sisco, age 77, of Dallas, were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Bro. C.D. Walker officiating. Interment followed at Caney Cemetery in Pickton with Jeremiah DeLeon, Jonathan Foster, Russel Stillwagoner, Aaron Edwards, Ethan Edwards, and Isaac Edwards serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Monday, July 23, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Sisco passed away Friday, July 20, 2018 at Edgewood Nursing and Rehab Center in Mesquite.

Sarah "Nell" Nichols Sisco was born December 15, 1940 in Pickton, TX, the daughter of J.C. Nichols and Lillie Maude (Henderson) Nichols. She married Jack Sisco in Rockwall, TX in 1989. She was an Aide at Timberlawn Hospital and was of the Baptist faith. Nell Loved to go to garage sales.

She is survived by: husband, Jack Sisco, of Dallas; children, Sharon Waleisky and husband, Donald, Ray Edwards, and Billy Edwards and wife, Audra; grandchildren, Joshua, Stephanie, Jonathan, Crystal, Aaron, Ethan, Allyson, and Isaac; great-great-grandchildren, Jeremiah, Jr., Sophia, Elijah, Mason, and Colton; and sister, Nancy Grimes.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Sue Keen and Lou Weis.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home

# Success story from Sulphur Springs, Texas

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Colleen Hoover - Author from East Texas

Colleen Hoover is the #1 New York Times best-selling author of eleven novels and five novellas. Hoover's novels fall into the New Adult and young adult categories.

Hoover published her first novel, *Slammed*, in January 2012. Since then, all of her full-length novels have become New York Times Best Sellers.

Colleen Hoover has appeared on ABC News Nightline and CBS This Morning.

### Early life and career

Colleen Hoover was born December 11, 1979 in Sulphur Springs, TX, to Vannoy Fite and Eddie Fennell. She grew up in Saltillo, TX, and graduated from Saltillo High School in 1998. In 2000, she married Heath Hoover, with whom she now has three sons. Hoover graduated from Texas A&M-Commerce with a degree in Social Work. She worked various social work and teaching jobs until she began her writing career.

In November 2011, Colleen began writing her first novel, *Slammed*, with no intentions of getting published. She was inspired by a lyric, "decide what to be and go be it," from an Avett Brothers song, "Head Full of Doubt/Road Full of Promise." Because of this, she incorporated Avett Brothers lyrics throughout the story. After a few months, her novel was reviewed and given 5 stars by a major book blogger, Maryse Black. After that, sales rapidly increased, and *Slammed* and its sequel, *Point of Retreat*, both made the New York Times Best Seller list.

### Writings *Slammed*

Hoover self-published her debut novel, *Slammed*, in January 2012. *Slammed* first made the New York Times Best Seller list on July 22, 2012 and peaked at #8 in e-book fiction on August 5, 2012. Atria

Books picked it up and republished it August 10, 2012.

### Point of Retreat

Hoover self-published *Point of Retreat*, the sequel to *Slammed*, in February 2012. *Point of Retreat* first made the New York Times Best Seller list on July 29, 2012 and peaked at #18 on August 5, 2012. Atria Books picked it up along with *Slammed* and republished it on August 10, 2012.

### This Girl

Atria Books published *This Girl*, the third and final installment in the *Slammed* series, on April 30, 2013. It made the New York Times Best Seller list on May 19, 2013, where it peaked at #9.

### A Father's Kiss

*A Father's Kiss* is a short story and a follow-up to the *Slammed* series. Hoover published "A Father's Kiss" as part of an anthology, called *The Kiss: An Anthology of Love and Other Close Encounters*, on January 15, 2014.

### Hopeless

Hoover self-published *Hopeless* in December 2012. On January 6, 2013, it debuted on the New York Times Best Seller list at #19. On January

20, 2013, it peaked at #1 and remained there for three weeks. It was the first self-published novel to ever make #1 on the New York Times Best Seller list, the #1 bestselling self-published e-book of 2013, and the #16 bestselling e-book overall of 2013. Hoover sold the paperback rights to Atria Books in January 2013, and the paperback released on May 7, 2013. Hoover still owns her e-book rights today.

### Losing Hope

Atria Books published *Losing Hope*, the POV companion novel to *Hopeless*, on July 8, 2013. It debuted and peaked at #6 on the New York Times Best Seller list on July 28, 2013.

### Finding Cinderella

*Finding Cinderella* is a free novella that Hoover published as a thank you to her fans for all their continued support. It is a spinoff of *Hopeless* and *Losing Hope* and features several of the same characters. Originally, neither Hoover nor Atria Books had any intention of offering *Finding Cinderella* in paperback form, because the intention was to offer the book for free. However, due to the overwhelming demands from Hoover's fans, Atria Books agreed to publish the novel in paperback form, complete with several bonus features such as a new epilogue and Hoover's own "Cinderella story."

### Maybe Someday

Atria Books published *Maybe Someday* on March 18, 2014. It debuted and peaked at #3 on the New York Times Best Seller list on April 6, 2014 and

resurfaced on the New York Times Best Seller list on September 14, 2014, at #21.

Maybe Someday is a stand alone novel about a young guy and girl who write music together. Hoover joined forces with musician Griffin Peterson to create an original soundtrack to accompany the novel. Readers are able to click links in the e-book or scan a QR code in the paperback, which will take them to a website where they can listen to the music for free.

### Ugly Love

Atria Books published *Ugly Love* on August 5, 2014. The book received a Starred Review from Booklist and was on the New York Times Best Seller list for three weeks, where it debuted and peaked at #4 on August 24, 2014. Film rights for the book have

recently been purchased by Hackybox Pictures, based out of Toronto, Canada. The project is still in the works, but Nick Bateman has been cast as the male lead.

### Never Never

A collaboration with Tarryn Fisher.

### Confess

Atria Books published *Confess* on March 10, 2015. It debuted and peaked at #9 on the New York Times Best Seller list on March 29, 2015. It has since gone on to become an Awestruck original TV series, coming April 2017 to go90.com and the go90 app, available for iOS or Android.

### November Nine

Atria Books published *November Nine* on November 10, 2015. It debuted #5 on the New York Times Best Seller list

on November 29, 2015.

### It Ends With Us

Atria Books published *It Ends With Us* on August 2, 2016. Hoover described this novel as "by far the hardest book I've ever written." It received a starred review from Kirkus.

### Without Merit

Atria Books published *Without Merit* on October 3, 2017.

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## THE LAVENDER FIELDS OF PROVENCE

### Tumbleweed Smith



Tumbleweed Smith

Years ago I saw a photo of rows of lavender in bloom in France. It was a striking photograph that touched me in some way and I put it at the top of my list of places I wanted to visit. When a river cruise offered a chance to see the lavender fields I convinced my wife we should go.

We flew to Marseilles where the grounds around the airport were filled with lavender in full bloom, providing an unmistakable fragrance. It is an intoxicating scent. No wonder lavender is the basis for most perfumes. It is also used for medicines, makeup, cookies, ice cream, candy and soaps of course; the name of the plant comes from the French word laver, which means to wash. Sachets made of lavender plants can be placed in closets where bedding is stored. Massage oils and teas are popular items. With lavender syrup you can make a lavender martini.

We took a bus to Avignon, where the cruise started. We arrived on a Sunday and the trip to the lavender fields was scheduled for Monday. We couldn't sign up for the tour until after we boarded because the cruise people were not sure the lavender would be in bloom. But it was. At peak. Much better than the year before. The lavender crop covers a large part of Provence. The center of the region is the small town of Sault. It was a breath taking sight. Fields and fields of deep purple stretching to the horizon. Some of the plants were lavandin, an offshoot of lavender that is lighter in color. The rows were neatly maintained and contained healthy plants ready for harvest, which was near. In some fields the harvest had already started.

There is something extremely satisfying about looking at what Mother Nature can provide. It gives a sense of peace and contentment. When I see beautiful flowers in bloom, the earth is in perfect orbit, God is in his heaven and all is right with the world. I'm a sucker for gardens. I've been to Butchart Gardens in Canada, Keukenhof Gardens in Holland, the flower fields in Carlsbad, California and major gardens in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. One of the best photos I've taken was of a large white rose in Butchart Gardens with droplets of water on it from a recent shower.

My trip to see the lavender fields in Provence ranks right up there with getting to see the Taj Mahal, the Great Wall of China and the Sydney Opera House.

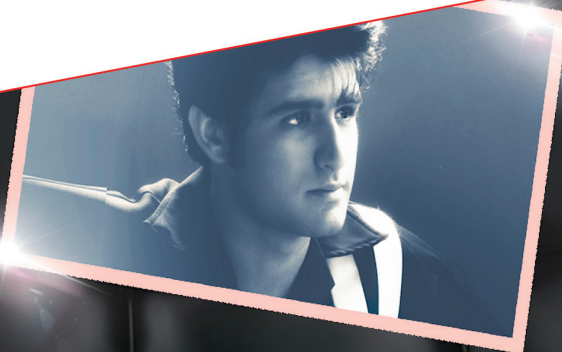
We visited a lavender farm and distillery that had been in the same family for six generations. The flower is grown and distilled on the premises. As members of our tour walked thru the fields there was a hush, as people seemed to think they were in a spiritual place. The only sound was from cameras capturing the beauty. It was surreal. Provence is the gastronomic capital of France so it is a huge agricultural area. It is beautiful with its medieval cities, narrow cobblestone streets, castles with pointed tops, fields of grapes, scenic rivers and plazas made shady from sycamore trees. I can see why France is the number one tourist destination in the world.

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