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Sam Rives and Caitlin Palmer

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### **Fannie Bess (Petty) French**

Memorial Service for Fannie Bess (Petty) French, age 104, of Greenville will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at First Baptist Church, Spence Chapel with Rev. Fred Lewis officiating. Serving as honorary pallbearers are Burton French, Byron French, Robert Snyder, John French, Bill Alford, Don Petty, Dan Petty, Marc Snyder. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Mrs. French passed away on Saturday, November 17, 2018, in Greenville, TX.

Fannie was born on March 24, 1914, in Como, TX, the daughter of Robert Petty and Audie Taylor. She married Gabriel French in Oklahoma City, OK in 1940. Fannie was a florist, followed by a brief career working in hotels that were managed by her husband. She also spent 25 years in Juniors Sunday School Dept. at FBC- Dallas. She was a member of FBC- Dallas from 1949 to 1985 and most recently a member at First Baptist Church- Sulphur Springs.

She is survived by her son, Larry French and wife Cheryl of Granbury; granddaughter, Leigh Aceves; grandsons, Burton French and wife, Jennifer of Tomball, Byron French and wife, Sarah of Austin; great grandson, Kevin Culver of Denton; sister Billie Crabb of Paris and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

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### **Della "Ma" Wheat Loane**

Funeral services for Della "Ma" Wheat Loane, age 92, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home with Rev. Henry Suche and Rev. Steve Cook officiating. Interment followed at Miller Grove Cemetery with Chris McGlamery, Chad Swatsell, Garrett Swatsell, Jakeb Hurley, Kaleb Hurley and Parker McGlamery serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held at 10:00 a.m., prior to service time at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Della passed away on Friday, November 16, 2018 at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab. Della was born on March 7, 1926 in Cumby, TX, the daughter of Valentine Wheat and Minnie S. Tabor Wheat. She married Richard B. Loane on April 2, 1944. They were married for 49 years. Della was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, son Richard David Loane, grandson Kenny Joe Loane, and 5 brothers and 4 sisters.

Ma will be missed dearly by her two daughters, Bonnie McGlamery Moore and Velma Loane Swatsell, her 5 grandchildren, Tammy McGlamery Wallis, Sherri Loane Collard, Karmon Swatsell Blassingame and husband Shonn, Chris MGLamery and wife Leslie and Chad Swatsell, 13 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Sharing her love for God was one of her greatest joys. She was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church, 614 Texas Street, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.

### **Mary A. Rawson**

Funeral services for Mary A. Rawson, age 97, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at Tira United Methodist Church with Andy Wright officiating. Interment followed at Tira Cemetery with Con Markides, JR Durst, Ken Crowson, Jimmy Smith, David Phillips, and Harold Cowley serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held at 1:30 prior to service time at the church. Mary passed away on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Hopkins Place.

Mary was born on January 2, 1921 in Sandhill, TX, the daughter of Robert Lamuel Lawrence and Myrtle Mae Ferguson Lawrence. She married William Dwight Rawson on October 8, 1938 in Cooper. He preceded her in death.

Mary was a homemaker. She is survived by her son Danny Rawson and wife Judy of Denton, granddaughter, Dr. Michelle Markides and her husband, Dr. Constantine Markides, and most beloved great-granddaughter, Sophie Markides of Houston, sisters, Georgia Smith of Tira and Joyce Johnson of Mesquite. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her parents. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



### **Ines Sanchez**

Funeral services for Ines Sanchez, age 74, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 19, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jose R. Pacheco officiating. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park. Visitation was from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, November 18, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Ines passed away on Friday, November 16, 2018 at CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

She was born on January 22, 1944 in El Salvador. She was married to Acisclo Landaverde, he preceded her in death. Ines was a homemaker and of the Christian faith.

She is survived by her sons, Aminadad Landaverde, and Melvin Landaverde, brother, Juan Gomez, sisters, Angelina Sanchez-Pacheco, and Martha Sanchez, grandchildren, Melvin Landaverde, Jonathan Landaverde, Elijah Landaverde, Cristobal Alvarez,

Leticia Williams, Chuy Alvarez, Steven Moreno, Joseph Moreno, David Moreno, Lisseth Carmona, Caleb Carmona, and Lois Rocha, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and one daughter, Edita Landaverde.

Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.

### **Jo Simmons**

Funeral Service for Jo Simmons, age 85, of Como, TX, was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Ann Wagner and Danny Ballard officiating. Interment followed at Harmony Cemetery with Michael Simmons, Stephen Simmons, Jeff Simmons, Christopher Simmons, Clint Simmons and Dustin Simmons serving as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers are Landan Cummins, Levi Simmons, Jaygan Simmons, Trystan Simmons, Michael Simmons, Jr., Justin Simmons, Daylan Simmons, Keifer Simmons, Mason Simmons, Scot Keeble, Jacob Stiff, and Jordan Stiff. Visitation was held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Simmons passed away Saturday, November 10, 2018 at Christus Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler.

Jo was born on April 26, 1933 in Hopkins County, TX to Perry Manford Patton and Ollie Bell Nash. She married James Lewis Simmons on November 11, 1953. Mrs. Simmons was a Records Clerk and a member of Full Gospel House of Prayer in Sulphur Springs.

She is survived by three sons, Johnny Simmons and wife Lucy of Seagoville, TX, Robert Simmons of Winnsboro, TX and Troy Simmons and wife, Dot of Como, TX; ten grandchildren, Debbie Keeble, Jamie Monk, Christopher Simmons, Dustin Simmons, Michael Simmons, Stephen Simmons, Jeff Simmons, Clint Simmons, Amy Couch, and Jenifer Cummins; 27 Great Grandchildren, and 18 Great-Great Grandchildren also survive. Jo was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and one daughter, Sharon McKeever; four brothers, Charlie Patton, Bob Patton, Rube Patton and Leonard Patton; and four sisters, Faye Jenkins, Nell Pintler, Abbey Latimer and Inez Story.

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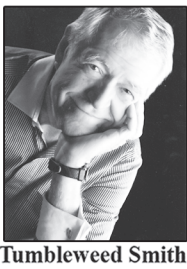
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**THE PANHANDLE'S FIRST NEWSPAPER**



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The city of Clarendon is loaded with history, dating back to the days of Col. Charles Goodnight and the JA ranch. Several of the oldest churches in the panhandle were organized in Clarendon. The city has the oldest functioning courthouse in the state. It also has the oldest newspaper in the panhandle.

"The Clarendon Enterprise turned 140 years old on June first of this year," says Roger Estlack, publisher. "It started out June first 1878 by Reverend Lewis Carhart, who founded the town of Clarendon as a temperance colony and named it in honor of his wife Clara. He started the first newspaper in the Texas Panhandle. The first issue was printed in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Carhart's relatives had a print shop up there so he would put the articles together in Clarendon and ship them off to Wisconsin where his uncle would print the paper, put it on the train back to Sherman and overland to Clarendon. It was a monthly newspaper to start out. Then about two years later Carhart's cousin moved to Clarendon and brought with him the first press in the panhandle and turned the paper into a weekly. It was called the Clarendon Chronicle for a while, then the Industrial West. My family started a paper in the 20's called the Donley County Leader and published it forty years. It was later merged with the Clarendon newspaper at one point. From 1929 to 1974 my family owned the paper then I purchased it in 1995."

Roger says the paper has changed a lot, especially in the last 20 years. "I have digital subscribers now. Probably twenty-five to thirty percent of our circulation is strictly electronic."

The paper has won some prestigious awards for reports on child abuse and various historical articles. But some awards mean the most to Roger. "My son is eleven, my daughter is nine. She takes pictures and he writes a weekly column. They've both won some awards with their work. That's pretty cool to be bringing up the next generation of newspaper people."

Roger wasn't so sure he wanted to be a newspaperman. He worked in his uncle's print shop for a while. In high school his English teacher was a woman named Kay Hayes.

"She taught us all the UIL journalism stuff like news, editorial and feature writing. I told her I didn't know what I would end up doing with my life but it certainly wouldn't be working at a newspaper."

Roger has enjoyed reporting on all aspects of life in Clarendon, including the remodeled downtown Movie Theater set to open later this year. He thinks a good newspaper is vital to a town.

"I think it's best for a town when a paper has local ownership. If you look around at some of the strongest communities in the state you'll find they have a strong newspaper."

# Happy Thanksgiving!



Thanksgiving, or Thanksgiving Day, is a public holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States. It originated as a harvest festival. Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, after a proclamation by George Washington. It has been celebrated as a federal holiday every year since 1863, when, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as accounted by attendee Edward Winslow—it was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings"—days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought.

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