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Bruce Frost Sr.

Funeral service for Bruce Frost Sr., age 77, of Como were held at 3:30 PM on Sunday February 3, 2019 at Black Oak Baptist Church with Rev. Charlie Beliew officiating and Rev. Mike Harmon and Bro. Michael Zambrano assisting. Interment followed at Black Oak Cemetery with Bruce Frost III, Joshua Frost, Justin Moore, Michael Zambrano, Drew Wilsford and Trent Fields serving as pallbearers and Ronnie Gunn, Jessie Zambrano, Gerald Walters, Mike Harmon, Dennis Hunt, Larry Blann, B.J. Teer and Ricky Blann serving as Honorary Pallbearers. Visitation was from 1:30 to 2:30 P.M. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel prior to the service. Mr. Frost passed away on Friday, February 01, 2019 at Baylor-Scott-White Medical Center, Dallas.

Bruce Wayne Frost, Sr. was born on December 4, 1941 in Waldron, AR to Raleigh and Louveda Frost. He married Ray Nell Earhart in Poteau, OK on July 27, 1962. Bruce graduated from Arkansas Tech University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree and obtained his Master's at Texas A & M. He was a School Teacher, Coach, Principal and Superintendent. Bruce served in the US Navy. He was a member of Texas State Teachers Association and Black Oak Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ray Nell; sons, Bruce Frost Jr and wife Tammy, Kevin Frost; daughters, Kimberly Zambrano and husband, Jessie, Kandice Frost; grandchildren, Bruce Frost III, Emily Moore (Justin), Joshua Frost, Amanda Wilsford (Drew), Michael Zambrano (Sarah), Nikki Fields (Trent); great grandchildren, Damien and Corbin Wilsford, Ander Moore, Jessie, Ansley, Mikey Zambrano, Scarlett and Cash Nuttall, and Jhett Fields; brother, Joe Frost and wife, Betty from Austin, TX.

Bruce was preceded in death by his brother, Pat Ray Frost.

Memorials can be made to Black Oak Baptist Church Building Fund or Black Oak Cemetery Association.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home

Douglas Adams

Graveside service for Douglas Adams, age 83, of Emory was held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at Ridgeway Cemetery with Bro. Mike Eason officiating. There was no formal visitation. Mr. Adams passed away on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Rock Creek Health and Rehab, Sulphur Springs.

Edward Douglas Adams was born on March 16, 1935 to Bascom and Lottie Adams. He married Margaret Ann Yarbrough and she preceded him in death. Douglas was a Trucker and Dispatcher for AMPI Trucking.

He is survived by his daughter, Sherry Coffman and husband, Tony; step-children, Charles Coker, Gale Martin, Kay Peterka and Karen Huie; numerous grandchildren and two great grandchildren; brothers, Paul Adams, Dalton Adams and Jerry Adams.

Douglas was preceded in death by his parents; wife; son, Gregory Don Adams; great granddaughter, Tessa Nicole Skeen; brothers, Billy Jean Adams, Malcom Glenn Adams; sister, Melba Scott.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Sarah Ruth Walker

Graveside service for Sarah Ruth Walker, age 78, of the Sherley Community, was held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at Sherley Cemetery with Shane Carrington officiating. There was no formal visitation. Mrs. Walker passed away on Monday, February 4, 2019 at Sunny Springs Health and Rehab.

Sarah was born on August 18, 1941 in Florence, AL to Lambert and Mable Mathney. She married Bing Earl Walker on June 13, 1978 in Florence, AL. He preceded her in death. Sarah was a homemaker and member of Southside Church of Christ and former League Street Church of Christ member.

She is survived by her niece, Holly Jo Walker-Kirk; Jo Spencer Malone and other loving cousins.

Sarah was preceded in death by her parents, Lambert and Mabel Mathney; husband, Bing; father-in-law, Ezbon "Cherrie" Walker; mother-in-law, Mozelle (Adair) Walker; brother-in-law, Ronnie Rue Walker.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Iva Nell Ratliff

Funeral service for Iva Nell Ratliff will be held at 11:00 A. M. Friday, February 8, 2019 at Lake Fork Baptist Church. Family visitation will be at 10:00 A. M. one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Elm Cemetery. Iva Nell Ratliff, age 81, of Emory, passed away Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab in Sulphur Springs.

She was born in the Bonanza community on December 21, 1937, to the parentage of Woodrow Carson and Wanda Maureen Yarbrough Asbill. She was an Emory High school graduate. She married James Leroy Ratliff on July 16, 1955, in Emory. Iva Nell was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker for her family. She was a lifetime member of Elm Baptist Church.

Survivors include: Husband, James Ratliff of Emory; Daughter, Jeri Norris (Jim) of Emory; Sons, Ricky Ratliff (Tonya) and Paul Ratliff (Kristi) both of Emory; Sisters, Donna Kirkpatrick and Laura " Jeannie" Barrett both of Emory; Brother, Roger Asbill of Emory, Grandchildren, Cody, Jessica, Justin, Zack, Ryan, Luke; Great-grandchildren Gavin and Grayson and numerous other family and friends. Preceded by: Parents; Sister, Patricia Asbill; Brothers: W. C. Asbill; and Bobby Asbill.

Ronnie Jones

Ronnie Jones 56, of Cooper passed away in his home on Sunday, February, 3, 2019.

Ronnie was born September 12, 1962, in Paris, Texas, the son of Betty Marie Lane Jones and Harold Gene Jones. He was married to Dianna Lynn Beggs . He was self employed in the trucking industry. Ronnie was a simple, selfless person who would lend a hand to anybody who needed it. He enjoyed arrowhead hunting and riding those back roads listening to his favorite tunes. Although nicknamed "Bud" at a younger age, there were many other names he went by..."Ronnie Gene", "Agitator," "Repo," and "Johnny" and he had many nicknames for family and friends. He was a huge lover of animals and always missed his pet skunk "Prissy". Ronnie had one true love, his wife of 36 years, Lynn. There will never be another one like Ronnie with his contagious laugh and funny stories. He will forever be missed and loved by all of his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife Dianna Lynn, his son, Bradley Jay Jones (Deborah), his sister, Jan Frederick (Howard), his brother, Monty Jones, his nieces; Lacy Jones, Jacy Jones and Kailey Blakley, his nephews; Brandon Spangler, Austen Blakley, Tristan Jones and Mark Maroney, he is also survived by his great nephew, Koler Bush.

Those that preceded him in death are his parents and his mother-in-law Frances Beggs.

Funeral Services for Mr. Ronnie Jones were held at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at Three Rusty Nails Church, West Dallas Ave. Cooper, Texas with Bro. Edgar Clements officiating.

Visitation was held one hour prior to service time, from 1:00 P.M until 2:00 P.M. Pallbearers were Austen Blakley, Tristan Jones, Gene Booth, Bo Szafran, Jason Murray and Judd Murray. Honorary pallbearers were David Booth, Howard Frederick, Matt Phipps, Mike Tucker and Danny Lee. Interment followed at Oaklawn Cemetery, in Cooper.



THE IDLE AMERICAN

Musings at the Mail Box...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

There was much to chatter about when Uncle Mort reached his mailbox down the lane. A neighbor on the next farm was fetching his mail too, the day was sunny and warm, and their chance meeting suggested that a protracted visit loomed.

It did. They "prattled" away, each sticking to topics of self-interest.

Mort wanted to talk about how Dallas Cowboy Quarterback Tony Romo finally got to the Super Bowl (albeit as an announcer), and his friend was ready to share news from the county library. The latter took a part-time job there, fascinated by the job listing's requirement to "liven up the place." The librarian thinks too much has been made of the "shhhhhh thing," and that most folks really yearn more to chat than to read....

Unlikely as it seems, his friend began the discourse while Mort was opening the envelope from the Reader's Digest sweepstakes.

"I got lucky, Mort," the neighbor laughed. "The first library visitor asked me if I

could direct him to the 'self-help section.' I responded of course I could--but wouldn't that be cheating?"

The new employee said that within the hour, a woman asked where she could find books on paranoia. "They're right behind you," Mort's friend said, doubling up with laughter. Mort interrupted before his friend finished his account about how he helped a 10-year-old boy set a mouse trap behind the handful of books on the shelf about "rodents."....

Mort, perhaps suffering from the "travail of the undelivered speech," had heard enough "library humor."

He wanted to tell his friend that Romo passed what Mort called the "acid test" of a sports analyst--"making a game sound interesting when it ain't."

Contending that he tired of watching The Super Bowl, a "bone-crushing defensive contest most of the way," Mort tossed a quilt over the screen. He wanted to evaluate Romo's verbal description of the goings-

on that many fans had paid thousands of dollars to witness....

"They bragged about cheap concessions, and that \$5 would buy a hot dog and soda. When fans pay huge sums to get in, what difference does it make what snacks cost?"

Anyway, Mort concluded that Romo is indeed gifted at the microphone, and is perhaps destined to be remembered for his description of games far more than his quarterbacking.

Mort said he thinks there's a fair chance all of those Denver plumbers who invested thousands of bucks in Tony Romo bobble heads may come out okay on the boondoggle if they don't mind keeping them in storage for a few years....

My uncle--staring down the barrel of birthday number 107 on July 4--admits that he may remember the details wrong, or maybe it was a dream or maybe (perish the thought) one of his "made-up" stories. Huh?

Mort dredged up two-year-old details when rumors erupted that Romo might forego retirement in favor of playing quarterback for the Denver Broncos....

A bunch of plumbers there "went nuts" at the prospect, and immediately bought a section of season tickets, printed Romo t-shirts, and ordered several thousand bobble head dolls.

When Romo chose broadcasting, the plumbers were able to cancel season ticket orders, and they could wear the Romo shirts. But what about the dolls? Most of all, the plumbers were sad that they didn't get to unveil their "game name," which, as might be guessed was this: "Romo Rooters."



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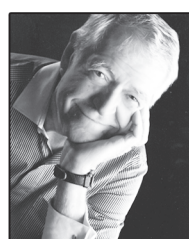
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I'M LUCKY TO HAVE A FRIEND LIKE MANNY

Tumbleweed Smith



Tumbleweed Smith

We met at Fort Devens, Massachusetts where we learned how to copy Morse code. We were in the Army Security Agency and Fort Devens was where all facets of Army Intelligence were taught. We laughed a lot. Our barrack bunks were next to each other and we developed a strong friendship. We arrived there at Thanksgiving and during Christmas leave I acquired a car and took it back to the northeast. We went everywhere in New England and had all kinds of adventures. We saw the Celtics play basketball, the Red Sox play baseball and we heard the Boston Pops. We went skiing at Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire. We'd gather a bunch of fellow soldiers and head out for some type of excitement.

I had also brought a portable record player back with me and we spent hours in the barracks listening to the Everly Brothers and Dakota Staton. One of our popular hangouts was Storyville, a jazz club in the Copley Hotel in Boston. Across the street was another place called The Showbar. Drinks were cheaper there and after Storyville we strolled across the street for a few 85-cent whiskey sours. One time we decided to spend the night in Boston. When we woke up the next morning Manny looked out the window and said, "That's a heck of a place to build a building." I asked him where. "Right under that pigeon," he said.

I did well in code school and the people in charge wanted me to stay and teach, but with the opportunity to be stationed anywhere in the world I declined the offer. I chose Europe. Manny chose Okinawa. The last night at Devens, most of our barracks went to a restaurant called Bull Run and we had a farewell party. Manny and I both were looking forward to going overseas, but knew we would miss each other. I have never met another person who thinks exactly as I do, laughs at the same things I do and has the same enthusiasm about life as I do. I know what true friendship is.

After the Army, Manny joined the CIA. He and his wife Judy had 3 kids, all born on different continents. Manny and I and our wives have been together many times in different parts of the country. Our most recent trip was to North Dakota and Wyoming. Occasionally Manny and I would take our kids and/or grandkids to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in Northern Minnesota for a camping and fishing trip. One winter I traveled to Minnesota to experience 50 degrees below zero weather. We spent the night on Lake Mille Lacs in a fishing house. I had never before seen a frozen lake with roads, cars, bulldozers and dozens of little houses on it. Manny and Judy have been in our home many times and Susan and I have been to their home in Minnesota.

Manny left the CIA and worked in a bank for a while, then became a writer and broadcaster. We keep in touch with each other by sending cassette tapes back and forth. We've done this for more than 30 years. Both of us keep those tapes, which contain our thoughts, jokes, adventures, and observations and chronicle our very lives. They are strong symbols of our ties to each other. Meaningful longtime friendships are so rare and I treasure mine with my buddy Jim Mans.

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Because of this legend, St. Valentine became known as the patron saint of love. The Saint Valentine prayer asks Saint Valentine to connect lovers together, so that two become one, and the couple remembers their devotion to God.

While the Saint Valentine story set the groundwork for establishing the day as a holiday for romantic love, what truly solidified the connection between Saint Valentine and love was a poem by medieval author Geoffrey Chaucer in 1381, which historians consider the origin of the “modern” celebration of Valentine’s Day, where we celebrate our romantic partnership with one other person.

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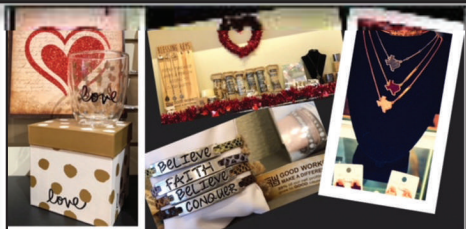
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