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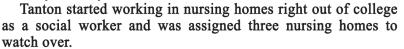




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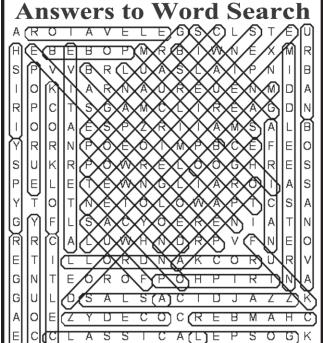
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I went to interview Deanna Foresyth in Big Spring because seven generations of her family have lived in Howard County. When I let her know I was en route to her house she said, "Come to the side door. Nobody uses the front one."

My wife Susan was with me. When she was curator of an air museum, Deanna worked with her. When we walked into the house, the first thing we noticed was a brightly colored table. It Tumbleweed Smith was striking. Deanna said it was a door. "My husband Jimmy and I spent a lot of time going to lumber companies to find one

with some prominent wood grain patterns. We painted the grains with colors of blue, yellow, orange, lime green and dark green. We spent about a month on it, putting on several coats of polyurethane." The table is a real showcase in her home. One of many.

Deanna worked for twenty years making fancy cakes for weddings and anniversaries, birthday and other celebrations. Before we sat down for the interview, Deanna said she wanted to give us a tour. Near the table were glassed in cabinets with shelves full of cups and saucers that she had collected. Among the cups and saucers were tiny ladies high heel shoes. One of the heels had an Eiffel towers inside it. The shoes were about three inches long and looked like jewelry.

Her living room had a display of little Christmas houses all lighted and arranged in perfect order. Just to the left of the Christmas village was a display case full of chicken and ostrich eggs. Some were cutaways with items inside them. Others were painted on the outside. Some are covered in tiny beads, put on one at a time. "I go to an egg workshop in Dallas that attracts people from all over the world who cut and paint eggs. My grandmother was an egger and I picked it up from her. I have about 200 stored in a closet."

Deanna has a huge collection of Barbie dolls, all in their original boxes. She still buys the holiday doll every year. She's been collecting Barbies since 1960. We walked through a room that had floor to ceiling shelves with rows and rows of notebooks. "Those are photos of some of our travels," says Deanna. "We've been to all 50 states and always get a souvenir from each one." A collection of lapel pins from towns and tourist attractions covers a closet door. She and Jimmy have played golf in a number of states including Hawaii and Alaska.

In the den we saw a wall full of little cars, all in their original packages. "I just started collecting model cars from the movie CARS. I think they're neat."

She is the official genealogist for her family and has photos and documents from seven generations all catalogued in neat notebooks. She has typed stories about her ancestors that she has heard or read. When we went back to the table for the interview, she brought out coffee and pie. "I can't sit still," she said. "I've got to be doing something all the time. I get up at six and walk the mall for a few laps, then come home and start doing arts and crafts. I'm retired now and have more time. I've just started a bead project that will take about a year and a half to complete. It's from Ukraine."

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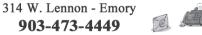
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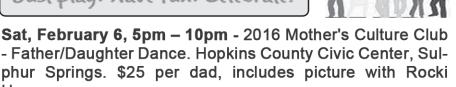
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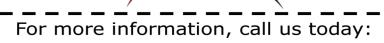
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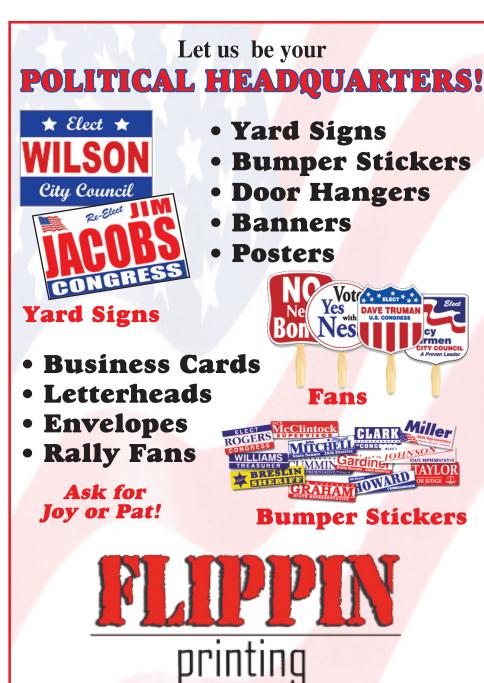
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# **FAMOUS TEXANS**

# **Ethan Hawke**

### **Actor and Director**

Hawke was born in Austin, Texas to Leslie (née Green), a charity worker, and James Hawke, an insurance actuary. Hawke's parents were high school sweethearts in Fort Worth, Texas, and married young, when Hawke's mother was 17. Hawke was born a year later. Hawke's parents were students at the University of Texas at Austin at the time of his birth, and separated and later divorced in 1974.

After the separation, Hawke was then raised by his mother. The two relocated several times, before settling in New York City, where Hawke attended the Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn Heights. Hawke's mother remarried when he was 10 and the family moved to West Windsor Township, New Jersey, where Hawke attended West Windsor Plainsboro High School (renamed to West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South in 1997). He later transferred to the Hun School of Princeton, a secondary boarding school, from which he graduated in 1988.

In high school, Hawke aspired to be a writer, but developed an interest in acting. He made his stage debut at age 13, in a school production of George Bernard Shaw's Saint Joan, and appearances in West Windsor-Plainsboro High School productions of Meet Me in St. Louis and You Can't Take It with You followed. At the Hun School he took acting classes at the McCarter Theatre on the Princeton campus, and after high school graduation he studied acting at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, eventually dropping out after he was cast in Dead Poets Society (1989). He twice enrolled in New York University's English program, but dropped out both times to pursue acting roles

Hawke obtained his mother's permission to attend his first casting call at age 14. He secured his first film role in 1985's Explorers, in which he played an alien-obsessed schoolboy alongside River Phoenix. The film received favorable reviews but had poor box office revenues, a failure which Hawke has admitted caused him to quit acting for a brief period after the film's release. Hawke later described the disappointment as difficult to bear at such a young age, adding "I would never recommend that a kid act." His next film appearance was not until 1989's comedy drama Dad, where he played Ted Danson's son and Jack Lemmon's grandson.

In 1989, Hawke made his breakthrough appearance, playing a shy student opposite Robin Williams's inspirational English teacher in Dead Poets Society. The film was critically wellreceived; the Variety reviewer noted "Hawke ... gives a haunting performance." With revenue of US\$235 million worldwide, the film remains Hawke's most commercially successful picture to date. Hawke later described the opportunities he was offered as a result of the film's success as critical to his decision to continue acting: "I didn't want to be an actor and I went back to college. But then the success was so monumental that I was getting offers to be in such interesting movies and be in such interesting places, and it seemed silly to pursue

Hawke's next film, 1991's White Fang, brought his first leading role. The film, an adaptation of Jack London's novel of the same name, featured Hawke as Jack Conroy, a Yukon gold hunter who befriends a wolfdog (played by Jed). According to The Oregonian, "Hawke does a good job as young Jack ... He makes Jack's passion for White Fang real and keeps it from being ridiculous or overly sentimental." Hawke then appeared in A Midnight Clear (1992), a well-received war film by Keith Gordon, and survival drama Alive (1993), a film adaptation of Piers Paul Read's 1974 book.

Hawke's next role was in the Generation X drama Reality Bites (1994), in which he played Troy, a slacker who mocks the ambitions of his love interest (played by Winona Ryder). Film critic Roger Ebert called Hawke's performance convincing and noteworthy: "Hawke captures all the right notes as the boorish Troy." The New York Times noted, "Mr. Hawke's

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In an October 2012 interview, Hawke said that he prefers great art over politics, explaining that his preference shows "how little" he cares about the latter: ... I think about the first

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subtle and strong performance makes it clear that Troy feels things too deeply to risk fail ure and admit he's feeling anything at all." Nonetheless, the film was a box-office disappointment.

The following year Hawke again received critical acclaim, this time for his performance in Richard Linklater's 1995 drama Before Sunrise. The film follows a young American (Hawke) and a young French woman (Julie Delpy), who meet on a train and disembark in Vienna, spending the night exploring the city and getting to know one another. The San Francisco Chronicle praised Hawke and Delpy's performances: interact so gently and simply that you feel certain that they helped write the dialogue.

Personal life:

In early 2013 he starred in and directed a new play Clive, inspired by Bertolt Brecht's Baal and written by Jonathan Marc Sherman. He then returned to Broadway to take the title role in Macbeth at the Lincoln Center Theater.

Hawke lives in Boerum Hill, a Brooklyn neighborhood in New York City, and owns a small island in Nova Scotia, Canada. Hawke is a great-grandnephew of Tennessee Williams on his father's side. Hawke's maternal grandfather, Howard Lemuel Green, served five terms in the Texas Legislature and was a minor-league baseball commissioner.

On May 1, 1998, Hawke married actress Uma Thurman, whom he had met on the set of Gattaca in 1996. They have two children: daughter Maya and son Levon. The couple separated in 2003, amid allegations of Hawke's infidelity, and filed for divorce the following year. The divorce was finalized in August 2005.

Hawke married for a second time in June 2008, wedding Ryan Shawhughes, who had briefly worked as a nanny to his and Thurman's children before graduating from Columbia University. Dismissing speculation about their relationship, Hawke said, "... my [first] marriage disintegrated due to many pressures, none of which were remotely connected to Ryan." They have two daughters: Clementine Jane (b. 2008) and Indiana. Philanthropy:

Hawke is a long-time supporter of the Doe Fund which helps homeless people obtain housing and employment. He has served as a co-chair of the New York Public Library's Young Lions Committee, one of New York's major philanthropic boards. In 2001 Hawke co-founded the Young Lions Fiction Award, an annual prize for achievements in fiction writing by authors under age 35. In November 2010, he was honored as a Library Lion by the New York Public Library.

He supports the United States Democratic Party, and supported Bill Bradley, John Kerry and Barack Obama for President of the United States in 2000, 2004 and 2008, respectively. Hawke is also an activist for gay rights and in March 2011, he and his wife released a video supporting same-sex marriage in New York.

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# **Charles Floyd Langley**

Charles Floyd Langley, age 59, of Emory, passed away, Sunday, January 31, 2016, at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital in Sulphur Springs. Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home of Emory is in charge of local arrangements. Further funeral arrangements to be announced by the family.

Charles was born on December 28, 1956, in Midland, to Carl and Eva Irene Dean Langley. He married Sharon Elaine Cook in Midland on June 4, 1975. He was a minister most all of his life.

Survivors include: Wife: Sharon Langley of Point, Sons: Byron Keith Langley, (Kim). of Brownwood and Jerod Heath Langley, (Becky), of Emory, Daughters: Heather Irene Bomar, (Thomas), of Point and Kay Lee Ann Langley, (Jason), of Emory, Brothers: Marvin Langley and Roy Langley of Midland, Sister: Jeannie Strickland of Midland, Grandchildren:

Erin, Joshua, Valauria, Kirsten, Amberlee, Stetson, Anthony, Tristan, Angel, Zachary, Chrystal, Brittany, Carl, and Michael, Numerous other loving family and friends.

Preceded in death by: Parents, 1 Brother: Ronnie Langley; 1 Grandchild: Baby Bomar



# **Myrtle Ruth Alsobrooks Thomas Kemp**

Memorial services for Myrtle Ruth Alsobrooks Thomas Kemp, age 77 of Sulphur Springs will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mark Ecksrom officiating.

Mrs. Kemp passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at her residence. She was born on December 4, 1938 in Sulphur Springs, the daughter of Andrew J. Alsobrooks and Letha Shaw. She was adopted by Zack and Elaine Finney Malone. She was married to William Thomas. To this union two children were born Shelia and Sharon. Mr. Thomas preceded her in death. She later married Rev. LaRue Kemp on March 20, 1987. To this union no children were born. Rev. Kemp preceded her in death on May 8, 1989.

Mrs. Kemp attended Douglas High School. She retired from H.D. Lee Company, Jordan Home Health and Sulphur Springs Health and Rehabilitation. She was a member of Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Survivors include two daughters; Shelia Martin and Sharon Harris and husband, Kelvin of Sulphur Springs; three sisters; Judy Alsobrooks Meredith and husband, James of Jackson, MS, Georgia Brooks of Sulphur Springs and Zenobia Thomas Stribbling of Sulphur Springs; two grandsons, Joshua and Kaleb Harris of Sulphur Springs and granddaughter, Ebonie Harris of Sulphur Springs.

She was preceded in death by her adoptive parents; mother, father and a sister, Katherine.



# **Eula Johnnie Kernes**

Funeral Services for Eula Johnnie Kernes, age 84 of Royse City, was held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 1, 2016 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Rev. Danny Caldwell officiating. Interment followed at Enon Cemetery with Joe Blodgett, David Hamm, Andy Endsley, Dylan Hamm, Brenden Hansen and David Caldwell serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, January 31, 2016 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kernes passed away on Friday, January 29, 2016 at Pleasant Valley Health & Rehab in Garland. She was a retired LVN and a member of the Central Baptist Church.

She was born on August 21, 1931, the daughter of Alfred W. and Ettie M. (Kilmer) Samples.

Survivors include sons, Thomas Wayne Hamm of Royse City and Billy Keith Hamm of Garland; daughters, Donna Jeanette Harbor of Garland and Cynthia Ann Sandoval of Garland; brother, Sonny Samples of Fayetteville, AR; sisters,

Patricia Robison of Grove, OK; Lottie Miller of Broken Arrow, OK; Iva Samples of Grove, OK; Brenda Bricker of Grove, OK and Gwendolyn Brazeal of Tulsa, OK; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Donald W. Hamm and James Kernes; two brothers, Bill Ray Samples and Jimmy Samples and a sister, Carolyn Barr.

# **Stacy Kennedy**

Funeral arrangements for Stacy Kennedy, age 42 of Sulphur Springs are pending with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Kennedy passed away on Friday, January 29, 2016 at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital.

# **Betty Story**

Funeral arrangements for Betty Story, age 87 of Sulphur Springs are pending with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Story passed away on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at Carriage House Manor.



# **Geneva Faye Garmon Stripling**

Funeral service for Geneva Faye Garmon Stripling, age 100, of Miller Grove, were held Saturday, 2:00 PM, January 30, 2016, at Miller Grove Baptist Church. Interment followed at Miller Grove Cemetery. Mrs. Stripling passed away on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at Hunt Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

Geneva was born on August 16, 1915, in Point, to Frank Russell and Ola Ferrell Landrum Garmon, Sr. She married James Wesley Stripling on July 23, 1939. She worked and retired after many years from Reserve Life Insurance Company in Dallas. She was a charter member of Miller Grove Baptist Church. She was a member of Miller Grove Quilting Club. Survivors include: 2 Daughters: Jeanetta Louise Smith of Denton and Anita Kay Stripling of Miller Grove Son: James Richard Stripling, and wife, Sandy, of Seymour, Brother: Hollis D. Garmon, and wife, June, of Greenville,

Brother-in-law: Luke Morris Stripling, and wife, Madeline, of Dickinson, Sisters-in-law: Elaine Garmon and June Garmon, both of Miller Grove, 3 Grandchildren: Kim Stripling Hollar, and husband, Ronald; M.W. Stripling, and wife, Michelle; and Austin Lee Smith, and wife, Whitney Great-grandchildren: Hayden Hollar; Brady Hollar; Wesley Cole Hollar; Jacob Stripling; Kaytlin Stripling; Audrey Leigh Smith; and Payton Jean Smith, Numerous other nieces and nephews, A host of other loving family and friends.

Preceded in death by: Parents; Husband: James Wesley Stripling, in 1999; 1 Sister: Louise Garmon Stripling; 3 Brothers: Robert H. Garmon, Sr.; Paul W. Garmon, Sr.; Frank Russell Garmon, Jr.; 1 Son-in-Law: Dr. Sterling Lee Smith in 2006.

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