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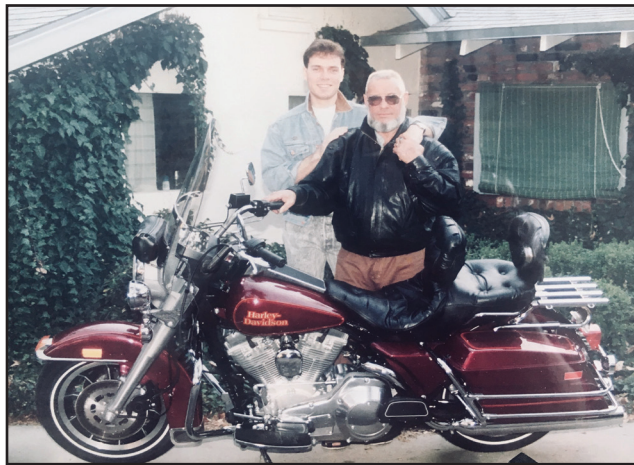
## Part Two: California to Texas by motorcycle

Enola Gay Mathews

the corner, I went into a ditch and knocked down a mailbox. And another time, when coming back from San Bernardino and entering a major intersection at Redlands Blvd, I had to stop at a light, and the bike went dead. This held up the whole line of traffic while George quickly hopped off his bike to start mine. The other drivers were very patient and nobody honked or attempted to pass. Do you believe this could happen today? There was a repeat of this incident one time in Palm Springs, my absolute favorite place to visit. Why, I had even seen Liberache there back in the days when he was performing regularly at a restaurant in Palm Springs. Another time, George and I attended a fabulous performance of Peter, Paul and Mary while in Palm Springs, and once I got a glimpse of Henry Fonda there. He was absolutely as gorgeous as he was on the silver screen!"



"When children came along, biking continued to be a part of our family. We took our son Morgan with us from the time he was an infant. As soon as he was big enough, Morgan learned to ride his first bike in a nearby field, and as soon as he was sixteen it was his transportation to school and his job. Before joining the Coast Guard,



he and his dad took off on a cross country ride, kind of celebrating Morgan's entry into manhood and his departure from home, while looking forward to his new world. Today, Morgan is fifty-five, about to retire after thirty one years with Boeing, and is moving with his wife Angie back to their ranch property a few miles outside of Sulphur Springs. They are making all their new plans for retirement, and true to the family tradition, Morgan and his son, Cedric, are planning to take that important cross county ride together as father and son, celebrating entering college, no longer being under the family roof, and embarking on new plans for his future.

Q: Did George retain his enchantment with motorcycles in later life?

Yes, it was a lifelong passion of his. Although health problems prevented him riding the highways in his declining years, and the fact that he later was confined to a walker and a small in-home type of scooter, a golden opportunity happened that he never could have expected. One day, I was at the medical supply store and behold, there was a handicap scooter,

the height of a regular bike, with a shield, big light, blinkers and bike handles just like a motorcycle! I bought it, and it was delivered at 8:00 am the next morning. Immediately George was whizzing up and down the street of our neighborhood. He enjoyed that so much that he told me, "Bill, as he called me, if I never get to ride it another minute, you have accomplished your purpose!" What George didn't know, though, was that I was having this two story apartment built on Main St. with a large garage in the back for our car and his scooter/bike, and that soon he would be enjoying riding his scooter downtown!"

Q: I'd like to keep the revelation of how you kept that secret from the readers until the last part of your story! So now, let's chat about that space you were building and now live in, high above the retail area of Celebration City.

"Our daughter Mikelle was the designer of the apartment. Mikelle's heart and soul and many hours went into the design. So much of the plans came from her love of design from all of the old buildings in Italy, her background in

art, and the need to make a very long, skinny lot support something to look grand, filled with natural light, and drafted to meet all of her dad's physical needs. Morgan's vision included all of the practical things: a generator for back up electrical emergencies, very high garage door openings and water and electrical sources in the garage. Both Mikelle and Morgan insisted on an upstairs deck in addition to the three balconies that surrounded the apartment. She was not an architect, so of course, all of Mikelle's designs went to the architect, Adam Panter, to meet the architectural requirements. Throughout the entire project, the kids were kept abreast of all the stages with pictures I took, some by my friend Deanna Hasten, and by Andrew Kuiper, the contractor. Andrew supplied me with a hard hat, a reflective vest and a shovel. One of these days, I'd like to have business cards with one of those pictures, because I'm going to need them with this new Main Street project going on next door!"



To Be Continued.....



This is a continuation of the story of Billie Ruth Standbridge, "Ms. Downtown" Sulphur Springs. Due to the zest for life that she and her husband George shared throughout their marriage, I felt like this part of her life should be narrated by B.R. herself. So, on a springtime afternoon, we chatted in her comfortable living area, arranged for good conversation with friends amid modern and keepsake decor, high above street level. "After we married in 1959, and in the four years before we started a family, George and I enjoyed immensely the mountains and beaches of the Redlands, California area, exploring mainly by motorcycle. Right from the beginning, we started with a full dress Harley bike. Being on a motorcycle is a very freeing experience, traveling the open, curving highways. Of course, I'm talking about being the passenger. That was my time to dream up plans, take in the scenery and totally enjoy the experience, and very restfully, because I could easily fall asleep. People are aghast when I tell them that, but your body just

stays with the balance of the bike. George was such a fabulous rider that I had total confidence in riding with him. But, because I so totally enjoyed the experience, he became convinced that I would enjoy it even more if I were on my own bike. That was not my idea of fun, but his persuading went on for months. Then, I thought surely we could start with a scooter, but that wouldn't do because we couldn't ride on the highway. Finally, I gave in and said "just pick out something". He did. A sportster. The bike had to be kick started, as everything did at that time, and I was so afraid that if I actually ever kicked it hard enough to start, I'd be vaulted right over the handle bars. So, the only way I could ride it was for him to start it. The first day of learning was in our drive way. Second day of learning, I drove to the city of San Bernardino, about fifteen miles away. Third day, an hour away to Balboa Island, a very touristy location. My only accident while learning occurred right at first. This was before I could persuade myself to lean going around a corner, so when I couldn't make



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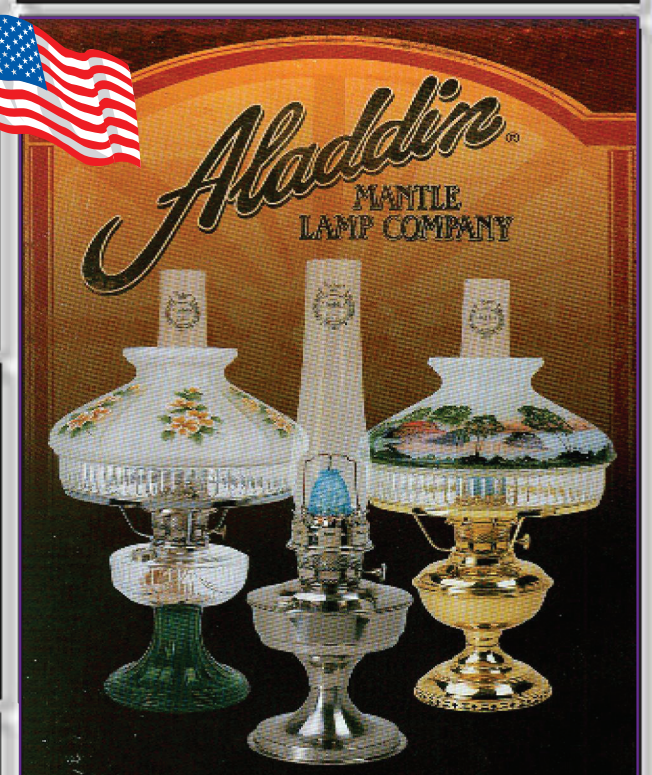
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## WEST OAKS FUNERAL HOME

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### Kelly Tomlinson

Kelly Tomlinson was born to Milton and Sarah Tomlinson on July 20, 1970. He was raised in Robert Lee, Texas and later moved to Sulphur Springs where he met the love of his life, Kimberley Massey, and they became husband and wife on June 15, 1991. It was in East Texas where they planted their roots and began to raise their family, daughter, Kara Gentry and son, Kaden. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and playing sports with his kids. He was employed by Valence Operating as a Pipeline Safety Operations Representative. Kelly went to be with the Lord on May 15, 2019 after a lengthy illness. He honored his family with a brave fight of an illness that many physicians were unable to find until recently after his earthly body was too weak to fight. He is survived by his wife Kim, daughter Kara Gentry and son, Kaden, his grandfather Foy Askins, father Milton Tomlinson, sister Tracie Funderburg and husband Jimmy and niece Milina, mother-in-law Jan Massey.

He is preceded in death by his mother Sarah Tomlinson, his grandparents, Nora and Veldon Tomlinson and grandmother Estelle Askins. Services will be handled by West Oak Funeral Home visitation was held Friday May 17, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The funeral service was held at The Way Bible Church at 1:00 pm on Saturday May 18, 2019, officiated by Joel Tiemeyer and Dean Libby. Burial followed at Mahoney Cemetery.



### Rickey Ray Morton

Funeral service for Rickey Ray Morton, age 60, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 24, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Reilly Springs Cemetery with Joe Swinson, John McDonald, Steve Crawford, Morgan Anderson, Roy King, Glen Mattison, Leon Edwards, and Cameron Fatland serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, May 23, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Rickey passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He was born on July 12, 1958 in Sulphur Springs, the son of Earnest Ray and Jenita Frazier Morton. He married Teresa Carpenter on June 11, 1987 in Greenville. He owned Morton Spreading in Sulphur Springs. He was a good husband and father. He loved his family more than anything. He also loved pitching horseshoes, coaching softball, and social functions. He is survived by his wife, Teresa Morton, son, Jason Romans and wife Tamany of Bullard, daughter, Tarra Ray Morton of Tyler, grandchildren, Justin and Avery Grubbs, sister, Diane McKinney and husband Joel of North Richland Hills, brother, Eddy Morton and

wife Kim of Sulphur Springs, nieces and nephews, Kelly Starks and husband Steven, Shelly Heinle and husband Eric, Mandi Mitchel and husband Andy, Mark Morton and wife Krystal, Magan Bradford and husband Jeremiah, Mason Morton, Robert and Tina Stout, Shorty and Tonya Nelson, sister-in-law, Sue Stout, and numerous great nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Leonard Stout. Memorials may be made to Reilly Springs Cemetery, 1608 County Road 2436, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com)



### Judy Gammill

Funeral Service for Judy Gammill, age 75, of Como, TX will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Judge B.J. Teer officiating. Interment will follow at Arbala Cemetery with James Wilfred, James Anthony Wilfred, Jayden Wallace, Justin Simmons, James Ray Humphries, Brian Gumphert and Tanner Gilbreath serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held one hour before the service. Mrs. Gammill passed away on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at her residence in Como, TX.

Judy was born March 8, 1934 in Grand Saline to James and Mamie Kirby. She married Sanford Gammill on April 27, 1971 in Sulphur Springs. He preceded her in death in 2015. She was a retired Administrator with Sulphur Springs Independent School District and a member of the Color Blind Ministries Church.

She is survived by her son, James Wilfred; daughter, Shannon Wallace and husband, Joe; grandchildren, Charity Rodrigues, Jayden Wallace, James Andy Wilfred, Lyndie Wallace; great grandchildren, Mattison Cameron, Moises Rodrigues, Braelyn Wilfred.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents; grandchildren, Danny Wayne Tipps, Sabrina Tipps, Derek Wade Tipps; brother, Larry Dean Kirby.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home



### Helen Henton

A Funeral Service for Helen Henton, age 85, of Sulphur Springs, was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Rev. Fred Lewis officiating. Interment followed at Union Cemetery with Derek Burchfield, Chuck Collins, Jonathan Henton, Ryan Henton, Donny Gaddis, and Bobby Gaddis serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were her nephews, the staff at Carriage House Manor, and Encouragers Anonymous of First Baptist Church. Visitation was held on Sunday May 19, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Henton went to be with her Heavenly Father on May 17, 2019 after a lengthy illness.

Helen Loretta (Mizzles) Henton was born January 23, 1934 in Ben Wheeler, TX to James Chester and Effie Mae (Alford) Mizzles. She married Robert M. (Bob) Henton on December 1, 1951 in Paducah, TX. He preceded her in death in 1998. Mrs. Henton is survived by four children, daughters, Joyce Burchfield and husband, Ronny, of Dike, Sharon Henton-Nelson, of Rockwall; sons, Robert Henton and wife, Kathy, of Sulphur Springs, William J. (Dubby) Henton and wife, Linda, of Dike; grandchildren, Derek Burchfield and wife, Lauren, Dionna Burchfield, Ryan Henton and Kayla, Kyle Henton, Chasity Collins and husband, Chuck, Brandon Henton and wife, Heather, Jonathan Henton and wife, Kate, Jamie Henton, Tommy Hurley, and wife, Denise, Jason Hurley and wife, Sheila, Joshua Hurley and wife, Jennifer, Jeremy Hurley and wife, Elise, Crystal Berry and husband, Jerric, Shelly Schwartz and husband, Daniel, Shauna Pinkstaff, Memory Nelson; numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 46 years, Bob Henton; son-in-law, Mike Nelson; brothers, John Mizzles and Bill Mizzles; sisters, Jean Beggs and Dorothy Beggs; and great-grandson, Jordan Hurley.

Memorials may be made to Truman W. Smith Childrens Care Center, 2200 West Upshur Ave., Gladewater, TX 75644, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, or a charity of your choice. The online register can be signed at [www.murrayorwosky.com](http://www.murrayorwosky.com).





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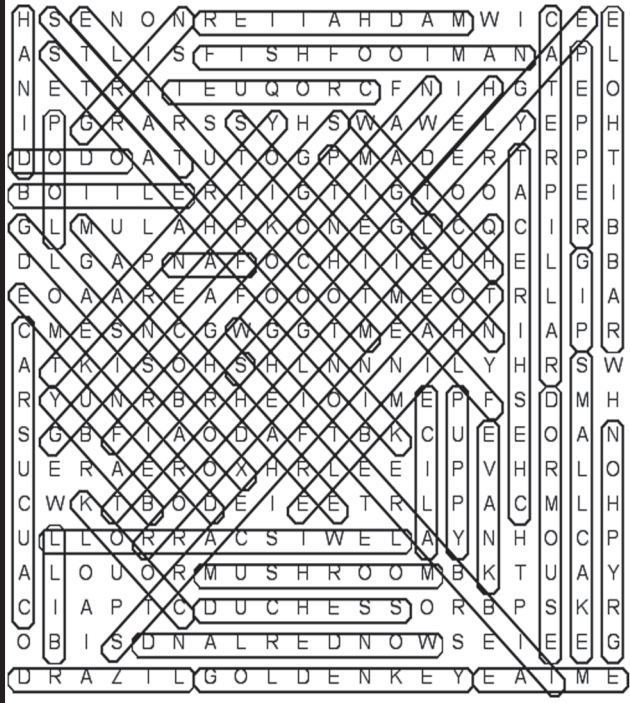
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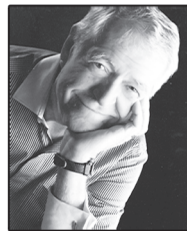
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A historical marker in front of the Slaton Bakery in Slaton says the business started in 1923. In 1943, the Wilson family bought it and still runs it. "Well, I'm a third generation owner and baker here," says Chad Wilson. "They call me the chief cookie officer, so I'm the CCO."

Chad's father Sherrell says the business started slow for his family. "Me and Mama would be waiting for customers to come in and we'd play a game of cards in between customers." Things have changed. The bakery's vanilla wafers and ginger snaps are popular items over a large area. "We're in about 300 grocery stores in Texas and New Mexico," says Chad. "We've made over a million bags of them now. We just passed that mark, something we're proud of. They're in blue and orange packages and have black and white photos on the front. The vanilla wafers feature my grandparents Barney and Ola Mae Wilson from about the 1960's. Bags for the ginger snaps feature the delivery truck my granddad used in the fifties and sixties. We use our truck as a promotional tool in parades and commercials."

The retail store is on a corner in downtown Slaton. The company's cookie factory is a mile away in what used to be a church building. When they bought the corner property, they weren't sure they could use all the space inside it.

"It's all cram packed now," says Sherrell. "Last year we had to add on to our cookie factory. We added on six thousand square feet of warehouse space and a loading dock."

Chad did some hands-on marketing to build the cookie business. "I would go into the stores and talk to the managers, give them samples and pass out cookies to customers." The bakery sells thirty varieties of cookies, twenty different pies, donuts, tortillas, bread and a whole lot of other goodies. "Our most popular sellers are thumb print cookies," says Chad. "We've also developed a Texas Tech cookie which we sell to stores around Lubbock."

Here's a biggie. The Slaton Bakery invented sliced buns. "The first sliced hamburger and hot dog buns in the state of Texas started right here," says Sherrell. My daddy thought it would be a good opportunity for him to offer something different."

He says a big order used to be a dozen wedding cakes on weekends (some of those went as far away as Fort Worth). "More recently it's trying to get two semi loads of cookies out." He grew up in the business. "My baby bed at the bakery was a bread delivery box. When Chad was a baby he used to sleep on flour sacks."

The bakery has made some big cakes. One five-foot tall bride wanted one as tall as she was. Once the bakery made a cake 15 feet tall and served 1,200 people. The bakery has lots of visitors. "We've had them from all fifty states and more than fifty countries. Many of them saw our billboard and came in."

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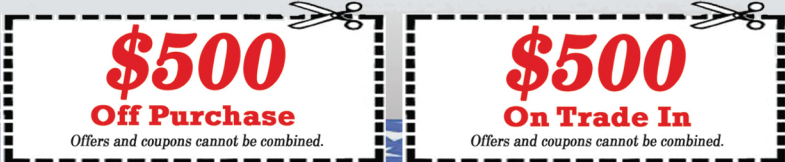
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