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### **Norene Moore**

On May 28, 2020, Mrs Norene Moore left this world for the golden streets of Heaven. She was born November 19, 1923, to John "Frank" and Viola Ellen Palmer, in Birthright, Texas. Norene was the youngest of five children, all of whom preceded her in death. She married Joseph William Moore on October 10, 1945. They had 63 wonderful years of marriage and two children, Linda Jo Moore Riddle, and William David Moore. Joe preceded her in death in 2009.

An open visitation was held at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home Saturday, May 30 until 3 pm. A private burial followed at the City Cemetery with Michael Moore officiating. pallbearers were Joe Moore, Dale Henderson, Jeffrey Moore, Brent Shutt, and Marlin Jones. Honorary pallbearers are Dan Phillips, Randy Reed, Randy Hall, Tim Kelty, and Bob Deen.

Norene was a member of League Street Church of Christ. She loved her church family and she loved to serve in many ways, such as in the nursery, teaching and attending ladies' Bible classes, and arranging food for the bereaved. Many will fondly remember her

as the "bubble gum lady", or as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren called her, simply "Meme". Before marriage, Norene worked in retail in ladies' wear. After her children were in school, she returned to retail, working in children's clothing. Mrs. Moore later worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Jack Ramey for over 20 years. Norene was an excellent seamstress, had a green thumb with every plant she grew, and loved to cook. She took great pride in keeping up her home, and opening her doors to anyone who came to visit. Visitors could count on a cup of coffee and her famous tea cakes. Norene Moore is survived by her loving family: children Linda Jo Moore Riddle of Sulphur Springs, and William David Moore and wife Sheila of Yantis; grandchildren Linda Henderson and husband Dale of San Antonio, Joe Moore of Houston, Rebecca Riddle of Sulphur Springs, Michael Moore and wife Kim of Yantis, and Jeffrey Moore of Yantis. Great-grandchildren are Haley Thompson and husband Logan, Keely Moore, Katelyn Henderson, Kacey Moore, Ella Moore, Gareth Henderson, Gavin Henderson, Annika Bell, Anora Riddle, and Axton Riddle. Great-great-grandchildren are Dean and Ronan Thompson. She is also survived by numerous extended family and a great many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to League Street Church of Christ Youth Fund. Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



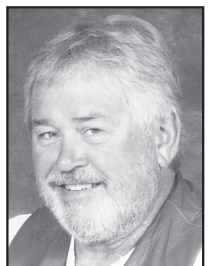
### **Jimmie Hillis Bass**

Jimmie Hillis Bass passed away Saturday May 9, 2020 in Sulphur Springs. She was born and raised in Strawn, Texas to the late James Allen and Audrey Lee Allen.

Hillis was an active lady and was involved in her community. She was a member of the Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild, Shawls of Love, Republican Women, Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Brightstar Garden Club. Hillis was the 2020 recipient of Hopkins County "Care Giver of the Year." She is preceded in death by her parents and brother Jody Stoker

She is loved and will be missed by her husband of 25 years, Albert Sidney Bass; daughters: Kathryn Andolina and Elizabeth Bass; stepdaughters: Ashleigh Bass and Jennifer Bass San Miguel; stepson, Sam Kirk; sister Laura Stoker; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Hillis' life will be held on Saturday June 6, 2020 at 10 am at her home, 179 CR 1116 West, Sulphur Springs. Friends are invited to attend to share memories and enjoy fellowship. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Sulphur Springs Senior Center.



### **K.D. Hathcox**

A graveside Service for K.D. Hathcox was held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 31, 2020, at Restlawn Memorial Park with Pastor Jeff Gravens officiating, and Sean Murray, Stewart Murray, Scott Murray, Spencer Murray, Justin Hathcox, Keith Hilsabeck, Donnie Daniel and Warren Brewer serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are The Class of 1961 of Sulphur Springs. Visitation was after the funeral at the Hathcox Farms.

Karen Dale "K.D." Hathcox, age 76, a retired rancher, passed away on May 28, 2020, at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, Texas. Mr. Hathcox lived the majority of his life in Yantis and Sulphur Springs.

K.D. was born on August 28, 1943, in the Long-Longino Hospital in Sulphur Springs to Bill Jack and Margie Parkins Hathcox. He graduated from Sulphur Springs High School in 1961 and attended East Texas State University. A natural mechanical artist, he worked for over 20 years as a draftsman for Rockwell Valves in Sulphur Springs, Chatliff Industries in Austin and Texas Instruments in Richardson.

Having been raised in his parents' cafes, Hathcox P&B and the Big "H", he was interested in the food industry. He was an internal auditor for Safeway Foods in Garland, the manager of the Phone Booth Restaurant in Dallas and owner/operator of the Feed Lot BBQ & Burgers in Sulphur Springs. Upon his father's death, along with his mother, he devoted himself full-time to the management and operation of Hathcox Farms, Big "H" ranch and dairies.

K.D. was a member of First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs.

He is survived by his mother, Margie Dale Hathcox of Yantis; his son, Justin Gregory Hathcox of Yantis, and his daughter, Amanda Hathcox of Hewitt; his son-in-law, Keith Hilsabeck and grandsons, Gregory and Mico Hilsabeck of Austin; his sisters, VaLinda Hathcox of Yantis and Symantha Hathcox Murray and her husband, Stephen of Sherman.

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K.D. was preceded in death by his daughter, Kara Hathcox-Hilsabeck; his father, Bill Jack Hathcox; his brother, Bill Jack "B.J." Hathcox, Jr. and his grandparents, J.W. and Ella Craver Hathcox and T.D. and Dora Nabors Parkins.

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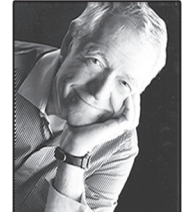
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**MIDLAND'S FUNNY GIRL**  
**Tumbleweed Smith**  
  
 Mary Lou Cassidy of Midland has made her living as an oil and gas lawyer. "We had about 15 lawyers on the premises but I was inclined to attract an odd assortment of clients. Sometimes they could walk in the door and the receptionist would greet them and say 'I'll bet you're here to see Mary Lou.' They would be barefooted and have an Indian headdress on. Later I would ask the receptionist how she knew that was my client. 'Just a guess,' she would reply." Mary Lou is trying to retire but she started doing elder law, helping senior citizens. "They always need something."  
 She has been entertaining theater audiences in Midland for a long time. She has the ability to make people laugh.  
 "I open my mouth and it comes out. I think you must have a sense of timing, a big thing in comedy. You better be born with it. Either you got it or you don't. You have to teach some comedy basics to a good actor and they could fake it, but I think comedy timing is something you're born with and I have it."  
 She has been involved in theater most of her life. "When I was a little girl I was loud and boisterous, a tomboy and all this stuff. My parents took me down to the Midland Community Theater, which was in its infancy then, about 1952, or 53 and they had a children's theater group. Art Cole, the theater director, would teach the first class. He wanted to work on our accents. He had us say 'The light is bright in the night.' Then we would all shout back at him, 'The laht is braht in the naht.' He was from Ohio and couldn't stand to hear us talk. He finally got someone else to teach the class."  
 She has worked with the Midland Community Theater and 20 years ago started another theater group called The Maverick Players. At first, shows were presented in a shopping mall and the American Legion building before moving to its current location in the VFW Hall. When they were in the mall, the Maverick Players did 4 shows a year. "Now we can only do 2 because the air conditioning system isn't too good. We do them in March and November."  
 Mary Lou has acted and directed and done just about everything else you can do in the theater. These days she's having trouble memorizing. She recalls a recent experience on stage. "I'd look at this actor and have to ask what act we were in. My Velcro is getting very slick."  
 She started a nationwide playwriting competition that brought in some unusual plays like a Zombie Hamlet. "In one, they had 2 window washers on a skyscraper talking back and forth and the dialog was good. They were having an interesting conversation. But the writer didn't know how to end it. He had them blast off into outer space."



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