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A Son of the Republic of Texas, Avery is a Sixth-Generation Texan from the Northeast Texas community of Sulphur Springs, Texas.

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The book is priced at \$25.00, plus \$3.00 Shipping, if applicable.

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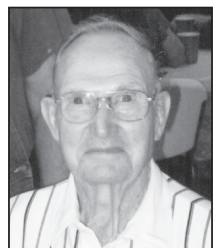
Barbara passed away unexpectedly on Friday, October 30th, 2020 after a brief illness. She was born on October 11, 1942, in Greenville, Mississippi, to the late James Elmer and Lucy Bluebell (Milner) Barnett then returned home to Swink, Oklahoma.

She was part of the Class of 1960 at Valliant High School in Valliant, Oklahoma where she was active in sports, drama and was known far and wide for her beautiful singing abilities. She worked extensively in marketing and sales advertisements for local newspapers and radio. She was passionate about Oklahoma history and worked for many years to help restore and protect the rich history of the Wheelock Academy for the Choctaw Nation of which she was a proud member. In later years she most enjoyed working with her late husband, Bill Grant as they promoted Bluegrass music and Oklahoma Tourism.

Barbara is survived by son, Russ Earnhart and wife Monica of Waxahachie, TX; daughter, Amy Asbill Patrick and husband Harry of Sulphur Springs, TX. Grandsons, Gavin and Evan Patrick; and granddaughter AnnaBeth Rose Patrick. She leaves ingrained in her family a moral compass to live by; to always be honest, love family and friends and honor God.

A Celebration of Life service for Barbara Grant will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at First Assembly of God 1176 HWY 271S, Hugo, OK. Family and friends are invited to sign the guest book or send private condolences to the family at www.praterlampton.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to: Bill Grant Memorial Fund, Security First National Bank, 100 South Broadway Hugo, OK 74743. Or via Paypal at Pay Amy Patrick using PayPal.Me. Barbara created this Memorial Fund to provide scholarships to Seniors graduating and pursuing a degree in Music or Agriculture.



Glendale Tucker

A funeral service for Glendale Tucker, age 87, of Cumby was held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, November 2, 2020 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Bob Woodworth and Randy Hicks officiating. Interment followed at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Cumby. Visitation was held from 5 to 7 PM on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Mr. Tucker passed away on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab.

Glendale was born on August 19, 1933 in Emblem, TX to Harley and Eva Lee Tucker. He married Myra Flo Jetton in 1959 and then Kathy Speight, both preceded him in death. Glendale served in the US Navy. He spent his life as a farmer.

Glendale was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

He is survived by his son, Buff Tucker and wife, Fleta of Cumby; grandchildren, Trevor Greene, Veronica Greene, Russell Weatherford; great grandchild, Jaxson Greene; sister, Odell Tarpley. Glendale was preceded in death by his parents; wives; sisters, Hazel Gregor, Fern Hill, Ann Earwood; brothers, H.W. Tucker, Warren Tucker, James Tucker and Cullen Tucker.

Memorials can be made to Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 15175 State Highway 11 W, Cumby, TX 75433

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

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Jason Ray Bailey

Jason Ray Bailey, age 49, went to be with the Lord on Friday, September 18, 2020 in Christus Mother Francis Heart Hospital, Tyler, Texas, surrounded by his loving family. Jason was born April 8, 1971 in Denison, Texas. His parents are Don and Brenda Bailey. He was a member of Lake Highlands Baptist Church.

He graduated from SSSHS in 1989, joined the Army National Guard, graduated from truck driving school and Northeast Texas Fire Academy/EMS school.

Jason is survived by his wife, Jennifer, parents, Don and Brenda Bailey of Sulphur Springs, TX, uncles, Billy Thomas Bailey (Marvilou), Philip Charles Bailey (Janet), Kerry Mack Bailey (Carol), Jimmy Bailey, aunt, Barbara Joyce Love (Joe), and numerous cousins.

Preceding him in death was his daughter, Taylor Michelle, grandparents, Billie C. Bailey and Nell Bailey, Roscoe and Vera Reeves, and special cousin, Cindy Bailey. One of Jason's favorite Bible Verses was Matthew 18:10-14. He was the one lost sheep of the ninety-nine that the Son of man came to find and save. PTL

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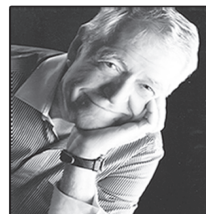
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You start out with a closed fist. Then stick out your forefinger and raise your thumb. All of a sudden your hand looks like a cocked pistol. That's Texas Tech's "Guns Up" gesture that students use at sporting events and in greeting each other. Next year, 2021, will mark the 50th year of "Guns Up."

In 1971, Glenn Dippel and his wife Roxie, both graduates of Texas Tech, saw a cartoon of a Yosemite Sam character holding two six-shooters in the air. Roxie said, "What do you think of this?" and did the guns up gesture. Glenn went to the copy machine, and made a copy of his hand in the guns up position. He sent it to the Saddle Tramps, Tech's spirit organization, along with a letter saying the gesture could be a way of Tech students to recognize each other and also to combat the University of Texas's "hook 'em horns" gesture.

Glenn and Roxie moved to Austin from Lubbock in 1970. "We weren't emotionally prepared for all the orange and hook 'em horns signs all over town. We loved Tech and still do. We still subscribe to the Lubbock newspaper. That's where we saw the cartoon that prompted all this. The newspaper's cartoonist, Dirk West, drew the cartoon."

In the fall of 1971, Glenn and Roxie went to the UT stadium to see the football game between Texas and Texas Tech. They were surprised to see the Tech cheerleaders and students using the guns up sign. "Roxie and I looked at each other, raised our eyebrows and wondered if we had started that."

Glenn and Roxie went to an after game party and Glenn asked somebody about the gesture. The person replied, "Yeah, some guy in Austin started that." By 1975 it was established that Glenn and Roxie had indeed been the originators of the guns up tradition and were recognized by the alumni association. "We're tickled to be able to do that for Tech," says Glenn. "My two favorite teams are Texas Tech and whoever Texas is playing."

Glenn grew up in Old Glory, Texas, the only town in the US to have that name. It was originally called Brandenburg but was changed during World War One because it sounded too foreign. Glenn had the choice of going to either a college in Abilene or Texas Tech. He knew Abilene was dry at the time, so he chose Tech. He thrived there. His mother said he majored in Roxie. They met at church and have been married 62 years.

He and Roxie both studied accounting and passed the CPA exam in 1971. "We have the distinction of being the only couple in Texas to pass the exam together at the same time."

Both have retired and live in Temple.

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