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#### THIS IS AN UPDATE FROM SUE MACHETTA OF YANTIS, TEXAS WHO IS A DIRECTOR IN THE MEXICAN CHILDRENS REFUGE ORGANIZATION SERVING IN THE NUEVO PROGRESO AREA IN MEXICO

Blessings in South Texas and Mexico! 2020 has been a very different year and while we are happy to see it go, Christ is still in charge. There were times throughout the year where we felt so pressured to get everything done – How can we take care of so many people? How can we get everything donated and into the right hands when so much is coming our way? Will we have the strength to do it all? What does God really want from us?

The last question was easy – He wants our best. We remembered that God wouldn't ask us to do something if he didn't provide a way. Somehow, someway, from East Texas to all across the United States, people were quietly working. Friends helped me with woodworking in East Texas so we could provided 145 families in Mexico three weeks of groceries. Other friends were quietly making donations of needed items and dropping them off for delivery south. Friends in their late 70s that travel to South Texas for warmer winter months helped us distribute all of the non-perishables, fresh meats and vegetables.

For some of the children's families, Christmas gifts were not possible due to poverty, but again, because of friends all across the country, we were able to distribute over 1400 Christmas stockings filled with small toys, school supplies, soap and candy plus we were able to distribute over 500 pairs of shoes, 300 new blankets (some handmade by our guilters in East Texas!), three tubs full of new gloves, hats and stockings, and much more. And all of this was distributed while keeping people in small groups with social distancing!

Another blessing, fresh drinking water is now on its way to Mexico in the form of many donations of filtering systems which should greatly increase the people's quality of life. COVID is still in Mexico as well. Treatments are available but in most cases, the people can't afford to purchase the medicine. Some recover and some cannot. We have been well, and despite all challenges, will continue the Mexican Childrens Refuge ministry with God's help!

Residents of small communities received food distributions in small groups to prevent COVID spread.



Distribution center volunteers package foods, clothing for the families.

Children served by the refuge received Christmas stockings filled with candy, health needs.

Til next week, let's watch for winter weather, watch out for family and friends, and count our many blessings

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#### J.B. Webb

Graveside services for J. B. Webb, age 81, of Cumby were conducted at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2020 at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Cumby with Rev. Mark Crumpton officiating. Pallbearers were his grandsons. Honorary pallbearers were Wade Eppears and Ricky Petty. There was no formal visitation. J. B. passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at Hunt County Regional Hospital in Greenville.

J. B. was born on December 18, 1939 in Cumby, the son of J. A. Webb and Arco Sanders Webb. J. B. married Linda Francis Holder on December 18, 1980 and she survives. J. B was a life-long professional truck driver and was of the Baptist faith. He was a member of the Woodsman of the World. J. B. loved his Dallas Cowboys as well as the Rangers and Mavericks. He enjoyed fishing and outdoors, but his family was paramount in his life.

In addition to his wife Linda he is survived by his children, Monty Webb and wife Pam, Keith Webb and wife Terrie, Joshua Brian Webb and wife Brittney, Brent Alan Webb and one daughter, Vickie Evans and husband Billy, sisters, Glenna Evans and Carmeletia

Winters and husband Ronnie, grandchildren, James Evans and wife Macy, Jim Evans, Jamie Webb and wife Ashley, Braylon Webb, Logan Stephens, Cody McCord, Jackson Webb, Elijah Webb, Whitney Helfferich and husband Jimmy, Peyton Webb, Aaliyah Webb, Kindra Webb, Savannah Webb, Misty Cline and husband Clinton, great-grandchildren, Hadley, Wade, Rhett, Mark and baby Evans due in July, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Stoney Ray Webb, brother, Bobby Webb, and sister, Betty Williams. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the American Heart Association. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



#### Claude M. Walter

AUBURN, NY – Claude M. Walter, 79 of Smith Road, Weedsport died December 28, 2020 at the Commons on St. Anthony. A native of Whitney Point, Claude was born April 20, 1941, the son of the late Clarence and Annamae Martin Walter.

In addition to his loving wife Julie Walter; Claude is survived by children: Susan Black (Scott) of Weedsport, Virginia Walter of Melbourne, FL, and Herbert Walter of Phoenix, AZ; daughter-in-law Beth Walter; brothers: George (Patricia) Walter, David (Kelly) Walter; brother-in-law Laverne Dann; several grandchildren; and great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Claude is predeceased by his son Ben Walter.

Claude enjoyed several career paths including a hunting and fishing radio broadcast he shared weekly. He was an avid sportsman enjoying hunting, fishing and shooting. He was an active volunteer for the Moravia Fire Department for many years. He was also active in several masonic lodges for 57 years, joining the Marathon Lodge in 1963 and Sylvan Lodge #41. Following his move to Sulphur Springs, TX in 1980, Claude was active in the Sulphur Bluff, Delta, and Cooper Lodges. He was also a member of the Shriners Templar in Dallas,

TX. During the 1990's, Claude was an on-air personality and salesperson for KSST Radio, and helped organize local fishing activities for youth. In addition to his own interest he loved to encourage his children to follow their passions as well. The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Common on St. Anthony for the wonderful care they provided. A service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with White Chapel Funeral Home, 2719 Erie Drive, Weedsport, NY 13166

#### Kenneth Ray Jenkins



Funeral Services for Kenneth Ray Jenkins, age 88, of Brashear were held at 10am on Monday, January 4, 2021 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Ron Jenkins officiating. Military Graveside honors with the Hopkins County Military Coalition followed at Reilly Springs Cemetery with Andy Smith, Jarrod Ham, Manuel Jenkins, Lanny Jenkins, Kevin Jenkins, and Ricky Venable serving as pallbearers. A come and go visitation was held from 8-10am prior to the service. Kenneth passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at Christus Mother Francis Hospital in Sulphur Springs.

Kenneth was born on August 21, 1932 in Reilly Springs to T.O and Bertha McDonald Jenkins. He married Joyce Thompson on August 3, 1957 in Blue Ridge, Texas. He served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict and was also a Mason. Kenneth drove a truck for Southwestern Transportation and upon retirement he obtained his real estate broker license. He attended Brashear Baptist Church. He is survived by his daughter, Sandy Buster; Granddaughters Lindsey Ham and husband Jarrod Ham and Kimberly Smith and husband Andy Smith; Great Grandchildren Jaxson and Jacob Ham and Sierra, Presley, and Drew Smith; and sister, Jo Ann Venable.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce, parents, two sons, Kenneth Ray Jenkins Jr. and Steven Glenn Jenkins, four brothers, Donald Jenkins, Jimmy D. Jenkins, Dale Jenkins, and Billy Jenkins, and sister, Christine Jennings. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



#### Della Faye Irby Goode

Graveside services for Della Faye Irby Goode, age 86, of Pickton were held At Restlawn Memorial Park on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., with Rev. C J Duffy officiating. Honorary Pallbearers were Chip Steele, Brian Irby, Morgan McCoy, Jose Macias, and Alex Macias. There was a come and go visitation on Monday, January 4, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. at West Oaks Funeral Home. Mrs. Goode passed away on December 31, 2020 at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital. Della was born August 2, 1934 in Pickton, Texas the daughter of Hubert Grimes and Nolie Caldwell Grimes. Della married Billy Irby and he preceded her in death, she then married Milton Goode and he also preceded her in death. Della worked in retail and also in production at Winzen Research. She was of the Baptist faith. Della is survived by her son Richard Irby of Sulphur Springs, daughters, Debbie Morgan and Arlon of Sulphur Springs, Kathie Steele of Sulphur Springs, and Denise Matthews of Seagoville, Grandchildren, Lisa Smith, Shannon Mitchell, Jennifer Robinson, Chip Steele, Stephanie Macias, Amanda Irby, Bobby Joe Griner, Amber Sharp, Aimee Aguliar Tadaki, Jeff Cody, and Andy Cody, 11 Great-grandchildren and 13 Great-great-grandchildren.

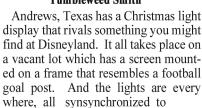
Della was also preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, Jack Turner, Bill Grimes, Walter Grimes, and R.C. Grimes.

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### THE LIGHTS OF ANDREWS Tumbleweed Smith



music. They flash on and off and seem to dance in sequence. Although it can be controlled by a laptop from a remote location, even a beach, the control panel mounted on a wall resembles an airline cockpit.

**Fumbleweed Smith** 

It's the brainchild of Randall Roberts, who started buying strings of light that were on sale after Christmas in stores all over the Permian Basin. He bought pallets of lights and decorated his house with them. The resulting display was so spectacular it was featured on the second episode of ABC TV's Christmas Light Fight.

Randall is really into computerized lights synchronized to music. He goes to seminars all over the country and beyond to get ideas and find out new products and new ways of controlling the display. He showed me a string of lights that must have stretched 50 yards. Every 3 or 4 inches there was a rectangular device that had 3 tiny light bulbs in it. The lights can go on and off with the click of a mouse. "Millions of times a second it's sending commands that tell the 4th one on this string to come on or go off, blink or be part of a sequence," says Randall. In the beginning it took him 20 hours to program one minute of display. That was using 500 channels. Now it's much faster and he uses 300,000 channels. He's hiring others to do a portion of the display now.

He got started doing this back in 2005 or 6 when the Chamber of Commerce had a synchronized display around the courthouse and people could sit in their cars and watch it and hear the music on their car radio. "I thought I'd like to do something like that, but maybe a little bit bigger." When he moved to the vacant lot in 2015 people stopped to ask him if he was building a new high-rise apartment building. "I told them I was just building a town for Santa."

He changes the music every year but wouldn't dare take off some of the regular songs. He does a special with GOD BLESS THE USA. "At the end of the song I've had Viet Nam veterans come up to me with tears in their eyes and tell me it was the first time they've ever been appreciated." This year he has added a Christmas rap song.

The display is lighted at dark from the day after Thanksgiving until the night of January 1st. It lasts until 10 PM weeknights and 11 on weekends. Sometimes there is a manger scene with live animals. The same Santa has been in Andrews for 37 years. The chamber serves cups of hot chocolate. That's how they measure the number of people who attend. One single night they passed out 5,000 cups of hot chocolate. Some people stay in their cars, others get out and walk around Santa land. Most of the visitors are from out of town. You can see his light show if you Google Andrews Christmas lights. People all over the world have seen the display and let Randall know they appreciate it.

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