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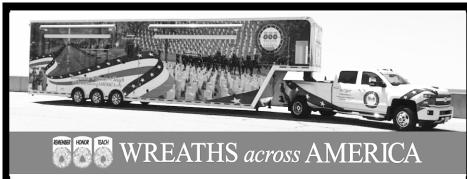
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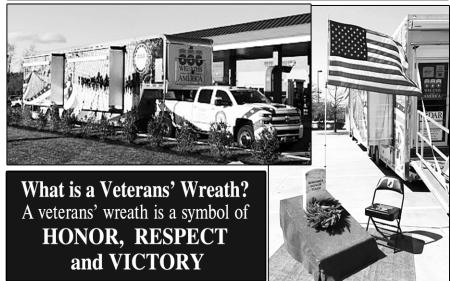


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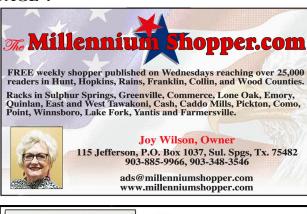
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| Elaine Ashby

February 6, 1941 - February 26, 2021 (age 80)

Memorial services will be held for Ruth "Elaine" Ashby, 80, of Sulphur Springs, on Saturday March 20, 2021 at Shooks Chapel, TX Hwy 154 S. Visitation will be held from 2:00 - 4:00pm with interment following. Elaine passed away Friday, Feb 26 at Hunt County Regional Hospital surrounded by her sons and daughters-in-law.

Elaine was born on February 6, 1941 in Margarita, Colo'n Panama to Sandford and Ruby Mann. She married Billy E. Ashby, July 10, 1959 (the love of her life) and she was of the Christian Faith. Elaine was a retired Supervisor from the Daily News Telegram. She found beauty and solace in her handcrafted works of stained glass. She was a devoted wife, mother and proud grandmother and great grandmother. She loved her constant companion and beloved dog Red. Elaine is survived by her sister Rita Adams, children Ronald Ashby and wife Cynthia, Michael Ashby and wife Tammy,

grandchildren Brandon Ashby, Jessica Weeks and Christopher Dollar and eight great grandchildren.

Elaine is preceded in death by her husband Billy and her sister Sylvia Kibart.



Ricky Gammill

Ricky Gammill, 65, of Sulphur Springs, TX passed away peacefully March 13, 2021 surrounded by his family.

Ricky was born in Hopkins County to Bill and Nettie Gammill on June 8, 1955.

He was a 1973 graduate of Sulphur Springs High School where he met the love of his life, Karen Easley. Ricky and Karen were married on June 2, 1973 at Martin Springs Baptist Church. Ricky was a lifelong resident of Hopkins County where he spent three decades as a local dairy farmer. He joined the Lowes family in 1998. In his 20+ year career with Lowes he managed multiple facilities across the country, earning numerous accolades to include General Manager of the Year in 2015. Ricky raised his daughters on the softball field, loved playing the role of Poppy with his grandchildren, and always had a project or five in the works around the house.

Ricky was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Nettie Gammill.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Karen; daughter Misty Lockhart and her husband Bryan Lockhart of Grand Prairie; daughter Marcie Gammill of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren Bryson Lockhart, Tate Bradford, Tyce Bradford and Georgia Bradford; siblings Don Gammill, Willie Gammill, Kathy Henton, Reed Gammill, and Omie Penney; and countless precious nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home, Monday March 15th at 2pm with private burial to follow at Arbala Cemetery. Open visitation was held one hour before the service. Pallbearers were nephews Tommy Hurley, Jr., Shane Fite, Heath Gammill, Lee Hamner, Jake Mahand and Luke Penney. Honorary Pallbearers were Ace Hamner, Ronny Darrow and Danny Reed.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the wonderful team at Heritage Home Health & Hospice, the SSHS class of 1973 and to Ricky's Lowes family at FDC 1425 in Ennis, TX.



Larry Joe "Godfather" Smith

Larry Joe "Godfather" Smith, age 76 of Emory passed away on March 13, 2021. A memorial service will be held at Sweetwater Grill, 4884 State Highway 276, Royse City, Texas, Sunday, March 21, 2021, at 1 p.m.

"Larry Joe "Godfather" Smith passed away at his home in Emory, Texas, on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at the age of 76. Larry attended North Texas State University 1963-1965. He then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1966. He was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, at Amarillo Air Force Base, Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, and then at Torrejyn Air Base in Madrid, Spain, where he met his first wife, Pamela Wells of La Grange, Illinois. She finally relented to his proposals of marriage after the sixth time he asked. They were engaged before he was assigned to serve a tour at Nha Trang Air Base, Vietnam in 1970. While stationed there, he traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii to marry Pamela.

A few months later, Larry was honorably discharged from service at the rank of staff sergeant in 1971. In 1986, the family moved to Sulphur Springs, Texas, where Larry and Pamela lived until after her passing in 2007. Larry met his second wife, Carolyn, and the couple eventually moved to a small country home near Lake Fork in Emory, Texas. They were married in 2010 in Las Vegas, Nev., in what the two called a "tacky Elvis wedding" and wearing their motorcycle leathers.

Larry is survived by wife Carolyn; daughter Jillian Smith and her son, Ian Mallard, of Kerrville, Texas; son Christopher Smith of Frisco, Texas; stepdaughter Mary Pierce and her sons, Christopher, Alex, Ashton and Cody, of Dennison, Texas; stepson John Cherry and his significant other, Christina Delgado, of Sulphur Springs, Texas; brother Ronnie Smith and wife Debbie of Dallas, Texas; sister Leta Smith and husband Tom Dunn of Fort Collins, Colo.; and sister Karen Smith of Carrollton, Texas.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Pamela, and his parents.

A memorial service that Larry wanted called a wake, even though he wasn't Irish, will be held at Sweetwater Grill, 4884 State Highway 276, Royse City, Texas, Sunday, March 21, 2021, at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to pay their respects to Larry in his cremated state, sing along to his hero Roy Roger's theme song, "Happy Trails," and share irreverent stories of his shenanigans and favorite lies.



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2021 FFA Officers of the Como-Pickton CISD Chapter recognized Betty Flora for her years of support during the annual "Stew and Auction" Fundraiser held at the CP High School on March 11, 2021. Mrs. Flora also received a shop-made "God Made a Farmer" bench as a gift from the chapter. The "Stew" was actually a springtime Baked Potato Supper, and along with the meal and the auction of many projects made by FFA students, the evening was a great success, yielding over \$15,000 for use by FFA, FCCLA and Skills US student programs. Congratulations to the officers and members who did all the organizing as well as construction of projects in welding and woodworking classes. Thanks is also extended to persons in the community who donated quilts, cakes and other auction items to make the event a success.



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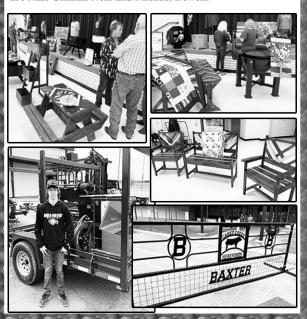
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