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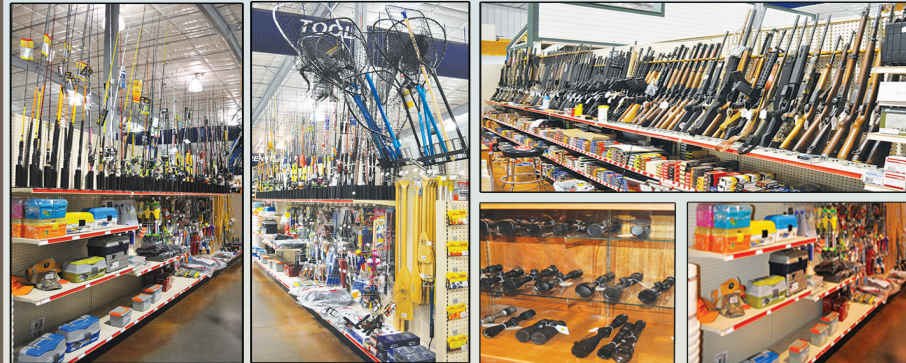


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June 12, 1939 - April 4, 2021 (age 81) Services pending.



Tina Marie Flippen

Funeral service for Tina Marie Flippen, age 56, of Sulphur Springs, TX. will be at 11:00A.M. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Pastor Cody Rushin officiating. Interment will follow at North Hopkins Cemetery with Michael Thomas, Robert Galindo, Brad Baxter, Mason Scott, Bradley Watkins and Brent Little serving as pallbearers. Mrs. Flippen passed away on April 3, 2021 at her residence.

Tina was born on May 15, 1964, in Dallas, TX to Kenith and Roxie Harris of Dallas, Tx. Tina married the love of her life, Mark Flippen on September 27, 2001. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her loving husband, Mark, and their daughters and their spouses, Crystal and Michael Thomas, of Sunnyvale, Stacy and Robert Galindo, of Dallas, Kaylea and Brad Baxter, of Honey Grove, and Logan and Mason Scott, of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Anthony and Alexia Galindo, and Kendall Thomas; father, Kenith Harris, of Ennis.

She is also remembered by her sisters and their spouses, Katherine Stephenson, of Pennsylvania, Debra Thacker and Darrell Holt, of Ennis, and Tammy Watkins and Brent Little, of Rice. Tina will be loved and remembered by her nieces and nephews.

Tina was preceded in death by her mom, Roxie Harris, brother-in-law, Steve Thacker, and father-in-law, Charles Flippen.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com



Mary Ann Boyd

Mary Ann Boyd, formerly of Sulphur Springs, passed away March 23 at her home in Haymarket, VA, surrounded by her family. She was 69. Born on March 8, 1952, at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas, she is survived by her husband Tim Beckworth; two daughters, Micah Earle of Virginia and Erica Burns of Austin, Texas; a son, Sean Woosley of Austin; and grandchildren Fiona and Liam Earle of Virginia, and Greta and Mischa Burns of Austin. She was preceded in death by her parents, the Rev. Canon Billie R. Boyd of the Episcopal Diocese in Fort Worth and her mother, Doris Louise Banks Boyd, and her brother, Bill Boyd. Mary Ann spent most of her childhood in Sulphur Springs, attending Austin Elementary School, Sulphur Springs Junior High and Sulphur Springs High School. While growing up, she was a member of the St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Sulphur Springs. She had numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in the Sulphur Springs area. Her maternal grandparents were Eddie Eugene Banks and Edna Jane Brandon Banks, who owned The Banks Company

in Sulphur Springs.

Local relatives also include cousins Tommy Johnston, Charles Johnston, William LaRue, Lee LaRue of Paris, Jan LaRue Crowder of Rockwall and Cynthia LaRue White of San Antonio. A lifelong Episcopalian, Mary Ann was a current Vestry member of the Grace Episcopal Church in The Plains, VA. She had been an advocate for children working for the Texas Department of Social Services in child abuse and neglect prevention programs. She later worked with programs directed toward education and assistance for families with children, with a focus on food insecurity. Mary Ann was a well-known and acclaimed champion of the Montessori educational philosophy for more than 30 years, first as a teacher and later as founder of The Boyd School, along with her husband Tim, in the Northern Virginia area, serving infants through sixth grade. Under her guidance, The Boyd School grew from a small, one-room school to one of the largest Montessori school systems in Virginia, with seven campuses in Fairfax and Loudoun counties. She retired in 2016. Mary Ann also helped start and was a devoted supporter of the Grace Montessori School – The Plains, a faith-based Montessori school aligned with her church. Ms. Boyd also served on the Commonwealth of Virginia's Board of Social Services, and as the American Montessori Society representative to the Virginia Council for Private Education. The American Montessori Society will make a donation to AMS in her honor. She was also very active with Jazzercise and enjoyed traveling worldwide with her husband Tim.

A Memorial Service was scheduled for Saturday, April 3, at 11 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in The Plains, VA. Her ashes will be interred on Wednesday, April 7, at 2 p.m. at Restlawn Memorial Park in Sulphur Springs. Officiating was the Rev. Weston Mathews of the Grace Episcopal Church, Mary Ann's church in Virginia, who will travel with her family to Sulphur Springs.

Condolences may be sent to Tim Beckworth and Micah Earle at 3247 Mountain Rd., Haymarket, VA 20169. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a need-based scholarship fund named in her honor at Grace Montessori School – The Plains. Donations can be made to the GMS Mary Ann Boyd Scholarship Fund at <https://my.gobluefire.com/app/Giving/halopays-11/GRACEMONTESSORISCHOOL>



Dolores Rhodes September 17, 1938 - April 3, 2021 (age 82)

Funeral service for Dolores Rhodes, age 82, of Sulphur Springs, TX will be held at 2:00P.M. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Rev. Fred Lewis officiating. Interment will follow at the City Cemetery in Sulphur Springs with John Sellers, Tim Glenn, Don Sapaugh, Ricky Reynolds, Tony Cook and Lee Teetes serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00P.M. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Mrs. Rhodes passed away on April 3, 2021 at Christus Mother Frances- Sulphur Springs.


Dolores was born on September 17, 1938 in Texas to Aubrey James and Maurine (Moore) Hale. She married her husband L.D. Rhodes, who preceded her in death. Dolores worked for City National Bank. She was valedictorian of her class. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, Mike Rhodes and Mark Rhodes; grandchildren Jeremy Weaver and Jordan Rhodes; great-great grandchildren, Emma Weaver, Ethan Weaver and Tanner Rhodes. Dolores was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

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I've had some conversations with Carolyn Ohl, who owns the Christmas Mountains Oasis located in a remote area near Terlingua. Serious birders and photographers go there to see the Lucifer Hummingbird, Elf Owl and a rare butterfly. Some call her the Bird Lady of the Big Bend. She is profound in her observations about birding.

"Birders' lives are enhanced by visiting the oasis for maybe a few hours in their lifetime, but mine is enhanced all day every day," she says. "I'm always pruning, watering, filling feeders or pumping water so that the oasis will be lovely for birders. In the very beginning I may have done it for myself but it soon morphed into a passion that I cannot separate what's for me and what's for birders. I would do it even if no one visited, but the pleasure I derive from it is in sharing it.

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"I enjoy ancestry because I'm building a tree for posterity. I enjoy butterflies, dragonflies, birds and flowers and I document everything. I think the main reason I enjoy them is because it's fun to see a new species for the first time and it's fulfilling to feel like a part of nature. When I saw my first Lucifer it was like a religious experience.

"When I sit here with a birder who is getting their lifer Lucifer it's as if I'm vicariously seeing it through their eyes for the first time, too. It's an enormous pleasure for me. And it hurts me when great birds are there and I'm the only one seeing them. The pain of that exceeds the pleasure of seeing them. I love to share the birds."

Her oasis in at the end of a 7-mile dirt road with bumps and curves. She gives maps to visitors. It is open only to those who make appointments to go there. The oasis has no overnight facilities. Carolyn doesn't charge anything but occasionally she'll get a grant for some improvements. Right now she's building a new water feature and viewing area. Every August she holds a hummingbird festival and gives presentations about the fascinating tiny birds. She is on Facebook under Christmas Mountains Oasis.

When she was 5 years old in Iowa an uncle took her on a birding trip and bought her a child's bird book. All the time she was growing up she thought birding was just for kids. Then, as an adult, her sister in law suggested she and Carolyn go birding. Carolyn went and was hooked.

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