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## Passing of a Good Country Music Friend

I was still on a cloud following the successful 2021 'return of the Reilly Springs Jam-boree' on Saturday night when I got the news of the passing of Benny Potter. I am deeply saddened by the loss of this kind and modest soul and dear friend who had a heart and spirit for Country Music. Benny did more than just listen to Country Music, he actively promoted it through his weekly radio programs. Many of these programs I was privileged to share in over the past couple of decades on KSST Radio. Maybe you were a frequent or loyal listener. If so, you probably appreciate the casual atmosphere of that program. It was called "Monday Mornings With Benny Potter". He'd come into the control room just before 8am on Monday mornings with an armful of records he liked. I'd cue the cuts he wanted to play, and then I'd spin them on the turntable after he introduced each song. We'd laugh and cut up and take requests too. So simple and such enjoyable listening! It was very much an educational program as well as an entertaining and enjoyable one.

Starting in the late 1990's, we ran live each Monday from about 8:15am til 9am. Regular listeners to the Monday morning show have told me, they'd listen to Benny and me and then they'd switch channels to Tyler's 'The Ranch' which featured DJ Tom Perryman, and get another couple hours of Country Music in a live format. Between Benny and Tom, listeners got the inside story on artists who had produced the classic hits that became the foundation of Country Music. Stories that were sweet, sometimes sad, but real...and the stories always came alive through the voices of these two men. And it was quite a catalog which Benny, as well as Tom, carried in their memory! Benny was always adding the newest information about their concerts, personal lives, etc. And he'd bring to life performances he'd seen at the Big D Jamboree in Dallas at the Sportatorium, and memorable performances from the Louisiana Hayride. He remembered and celebrated Country Music as it once was in its heyday. And he liked to highlight those songwriters and performers whose careers unfortunately did not get the recognition they truly deserved. But you know, when you love something, then you know all about it, correct? Well that was what my friend Benny Potter did. And if you met him in the grocery store or passed him on the sidewalk downtown, he'd remember who you were, and take a few minutes for the time of day and a little chat, plus something about the next show he was planning.

Benny was friendly in an old-time kind of way that's almost disappeared now. He knew about being poor and helped many an individual and family.. He was fair and respectful to everyone, and everyone was important to him. Benny loved everybody, and I never heard him say an unkind word about another person. I did however, hear him say more than once, that we ought to pray for those who didn't practice being nice. He had a hope that everyone would come to know his Lord and Saviour too. Benny loved his church, Immanuel Baptist. Benny loved his wife Barbara, whom he married when they were young. Through their journey together, they had lots of happiness as well as some loss; their twin daughters, much later a grown son, and in recent years a health crisis for their surviving son. As years passed, Benny and Barbara developed health problems that kept them from going to the dances they once loved. In his work, Benny had served many establishments around Northeast Texas with jukebox and vending routes. He could also fix these machines when they developed problems, and he was also handy at repairing appliances. We laughed more than once over the slogan "he can fix anything except a broken heart and the crack of dawn". But I found over the years that he'd also listen to anyone with a hurting heart, and whatever you told him, he kept confidential.

At some point after 2010, Benny and I developed a new KSST program called 1230 West which has aired on Saturday mornings at 7am and Thursday evenings at 7pm, promoting traditional Country Music as well as Western Swing. Since the onset of COVID in 2020, the 1230 West Show has been produced using Benny's pre-recorded cuts I have on file, in the hopes that we might be able to begin making fresh episodes. But that has proven not to be. I am certain that there is a population of listening fans who will want to continue hearing Benny's voice on the 1230 West Show. Right now, future plans for the show are uncertain. I do expect to air a Tribute to Benny Potter show in the very near future. But Benny's passing has taken the wind out of my sails and the song from my heart, for now. My prayer is that his gentle and modest spirit, Christian outlook and values, and his endearing sense of humor is never forgotten. I believe the great Country Music times we've shared on the air will live on in the memory of Benny's listeners. I feel privileged to have been along for the ride.

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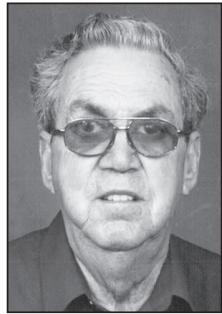
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### **Bennie Potter**

Funeral service for Bennie Potter, age 83, of Sulphur Springs will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Bro. John Gandy officiating. Interment will follow at Shooks Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 from 6 to 8 PM at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Potter passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2021 in Sulphur Springs.

Bennie was born on September 25, 1938 in Mt. Vernon, Texas to Herman and Vera (Styles) Potter. He married Barbara Lindley on December 13, 1956 in Choctaw, OK. Bennie owned a Vending/Arcade Machine business and was an appliance salesman. He was a deacon of Immanuel Baptist Church. He occasionally hosted on KSST Radio.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Potter; son, Lewis Potter; grandchildren, Shawn Potter, Jamie Potter, Jeremy Potter, Cody Potter, Carolyn Lane, Christa Elmore and Bennie Potter; eleven great grandchildren.

Bennie was preceded in death by his parents; twin daughters, Carolyn and Debbie Potter; son, Thurman Potter; sister, Louise Ball.

Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at [www.murrayorwosky.com](http://www.murrayorwosky.com)



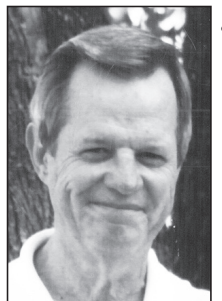
### **Vonda Merrell Wright**

A graveside service for Vonda Merrell Wright, age 91, of Sulphur Springs, TX was held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Restlawn Memorial Park with Rev Fred Lewis officiating. Serving as honorary pallbearers were the great grandsons. Mrs. Wright passed away on April 15, 2021 in Sulphur Springs, TX.

Vonda was born on December 26, 1929 in Sulphur Springs, TX to Mack Dennis and Mrtyle (White) Merrell. She married Frank Wright Sr. on September 8, 1946 in Sulphur Springs, TX. Vonda was a home maker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Frank Wright Jr and wife, Deborah Rogers; grandchildren, Craig English and wife, Rachel, Jennifer Byrd and husband, Stephen, Jason Wright and wife, Jemilynn, Ryan Wright and wife, Heather; her beloved great grandchildren, Austin English, Norris English, Max English, Garrett Byrd, Jordan Byrd, Drew Byrd, Rylan Wright, Abby Wright, Grayson Wright, Ella Wright.

Vonda was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Frank Sr; sister, Imogene Gober; brother, Mack "Sonny" Dennis Merrell Jr. Donations may be made to First Baptist Church at 116 Oak Ave Sulphur Springs, TX 75482



### **Jerry Dale Knight**

Our dear Lord lovingly called Jerry Dale Knight home in the early morning hours of April 11, 2021 at 6:24A.M. at his home in Sulphur Springs, Texas, comforted by his family and friends. A funeral service was held at 2:00P.M. on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Daugherty Cemetery with Larry Neal, Ricky Rainey, John Rugg, Wes Hendrix, Jarrod Brewer and Cliff Statham serving as pallbearers and Gordon Frazier, Gayle Hague, Alan Farris, Lynn Guthrie, Hal Pipkin, J.I Page and Ray Pierson serving as honorary pallbearers.

Jerry was born to Haskell and Alice (Frazier) Knight on November 30, 1951. He attended and graduated from Sulphur Springs High School. In 1970, after graduation, he attended Texas State Technical College in Waco, Texas, earning a degree in HVAC. He started his working history for Gene Rawson, and later joined Sulphur Springs Farm Supply, owned by Mr. George Ward. In the next few years, he sold HydroTex oil products and later life insurance. He served for 6 years in the Sulphur Springs unit of the Texas National Guard, preforming his 6-month basic training in Fort Ord, California, from 1972 through 1978, along with friend, Michael Carnes, also of Sulphur Springs.

After returning from his basic training, he married Shirley Dicken McPeak on June 16, 1972. They were married for 10 years, she survives him. Daughter, Julie Ann Knight was born on June 11, 1974. He later married Shirley Hector on November 19, 1982 and lived with her until her death in 2015. Daughter, Kristi Lynn Knight was born on September 22, 1984. While in high school, his true talent for music became evident, and he and his friend, Gaylon Odom, began to make music, winning several awards during the FFA competitions. They played for numerous events while still in school, including Miller Grove Junior-Senior Prom in 1971. This would begin a lifelong love of playing and singing. He played with numerous musicians over the years, some who include Gale Hague from Yantis, Texas, Johnny Walen from Quitman, Texas, Jack, Jeff Godfrey and Larry Neal from Sulphur Springs, playing various clubs, benefits, anywhere people wanted to hear good music. In the 70s and 80s, he enjoyed performing with friends and entertaining countless fans who would follow the performers from place to place. They entertained at VFWs and American Legions in Sulphur Springs, Greenville, Farmersville, Quitman, Paris, did numerous benefits and performed regularly at the Bar G Country Club in Commerce. They were invited to perform in Dallas for New Years Eve at the Hilton for 2 years. Crowds always enjoyed themselves, almost as much as Jerry and his fellow band members enjoyed performing for them. In recent years, he continued his music in numerous locations, including Reilly Springs and Mineola.

He is survived by his daughters, Julie Ann Knight of Brashear, Texas, and Kristi Lynn Knight of Sulphur Springs, Texas; grandchildren, Christian Alexander Plunkett of Sulphur Springs, Shawn Aubrey Dennis of Slatillo, Grayson Connor Routh and Maurley Sawyer Routh of Sulphur Springs. Gloria Kemp, long-time companion of Canton, Texas also survives. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; brother Doyce Knight of Emory; wife, Shirley Hector Knight; stepson, Kevin Plunkett; aunts, Opal, Lois and Ruby; cousin, Gene Frazier. He was also preceded in death by several friends, who entertained with him, including Gaylon Odom of Sulphur Springs, Roger Mabry of Sulphur Springs, Mr. Doug Estes of North Hopkins and Roger Berry of Sulphur Springs.



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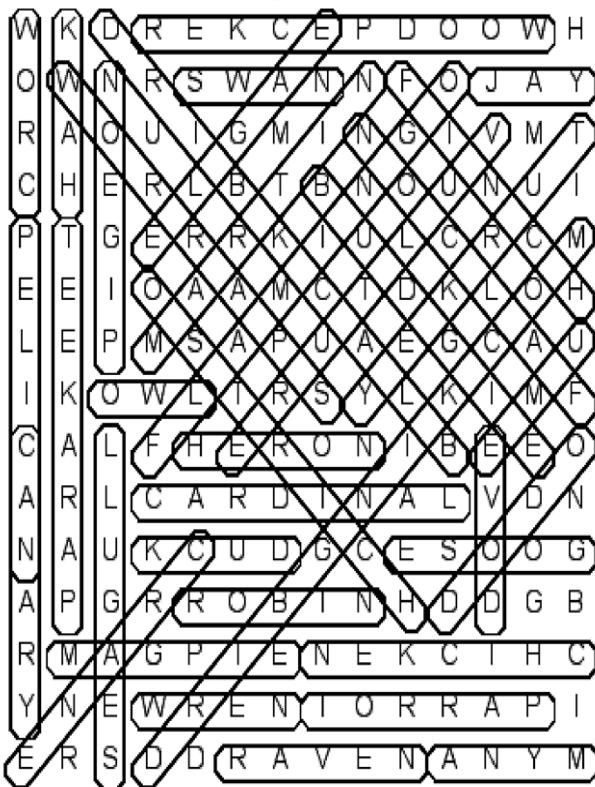
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## Answers



## THE BASEBALL ORGANIST

**Tumbleweed Smith**

Just like the great organs used to offer sound effects and music for silent movies to emphasize what was happening on the screen, the organ at the ballpark dJuoos the same thing. Say a batter hits a home run. While he's running the bases, the organ might play The William Tell Overture. If a runner is trying to steal home from third base and gets in the middle of a game of tag between the third baseman and catcher, the music might be something from Zorba the Greek or perhaps some old-fashioned melodrama music.

In 1941 Wrigley Field in Chicago became the first ballpark to have an organ to be played live. It's still that way today. Wrigley Field has the organ and an organist who plays it during games. Of course it is played during the 7th inning stretch when everyone sings Take Me Out to the Ballgame. That song, by the way, reportedly was written in 1908 by two guys who had never been to a game.

The Texas Rangers went for 20 years without organ music but two years ago the team hired Dustin Tatro and he's thrilled to have that job mainly because he is a huge Ranger fan and loves to play the organ. "When the announcer mentions my name as the Texas Rangers organist, I get a thrill," says Dustin, who has been playing organ and piano since he was 6 years old. The organ music is heard both on the field and on radio and television broadcasts. "One of the favorite tunes is the Chicken Dance," says Dustin. "We play it during commercials or when there's a break in the action. Fans love it. When the Rangers win, Pat Green sings I Love Texas. When they lose, the organ plays Satin Doll, an old standard that has a lot of comfort to it. I always send the fans home with Happy Trails."

There is no organ at the Rangers ballpark. Dustin records the music either in his living room or at an organ studio and sends it to the Rangers' music director, who acts as DJ and plays the music. Dustin is looking forward to the time when the ballpark installs an organ and he can play it live during games. He is in it for the long haul. "The organist with the White Sox has been there 41 years. I want to be with the Rangers at least 42, hopefully to come out of it with a couple of rings by then."

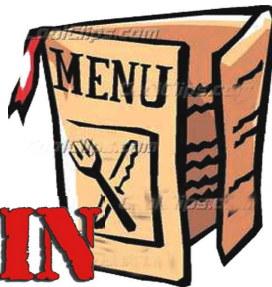
Dustin has recorded about 750 songs on the organ. "Some are short bursts, just a second or two, used to increase the intensity of the game. I might play the 'lets go, Rangers' music a few times going up the scale with it to get the audience excited."

In this digital age, Dustin can supply music instantly even if he's sitting in the stands or on a beach somewhere and the music director contacts him during a game and says he needs a particular piece of music. Dustin can get out his trusty portable keyboard, record the music on his computer and send it by email to be on the air within seconds.

Dustin is 34 and has degrees in church music. He works with EMS and is a DJ and church organist in Abilene.

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