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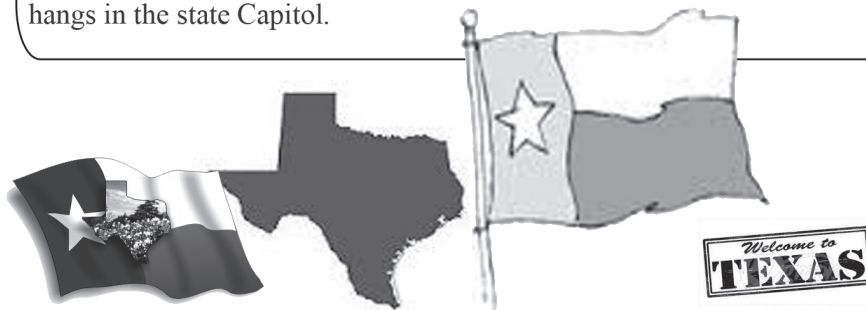
It cannot be denied, brave Texians at the Alamo paved the path for our freedom as Texans and Americans. A few of the Alamo heroes (Tejanos) were "from here" but most weren't... volunteers from all over the nation and beyond responded passionately to the news of Mexico's tyranny and made their way toward Texas. Where did these Alamo heroes come from? Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Louisiana, Arkansas, North and South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, even New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Ohio and Illinois Territory. A number of those who perished were of foreign birth, from Scotland, England, Ireland, Germany and Denmark. A partial list of the identities of Alamo dead was published on March 24, 1836 in the Telegraph and Texas Register. Please read here in a future issue for some fascinating early history of the Telegraph and Texas Register, the second permanent newspaper in Texas.



Brave men need a flag to fight under. The Texas State flag as we know it today actually had numerous designs before finally showing the red, white and blue the full light of day, a process that began prior to 1836 if you count the six national flags that have flown over the territory. There are a couple of tales regarding it's hand-sewn construction that are charmingly patriotic, but this one has stood the test of time. **Lone Star on Texas Flag Made By a Georgia Girl** was the headline of a 1935 issue of San Antonio Express, "taking readers back 100 years to November 1835."

The Betsy Ross of Texas, Joanna Troutman

Joanna (or Johanna) Troutman, designer of an early Texas Lone Star flag, was born on February 19, 1818, in Crawford County, Georgia, the daughter of Hiram Baldwin Troutman. In 1835, in response to an appeal for aid to the Texas cause, the Georgia Battalion, commanded by Col. William Ward, traveled to Texas. Joanna Troutman designed and made a flag of white silk, bearing a blue, five-pointed star and two inscriptions: "Liberty or Death" on the obverse and, in Latin, "Where Liberty dwells there is my country" on the reverse. She presented the flag to the battalion, and it was unfurled at Velasco on January 8, 1836, above the American Hotel. It was carried to Goliad, where James W. Fannin, Jr., raised it as the national flag when he heard of the Texas Declaration of Independence. The flag was accidentally torn to shreds, however, and only its remnants flew above the battle. Joanna Troutman married S. L. Pope in 1839, and the couple moved to Elmwood, their prosperous plantation near Knoxville, Georgia, in 1840. They had four sons. Her husband died in 1872, and Joanna married W. G. Vinson, a Georgia state legislator, in 1875. She died on July 23, 1879, at Elmwood and was buried next to her first husband. In 1913 Texas governor Oscar B. Colquitt secured permission to have her remains taken to Texas for interment in the State Cemetery in Austin. A bronze statue by Pompeo L. Coppini was erected there as a monument to her memory; her portrait hangs in the state Capitol.



The lone star on the Texas State flag 'represents all of Texas and stands for unity as one for God, State and Country'. Always fly it with the white stripe (purity) above the red (bravery) and the star's point on the field of blue (loyalty) aiming upward. Do you know the Texas Pledge of Allegiance? "Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible." Til next week, I'll fly the flag and watch for you at the corral gate.

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(Greenville, TX) A nationwide tour showcasing the strength of Cub Cadet products and technology is making a stop in Greenville. Crawford Smith, local dealer of Cub Cadet outdoor power equipment, is hosting the **FREE CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE** on **Thurs., March 10th; 10am-4pm** at **2210 Lee St.; Greenville, Tx.**

Customers will be able to test the strength of Cub Cadet products by test driving them at the **EXCLUSIVE 1-DAY EVENT**, which will feature give-a-ways and special offers. Attendees can check out the latest products and technology in lawn care, including the first lawn tractor manufactured with an electronic fuel-injected (EFI) engine.



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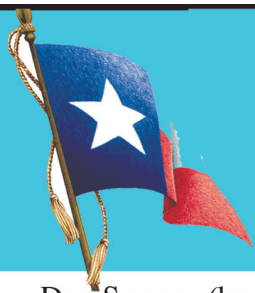
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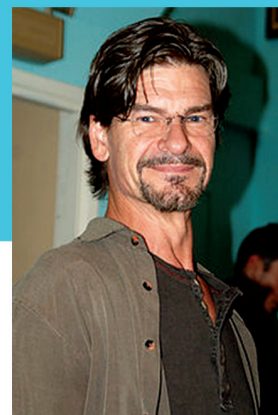
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FAMOUS TEXANS

Don Swayze

An American actor. Patrick Swayze brother



Don Swayze (born August 10, 1958) is an American actor, noted for character acting in dramatic series and soap operas, as well as several feature films, and theatrical work, including comedy. He is a younger brother of actor Patrick Swayze.

Swayze was born in Houston, Texas, the middle son of Patsy Yvonne Helen (née Karnes), a choreographer, dance instructor, and dancer, and Jesse Wayne Swayze, an engineering drafter. He is a younger brother of the late actor Patrick Swayze and of sister Vicky Lynn, and the older brother of Sean Kyle and adopted sister Bora Song (nicknamed Bambi). He is a sixth cousin once removed of commentator John Cameron Swayze and a relative of noted Texas Revolution soldier Henry Karnes.

Swayze's film work has included an appearance as a dancer in the 1980 film *Urban Cowboy*, as Ruben in the film *Father for Charlie*, and as Mark in the film *Shy People*. He also played Col. Sherman Rutherford in a western-noir hybrid titled *Heathens and Thieves* in 2012. He also starred in the film *Death Ring*, and as the Alamo courier James Bonham in *Alamo: Price of Freedom*, an IMAX film shown in San Antonio, Texas.

Swayze is currently appearing in two soap operas, *The Young and the Restless* and *Days of Our Lives*. In 2010, Swayze guest starred in six episodes in a recurring role as Gus, a werewolf, on the HBO series *True Blood*. His television drama work includes multiple appearances in *Murder She Wrote*, *The X Files*, *NYPD Blue*, *Days of Our Lives*, *NCIS*, *Carnivàle*, and dozens of other programs. Swayze had a role as a mentally handicapped man suspected of murder in an episode of the television drama *Matlock*. He played Jesse James in a season-two episode of *Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*. He had a recurring role on *Criminal Minds*, specifically the episodes "The Big Game" and "Revelations", in which he played Charles Hankel, the father and alternate personality of serial killer Tobias Hankel. On *Cold Case*, Swayze played the adult Grant Hall. Swayze had a small guest appearance on *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* as a crazy boat captain. He has also appeared on *Beyond Belief*, and *The Bridge*. Swayze also appeared in an episode of *Sons of Anarchy*, season 7. In 2001, Don was on stage as Pedro in *Man of La Mancha*, at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center. In 2005, he played Roy in the comedy *Lone Star* at the Beverly Hills Playhouse. In the fall of 2011, he co-starred with Anne Archer in an original stage play titled *Jane Fonda: In the Court of Public Opinion*, at the Edgemar Theater in Santa Monica, California; he played U.S. Army Sgt. Don Simpson (retired), a wounded veteran of the Vietnam War.

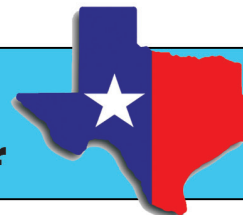
Don is an avid skydiver and cyclist, and races cross country mountain bikes in his spare time.

Don is married to Charlene Swayze.



Loretta Devine

American Actress and Singer



Loretta Devine (born August 21, 1949) is an American actress and singer, best known for her roles as Marla Hendricks in the Fox drama series *Boston Public*, and for her recurring role as Adele Webber on the Shonda Rhimes' *Grey's Anatomy*, for which she won a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actress in a Drama Series in 2011. In film, Devine appeared in *Waiting to Exhale*, *The Preacher's Wife*, *I Am Sam*, *Urban Legend*, *Crash*, *Woman Thou Art Loosed*, *For Colored Girls*, *This Christmas* and *Jumping the Broom*.

Devine was born in Houston, Texas. Her mother, Eunice O'Neal (née Toliver), was a beautician, and her father, James Devine, worked as a laborer. She grew up in the Acres Homes area of Houston. She was very active on the pep squad, and performed in talent shows at George Washington Carver High School. Devine graduated from the University of Houston in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Drama and Brandeis University in 1976 with a MFA in Theater. Devine was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha the Epsilon Lambda Chapter.

Devine appeared in the 1978 musical *A Broadway Musical*, which closed after one performance. She captured attention in *Dreamgirls*, a Broadway musical loosely based on the history of The Supremes, in which she originated the role of Lorrell Robinson (a fictional character based on Mary Wilson). Minor roles for Devine followed in films such as *Little Nikita* and *Stanley & Iris*. She has a cameo performance in the film version of *Dreamgirls*. She was a repertory character in the play *The Colored Museum* with Vickilyn Reynolds. Devine and Reynolds both went on to play sisters in the short-lived TV series *Sugar and Spice*. During the period between the play and the series, Devine appeared in the first season of the TV series *A Different World* as Stevie Rollins, dormitory director at fictional Hillman College.

In 1995, she landed a major role as Gloria Matthews in *Waiting to Exhale*, opposite Whitney Houston, Gregory Hines, and Angela Bassett. The role earned her an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture, as did her next movie, *The Preacher's Wife*, her second movie with Houston and Hines. She later co-starred opposite Alfre Woodard in *Down in the Delta* (1998) and *Funny Valentines* (1999).

From 2000 to 2004, Devine starred as high school teacher Marla Hendricks on the Fox drama series *Boston Public*. Devine won three more Image Awards for her work in the series. She also continued to work in film, playing prominent roles in *Urban Legend*, *Urban Legends: Final Cut*, and *I Am Sam*. Devine earned yet another Image Award nomination and an Independent Spirit Award nomination for her work in the 2004 film *Woman Thou Art Loosed*. She also appeared in the 2005 film *Crash*. In 2007, she appeared in *This Christmas*, and in the next year had a series regular role on the ABC comedy-drama *Eli Stone*. Devine also was part of the ensemble casts of two Tyler Perry-directed films *For Colored Girls* and *Madea's Big Happy Family*.

Devine had a recurring role in the Shonda Rhimes drama series *Grey's Anatomy* as Dr. Richard Webber's wife, Adele. In 2011 she won a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actress in a Drama Series for her performance. She was nominated for a second time for her performance in 2012.[3] Devine also won Gracie Allen Award for Outstanding Female Actor in a Feature Role for *Grey's Anatomy* in 2012.[4] In 2011, she also starred on the short-lived ABC Family comedy *State of Georgia*.

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THE IDLE AMERICAN

Uncle Mort and Presidential Debates...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Republican presidential candidates' debates have reached new lows, the office of President of the United States has been tarnished, buffoonery has ruled and few hard facts have emerged.

I join other Americans in bewilderment that some of the statements have been extremely poorly chosen, slipping from classification of absurdity to vulgarity. Propriety is going down faster than a ball of kite string on the Matterhorn.

About all I've gained from the verbal slugfests is recollection of a joke from the musty corner of my memory bank....

I don't give Donald Trump credit for much beyond his business acumen, and was jolted by a recent jab at Marco Rubio. He declared the people of Florida "wouldn't elect him dogcatcher."

It brought to mind the account of a fiery newspaper editor decades ago who ran an editorial critical of a US senatorial candidate. "The man isn't qualified to be dogcatcher," he wrote. Taking considerable umbrage to the piece, the senatorial aspirant threatened a lawsuit if the editor didn't write an immediate editorial of apology. (This was way back when threats of lawsuits usually made it to the courts.)

Thinking things over and eager to avoid litigation, the editor com-

plied in the following week's edition. It was a much shorter piece. The gist of it was his admission to have erred in the previous editorial. "The candidate is absolutely qualified to be dogcatcher, and for having said last week that he wasn't, I sincerely apologize." Then he added, "But he isn't running for dogcatcher; he's running for the US Senate."...

Uncle Mort, soon to be 104, is afraid lots of his friends in the thicket may sit this election out. "I guess I'll vote," he said. "But too many Americans want the government to provide cradle-to-grave assistance, starting immediately."

I don't think he'll do it, but he said he's so disenchanted with the warring political climate, out-of-control government debt, and general discord prevailing, he's thinking of moving to Canada. "Maud and I might pack things up and relocate soon," he said, "before they build a wall to keep us out."

He's never spent a day in the hospital yet, but says if the lines for surgical procedures are as long as he hears they are north of the border, he'll return to the States if he needs surgery....

My uncle has a favorite story of an old boy running for sheriff in the thicket during the Depression. "He was beyond lazy, couldn't hold

a job and didn't even take care of his family," Mort remembers. "However, he may have been the most optimistic man I've ever known."

Mort told about how the ne'er-do-well visited every home in the community. He had a Big Chief tablet, carefully entering notes about the mood of voters visited.

At one house, the woman ordered him to leave. "Don't even think of coming in my house," she fumed. "You are as sorry a man as I've ever seen. They ought to hang you on the courthouse lawn. I wouldn't vote for you under any circumstances for any political office. Now, get off my porch before I set my dogs on you." He thanked her for her time, paused to open his Big Chief tablet at her front gate and wrote down: "Doubtful."...

The fellow they elected sheriff wasn't much good, either. One day a man from the country came into town looking for him. A deputy told him the sheriff was nearly always patrolling Main Street, working both sides.

The bumpkin trudged up and down both sides of the street--as instructed--to no avail. Finally, he asked a storekeeper. "Which side is the sheriff usually on?"

"Nobody knows for sure," the merchant answered. "But when he was elected, he claimed to be on ours."...

COAL AND BRICKS IN THURBER

Tumbleweed Smith



Tumbleweed Smith

As you approach Thurber from the west and look south from Interstate 20, you see some pioneer buildings on a hillside. The tendency is to think those buildings represent Thurber's museum. But that's not right. They belong to the historical society. The museum is in the big red brick building on the east side of the driveway leading to the restaurant on top of New York Hill. The assistant curator is Shae Adams and she showed me around. I couldn't have asked for a better guide.

"This is the W. K. Gordon Center for the Industrial History of Texas," she says, "and tells the story of Thurber. It was established as a coal mining town in 1886 and was a one hundred percent company town, owned by the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company. It was here for about fifty years. Bricks were also made here, in fact we're on the brick plant property here at the museum."

Thurber bricks have been found as far way as Arizona and Cuba. The best known landmark in Thurber is the big smokestack on the north side of Interstate 20. It was built with Thurber bricks in 1908 and served the ice and electric plants. But coal came first.

"The coal mines were just west of town. They're on private property now. The workers took a train out to the coalfields. Another landmark in Thurber is New York Hill. When executives from the northeast started moving to Thurber, most of them moved to that hill. We had several ethnic groups here and they had their sections of town. We had Polander Hill and Italian Hill as well." Miners had to lie down to get the coal. They were paid a dollar and fifteen cents a ton. Shae showed me a piece of coal the size of two footballs and it didn't weigh much. Thurber thrived until McKlesky Number One started the Ranger Oil Boom.

"They discovered oil in 1917 and it was pretty much the end of Thurber, although the town hung on until the mid 1930's; but as people started switching to oil, the coal mines were shut down. The brick plant also closed in the mid 1930's since asphalt was being used for paving streets."

The museum is bright and clean and well maintained. It has a replica of the town of Thurber, complete with an Opera House where museum events take place. It's also where visitors can see a film about the history of Thurber. When I was there one room had an exhibit of immigration through Galveston. An old truck used during the coal mining days is a popular attraction. Others include a bandstand, a fully restored stagecoach and a brick oven.

One display shows a coal miner in full miner's clothing and paraphernalia lying down working on a thin seam of coal. He looks uncomfortable and dirty. The tour ends with a replica of McKlesky Number One, complete with oil flowing through a glass chamber and the sound of a gusher. The gift shop has books about the town.

Tumbleweed Smith is never desperate for an interview, but he's always looking for a good story. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

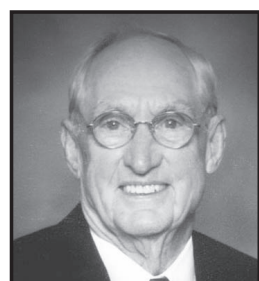
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Betty Peugh

Funeral arrangements for Betty Peugh, formerly of Winnsboro are pending with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Betty passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Kindred Hospital in Mansfield.

Maria Ana Diosdado

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial for Maria Ana Diosdado, age 61, of Sulphur Springs, TX, will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 10, 2016 at St. James Catholic Church. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., with Rosary beginning at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Mrs. Diosdado passed away on Thursday March 3, 2016 in Mexico. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



Jack Everett Smith

Mr. Jack Everett Smith, age 93 of Winnsboro, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, March 7th, 2016 at Hospice Homeplace in Tyler. Jack was born on July 7th, 1922 in Amarillo to the late Milton Franklin Smith and Mary Charlotte Gaines Smith. He graduated from Rockwall High School, then Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater, then he served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He married the former, Peggy Brewer Smith on September 13, 1947. His career was spent in the Agricultural and Entomology Research, working for Southwest Chemical, Nipak-Lone Star Gas, and Union Carbide where he retired after 20 years of service. He was a mason, and past master of the Rockwall Masonic Lodge; past president of the Rockwall Board of Education, Rockwall Chamber of Commerce, The Texas Vegetative Growers Association; and a former board member of

FUMC of Rockwall and FUMC Winnsboro.

Preceding him in death are his parents; brothers, N. Frank Smith, Mitchell Smith; and sister, Rose Mary Smith.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife of 68 years, Mrs. Peggy (Brewer) Smith of Winnsboro; son, Robert Everett Smith and wife Nancy of Garland; daughters, Charlotte Lee Smith Lewis and husband Larry of Athens, GA., Deborah Jan Smith Graves and husband Marty of Rockwall, Sandra Lou Smith Culbertson and husband Cub of Chattanooga, TN.; eight grandchildren, Kimberly Lewis Galland, Wes Graves, Megan Smith Hildebrand, Philip E. Smith, Patrick J. Smith, Bryan Graves, Hannah Culbertson, Mary Cate Culbertson; eight great-grandchildren, Sara Laine Galland, Claire Elizabeth Hildebrand, Carson Everett Smith, Leah Marie Hildebrand, Joseph Wayne Graves, Lucas Martin Graves, Parker Ray Smith, Barrett Martin Graves.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 11, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Beatty Funeral Home Winnsboro; funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 12, 2016 in the First United Methodist Church of Winnsboro, with Linda Suche, Bro. Henry Suche and Pastor Mike Langdon officiating. Interment will follow at Lee Cemetery in Winnsboro, with Chris Redman, Rusty Brewer, Herb Harker, Charles Brewer, David Brewer, Butch Ford, Nick Pollard, and Tim Pollard serving as pallbearers.



Mary Murline Hogue

Mary Murline Hogue, age 96, of Grand Saline, passed away Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. Funeral service was scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 2:00 PM, at Smyrna Union Church. Visitation was held Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 6-8 PM, at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel in Emory. Bro. Billy Smith officiated the service. Interment followed in the Smyrna Cemetery.

Murline was born in Emory on January 21, 1920, to Charles Jasper and Mary Frances (Frankie) Turner Harrell, the youngest of 10 children. She married Truman Reaise Hogue in Emory on May 4, 1935, and he preceded her in death. She was a proud homemaker and mother. Murline was a Christian and of the Baptist faith.

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Survivors include: 1 Daughter: Sherline Furrh of Canton; 3 Sons: Preston Hogue of Ranger, Windell Hogue, (Joy), of Gladewater and Joe Paul Hogue, (Lou Ann) of Mineola; 1 Daughter-in-law: Pam Hogue of Gladewater; 1 Son-in-law: David Old of Winona; 12 Grandchildren; 19 Great-grandchildren; 8 Great-great grandchildren: Family friend: Burt Sanborn: Numerous other loving family and friends

Preceded by: Parents; Husband: Truman Hogue; 9 Siblings; 1 Daughter: Janis Old; 1 Son: Clois Hogue; 1 Son-in-law: Wendell Furrh.



David Oxford

Funeral services for David Oxford, Sr., age 66 of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Rev. Charlie Beliew officiating. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park with Jimmy Oxford, Jason Oxford, Jake Morrill, Lucas Flournoy, Matthew Flournoy, Clint Bradford, Tanner Oxford and Logan Oxford serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Sulphur Springs Fire Department and Hopkins County Fire Department. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., March 8, 2016 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

David passed away on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital. He was born on December 16, 1949 in Sulphur Springs the son of Jack, Sr. and Nadine (Dodd) Oxford. He married Leisa Wright. He was retired from Sulphur Springs Fire Department and Oxford Body Shop.

He is survived by his wife; daughter, Laura Flournoy of Lindale; son, David Oxford, Jr. of Sulphur Springs; brother, Jack Oxford, Jr. and wife, Nita of Sulphur Springs; sisters, Suzi Miller and husband, Robert of Jacksonville and Jean Gee of Katy; grandchildren, Lucas Flournoy; Matthew Flournoy and Logan Oxford.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Rodney Oxford and one sister, Betty Carole Newsome.

Memorials can be made to American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312 or www.diabetes.org/Donate or American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231 or www.heart.org

Gary Lee Harness

Memorial services for Gary Lee Harness, age 68, of Sulphur Springs will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 10, 2016 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Jimmy Henry officiating. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers will be grandchildren, Perry Evans and Crazy Mike. Gary passed away Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital.

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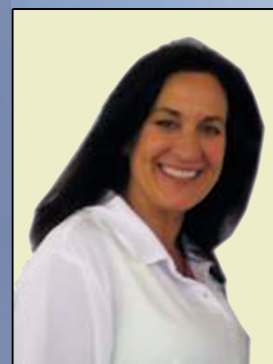
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