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James Goggans

January 1, 2005 - May 27, 2021

Funeral service for James Goggans, age 16, of Sulphur Springs, Tx, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Ed Lantz and Jason Dietze officiating.

Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park with Jack Bain, Shane Hinton, Bridger Mayhew, Jonah Foster, Phoenix Capobianco, Alex Cooper, Clancy Mayo, and Aubrey Williams serving as pallbearers. Uncles Jon Drago, Joe Drago, and Wes Goggans are serving as honorary pallbearers.

James was born on January 1, 2005, in Kingsville, Tx, to Brandon and Sarah (Drago) Goggans. He was a student at Sulphur Springs High School where he was a member of the S.S.H.S Band, Business Professionals of America, the Student Council and Class of 2023. James was one of the top students in his class. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his parents, sister Caroline Goggans, grandmothers Pat Goggans and Diane Drago, uncles Joe Drago and Heather, Jon Drago and wife, Jenni, and Wes Goggans and wife, Tracy; cousins Bailey Goggans, Graham Goggans, Garrett Goggans, Emma Drago, Sophie Drago, Gabby Drago, Renee and Donovan Gini and Lance Gardiner.

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By Jan Massey

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Joyce E. McPherson

Funeral service for Joyce E. McPherson, age 80, of Sulphur Springs, TX was held at 2:00P.M. Monday, May 31, 2021 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Chris Vickery officiating.

Interment followed at Mt. Sterling Cemetery for a private family gathering with Peyton Vickery, Cody Vickery, Garret Vickery, Todd Johnson, Brandon Johnson, and Jackson Blount serving as pallbearers.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Mrs. McPherson passed on May 27, 2021 at Wesley House Memory Care.

Joyce was born on October 3, 1940 in Sulphur Springs, TX to Clovis and Vallie (Dodd) Stewart. She married Kenneth McPherson on May 8, 1981 in Sulphur Springs, TX.

Joyce worked for Texas Power and Light before working for the Irving Police Department in the criminal investigation department.

She is survived by her children, Anna Hines, Jana Johnson and husband, Mike Mitchell, David Vickery and wife, DeAnna, Bobby Vickery and wife Carley, Tracy McPherson Story and Daria Cain; grandchildren, Todd Johnson and wife Christi, Brandon Johnson, Garret Vickery and wife, Lindsey, Peyton Vickery, Braely Vickery, Cody Vickery and Faith Vickery; great grandchildren, Ean Adams, Caleb Johnson, Madison Johnson, Everly Johnson, Brett Vickery, Stormy Johnson, Angel Johnson and Lyrie Johnson.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Kenneth McPherson, Kevin McPherson, Mary Louise Clauch and Amy Adams.

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



Eustoquio M. Peralta

Eustoquio M. Peralta was born on December 7, 1961 and passed away on May 27, 2021 and is under the care of Laurel Land Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held on June 2, 2021 at 4:00 pm at Laurel Land Funeral Home, 6300 South R.L. Thornton, Dallas, TX. Rosary Service will be held on June 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Laurel Land Funeral Home, 6300 South R.L. Thornton, Dallas, TX. Funeral Service will be held on June 3, 2021 at 12:00 pm at Laurel Land Funeral Home, 6300 South R.L. Thornton, Dallas, TX. Committal Service will be held on June 3, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Laurel Land Funeral Home, 6300 South R.L. Thornton, Dallas, TX.

He and his wife Patricia owned Tierra del Sol in Sulphur Springs, Tx.



Patti Stone Sells

A memorial service for Patti Stone Sells, age 55, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, will be held 3 p.m. June 3, 2021, at Bright Star Church, Hwy 11, Como, Texas, with Pastor Michael Branch officiating. Interment will follow at Cypress Cemetery.

Visitation will be at 1 p.m. at Bright Star Church. Ms. Sells passed away on May 28, 2021, at her residence.

Patti was born on January 24, 1966, in Garland, Texas, to Maxie Duane and Martha Stone Dickens. She graduated from Winnsboro High School in 1984, then, received her bachelor's degree at Texas A&M Commerce, and was working at Freedom Realty.

She is survived by her two sons, Dillon Henegar and wife, Devan, of Brashear and Noah Sells, United States Army; mother, Martha Stone Dickens of Cumby; brother, Max Stone "Stoney" of New York; sisters, Stacy Riley and husband, Tommy, of College Station and Laurie Caldwell and husband, Russell, of Cumby; and numerous nieces, nephews,

cousins and friends.

Patti was preceded in death by her father, Maxie Stone; son, Tanner Higgins; and brothers, Tracy Stone and Keith Stone.

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Sue Smith Berlino

Sue (Smith) Berlino December 7, 1933 ~ May 27, 2021 (age 87)

Graveside service for Sue Berlino, age 87, of Alba, TX will be held at 1:00P.M. on Monday, May 31, 2021 at Restlawn Memorial Park with Buddy Wiggins officiating. There will be no formal visitation. Mrs. Berlino passed away on May 27, 2021 at Wood Memorial Nursing home.

Sue was born on December 7, 1933 in Brashear, TX to Kermit Leo and Christel (Chapman) Smith. She married Tony Berlino on February 23, 1952 in Fort Worth, TX. Sue was an artist, realtor and a tax rep for the IRS, retiring from the government at age 64. She was a member of the Mineola League of Arts and a member of the Alba Church of Christ.

She is survived by her loving husband of 69 years; daughters, Karen Haessler, Vikki (Frank) Rodriguez, and Cyndi Rogers; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren. Sue was preceded in death by her parents.

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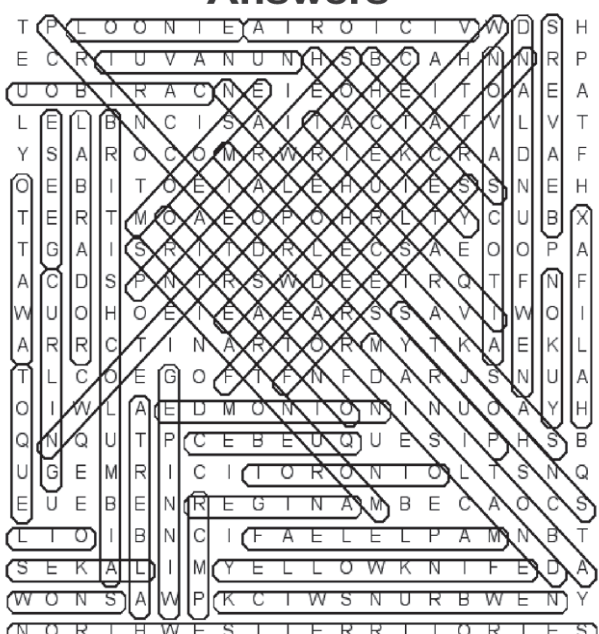
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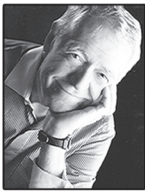
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Tumbleweed Smith
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"It was just a shell," says Charlie, "It had no insulation, no dry wall, no plumbing, no toilet. I'd fly out and spend two days working on the house then explore the Big Bend National Park and Big Bend Ranch State Park for a couple of days and just got more and more fascinated with the mountains and the Rio Grand River and I started buying books on the history of the area. I hired some guides to show me around and after a while I decided I could do the guiding myself, thinking that would be a lot more fun than beating my head on the wall in Miami, being in traffic all day long and handling 50 plus employees. So I sold the business in 2008 and became a Big Bend guide."

He started a business that offers hiking, biking and river trips. It is well equipped. "I've got 50 or so canoes, kayaks and rafts, couple dozen mountain bikes, several vehicles, all sorts of stuff. I did start piecemeal; you know, start small and work your way up. When I sold my business in Florida I was able to use a lot of the money from the sale to get my new business started."

River trips, some overnight, are the most popular. "The most favorite time of year to come is the spring. Plants are blooming and it's very pretty in this desert country with cacti flowers and bluebonnets. The river is generally really low but it's still do-able and fun. The best time to have some real excitement on the water is the end of our rainy season which is July, August and September, even into November sometimes the water is at its highest and that's when you get the best waves and rapids and swiftest and deepest currents or if you just want to float on a raft you can."

I asked Charlie what in his opinion is the most beautiful spot in the Big Bend.

"Probably Santa Elena Canyon," he said with no hesitation. "It has high walls with colorful strata that makes you appear to be going downhill. It's really majestic. We do trips on the Devil's River, which is absolutely life-changing beautiful. It has Dolan Falls, one of the most famous waterfalls in Texas, a mini Niagara Falls."

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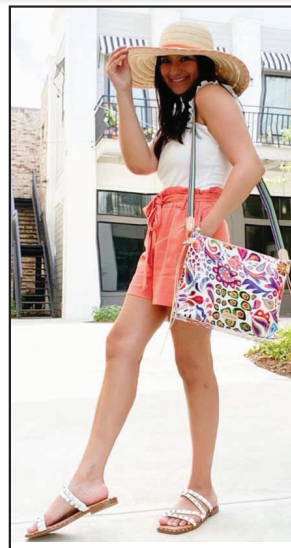
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