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James Lewis Baxter

Funeral service for James Lewis Baxter, age 80, of Saltillo, Texas, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at Weaver Baptist Church with Bro. Tom Friday and Brock Mullino officiating. Interment will follow at Restland Cemetery in Dallas at 2:30 p.m. with Nick Baxter, Connor Baxter, Zach Lewis, Jordan Roos, Josh Reeder, Rick Long, and Derek McClure serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Harold McClure, Billy Gene Davidson, and the Table of Knowledge at The Red Barn. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 PM on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Baxter peacefully went to be with his Lord and Savior Sunday morning, July 25, 2021, at Christus Mother Frances-Tyler surrounded by loving family members.

James was born on June 11, 1941 in Hillsboro, Texas, to Lewis Baxter and Ethel Mae (Cacy) Baxter. He married Marilyn Whittle on December 12, 1974, in Dallas, Texas. James was a faithful member of Weaver Baptist Church. James' love for God was most apparent in the way he loved Marilyn, his beloved wife for 47 years. In the most recent years, he had been Marilyn's constant companion and advocate as she went through her cancer diagnosis and treatment. James never missed one doctor's appointment. There were other family members who helped with transportation, but no matter, James went anyway. The way James loved and cared for Marilyn was a testament to their strong dedicated love for each other. In addition to Marilyn, James is survived by sons, James Baxter, Jr., and wife Maureen of Waxahachie, Texas, and Tony Baxter and wife Jennifer of Longview, Texas; daughters, Belinda Harden and husband,



Wes, of Carrollton, Texas; Neva Ball and husband, Larry, of Mabank, Texas; grandchildren, Nick Baxter, Connor Baxter, Zach Lewis and wife Megan, and Maurie Roos and husband Jordan; great-grandchildren, Rogan Roos, Channing Lewis, Hunter Lewis and Rhylea Lewis; and sisters, Betty Cotton and husband Kenneth, and Dorothy DeWeese.

James was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Kathy Baxter; sister, Ann Holt; brothers, Harold Baxter and Howard Baxter; and son-in-law, Lonnie Lewis.

Most people know James as a Master Electrician and owner of Baxter Electric. He loved new ventures also. A case in point would be when he bought White Oak Grill (against Marilyn's advice). After all, he had never owned a restaurant before, but he was confident he and Marilyn could learn the business and make it all work out. And, they did! James also decided to buy a couple of run-down commercial properties and refurbish them, and it wasn't long before they were leased, thriving, and making the town look better. Through the years, his business associates, especially customers, respected and appreciated his work ethic. He loved his cows, chickens, and of course, his land. He was actually outside with his tractor and preparing to do necessary work in the pasture when he had his heart attack. The family thinks James was at pure peace and experiencing joy before he had his heart attack. It was the same way he treated Belinda, James, Jr. He was such a huge part of not only his family's lives, but his friends and neighbors will feel the void James is leaving. As recently as Friday, James bought breakfast for all his buddies and members of The Table of Knowledge at The Red Barn.

Memorials may be made to Weaver Baptist Church, 8749 Hwy 67, Saltillo, TX 75478. Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

W.A. Cook

Funeral Service for W.A. Cook Jr., age 82, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with C.J. Duffey officiating. Interment with military honors followed at Nelta Cemetery with Christopher Carrel, Justin Coleman, Jenni Coleman, Matthew Covington, Hunter Coleman, and Steven Duncan serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Doug Heckenberg, Wayne Bolton, Joshua Whittaker and Christian Cook. Visitation was held on Monday, July 26, 2021, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

W.A. and Patsy were married on October 14, 1990, in Sulphur Springs, Texas. He was a high school graduate. He retired as a Master Sergeant in The U.S. Air Force. While in the Air Force, he served in Vietnam. He retired after 22 years of serving his country.

He was a highly respected member of the Sulphur Springs community. After retiring from the Air Force, he spent 20 years as an insurance agent for American National Insurance. He was a member of the Honor Guard at the local VFW. He was also a member of the Lions Club while stationed in Altus, Oklahoma, where he worked with children in the Special Olympics. He was a very loving and

caring husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He has a special love for animals and rescued many.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lillian Inez Cook, and father, William Andrew Cook; two brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Cook; sons, William Cook, Brian Coleman; daughters, Maryse Underwood, Melissa Covington; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family would like to express a special thank you to Dr. Arnecke and Choice Hospice and staff for their wonderful care and compassion.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Kristi Dyan Sexton Clark

Funeral services for Kristi Dyan Sexton Clark, age 52, of Azle, were held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 23, 2021, at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. David Johnson officiating. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 22, 2021, at West Oaks Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers were Bo Carroll, Dalton Carroll, Jesse Carroll, Cameron Johnson, and Matt Fleitman. Kristi passed away on Monday, July 19, 2021, in Plano.

She was born on November 25, 1968, in Sulphur Springs, the daughter of Jerry Oliver Sexton and Clara Louise Gammill Tennison. She worked in medical billing for many years.

Kristi is survived by husband, Joe Clark; her mother; sons, Carson Wallace, Ben Hunsaker; daughters, Brittney Carroll (Bo), Bridget Wallace; brother, Jeff Sexton (Julie); step-brother, Coy Tennison; sisters, Nicole Johnson, Jennifer Ogilvie (Ceanna); step-sisters, Natasha Anderson, Rachael Zarinque (Troy), Monica Cook (Caleb); and grandchildren, Dakota Hunsaker, Hunter Hunsaker, Jole Carroll, Jesse Carroll, Dalton Carroll, and Kaydee Sexton.



She was preceded in death by her father. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.

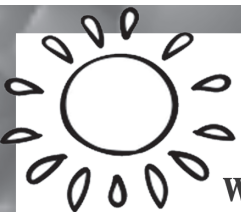
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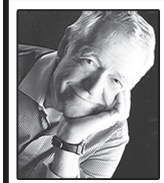
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**COLLEEN HOOVER
AND HER BOOKS**
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In one way, you could say Colleen Hoover is just like any other woman. She has lived in the same place near Sulphur Springs since she was four years old and has been married to the same man for 21 years. But there the similarity stops. Colleen is a famous, successful writer of romance and thriller novels that have been translated into 40 languages. She responds to all that by saying, "I don't feel famous." She bought a Tesla, but thought it was too weird and traded it in for a Toyota.

She did allow herself one luxury. In her home one of the bookshelves opens up to a secret room where she locks herself in when on deadline. When she's in that room, it's off limits to her husband and 3 teenage sons. "The boys are always having friends over, bless their hearts. I tell them if I'm in my office they can talk to me all they want to. But when I'm in my secret room they cannot interrupt me. It's very hard when you get pulled out of a writing groove."

Colleen has written 24 books, most of them released by major publishers. One has been made into a TV series (CONFESS), one became a movie (HOPELESS) and 3 are in the hands of movie producers. She has had book signings in 20 countries. "I usually do an international tour once a year. I've done the Philippines, Poland and Brazil recently. It's just been insane."

All this has happened in the last 10 years after she wrote a book for her mother. "It was a Christmas present and I finished it on Christmas day." The book, titled SLAMMED is about a slam poet. Her friends wanted to read it, so instead of making copies, she put it on the Internet. It ended up on the New York Times Best Seller List.


Colleen started charity and raises money for it through a subscription book club. "It's been a little over 5 years now and we've donated nearly 2 million dollars to different charities." Colleen lives at a place called Saltillo. The area round there has benefitted greatly from her generosity.

She has a bookstore in downtown Sulphur Springs called THE BOOKWORM BOX. Once she invited Erika Mitchell (pen name E. L. James), the British author of the book FIFTY SHADES OF GREY to come to her store for a book signing. "Yeah, that was crazy," says Colleen. "She released the book and had 2 signings in the world. One was in New York City and one was in Sulphur Springs, Texas. I could not believe that she took time out of her schedule to come and do that. It was such a fun, fun day. She donated all of the proceeds that day to our charity."

Colleen has always written as a hobby. She has a degree in Social Work and was working for the local welfare office and living in a trailer when she started writing that book for her mother. The people she worked with in the welfare office are now on her staff. "I couldn't make it without them," says Colleen. "They just take care of everything. We had fun working together in the welfare office and we're still having fun in the book business."

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