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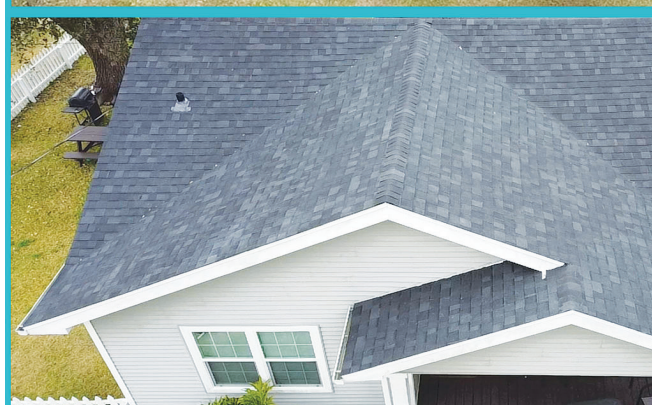
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## SUMMER PARTY AT MY HOUSE

I held a summer party in my backyard on the weekend of July 31, and it was so wonderful that I wanted to share it with you! Don't feel left out that you weren't invited, for it was just to celebrate six nearly-grown grandchildren's birthdays!



17-year-old twins Dorian and Dante Zapata and their 20-year-old brother Brandon Zapata had birthdays back in June. And Miss Jade Rowland turned 20 in July. She heads to her OU dorm in a matter of days. And we included the other two June/July birthdays, for Jordan and Hannah, although they couldn't make it back home to Texas. We hope to catch them at Thanksgiving.



I'm thankful for my son Clay who did the yard set-up, the grilling, participated in horseshoes and arm wrestling, coached the basketball games and in general oversaw the outdoor activities for the ongoing three-day celebration.

Daughters Jessi and Bobbi were

troopers, keeping the food coming from the kitchen all weekend, as well as the cold drinks flowing. The party happened to fall on the hottest weekend of the summer, but somehow we all managed the heat pretty well under the shade trees.



JJ and Jackson inspected their collection of locusts from the yard. At ages 7 and 11, they are growing up fast too! We even had an outdoor movie night complete with popcorn and mosquito spray!

Blissful fun to have them all at home once again! I hope you can treasure your memories and celebrate the little things of life as summer winds down. Til then, I will watch for you at The Corral Gate!

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### **Robert "Rip" Vanwinkle**

Robert "Rip" Vanwinkle went to be with his Lord and Saviour Jesus on Friday, July 30, 2021. Rip was born February 28, 1938, in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Don and Velma (Boren) Vanwinkle. He spent his younger days in Petrolia before moving to Kilgore. After graduating from Kilgore High School in 1956, Rip attended Texas A&M. During his freshman year he served as a State FFA vice-president. He was a member of the national champion livestock judging team. While at A&M he married his high school sweetheart, Judy, a marriage lasting 63 years. Upon graduation in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Rip became assistant county agent in Harrison County. From there, he moved to Centerville, where he became county agent. In 1963, he joined the East Texas Production Credit Association in Marshall. A year later, he joined the Federal Land Bank Association of Sulphur Springs as assistant manager and later became manager. In 1967, he became an appraiser and, in 1972, moved to the Houston office as a vice president. He retired from the bank in 1982 and returned to his dairy farm in Sulphur Springs. In 1985, he was elected to the Farm Credit Bank of Texas Board of Directors and in 1988 was elected Chairman of the Board, a position he held until December 1993. During this time, he also served on the national Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Board.

Faith, family, and cattle were the cornerstones of Rip's life. He attended the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs, where he served as a deacon and a Sunday School teacher. For years he served as greeter, welcoming those who came to worship each Sunday morning. His blue eyes lit up when telling tales or visiting with those he loved. He embraced hard work and expected the same from others. His lifelong passion as a cattleman continued into his 80's, including weekly trips to the sale barn where he enjoyed visiting with his friends as much as watching the sale. The twinkle in his eye and his stern looks spoke volumes.

Rip is survived by his loving wife Judy. Also surviving are his sons, Robert Vanwinkle, Jr. and his wife Joyce and James Vanwinkle and his wife Jamie; daughters, Ann Brown and her husband Mike, and Kay Lynn Gordon and her husband Jerry; seven grandchildren, Chance Vanwinkle, Candace Pair and her husband Jody, Noah Brown, Clay Brown, Jady Vanwinkle, Jordan Vanwinkle, Lucchese Hamilton and her husband Lawson, Cheyenne Gordon, and Sierra Wauer and her husband Jeremy; two great-grandsons, Jack and Leo Pair; cousin John Crane, who was like a brother and wife Barbara; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Donna Denton and husband Ken, and Joann Post and husband Gurvis.

Visitation will be Friday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the West Oaks Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 7, 2021, at the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs with Richard Jackson officiating. Interment will follow at the Shooks Chapel Cemetery with grandsons Chance Vanwinkle, Noah Brown, Clay Brown, Jody Pair, Lawson Hamilton, and Jeremy Wauer serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be John Crane, Don Deaton, Curtis "Carter" Hart, Francis Pogue, Gary Vaughn, Kilgore Class of '56 and in memoriam Randy Hall. Memorials may be made to the Gideons, First Baptist Church or the charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com)



### **Lester Lee Boyd**

June 8, 1955 ~ July 31, 2021 (age 66)

Memorial service for Lester Lee Boyd, age 66, of Como, will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, August 7, 2021, at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Don Stephen's officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be David Morgan, Justin Darrow, Jeremy Darrow, Bubba Kimmel, Lynn Prater, Jared Prater, and Jonathan Simpson. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 6, 2021, at West Oaks Funeral Home. Lester passed away on July 31, 2021, at his residence. He was born on June 8, 1955, in Grundy, Virginia, the son of Ellis Boyd and Goldie McClanahan Mitchell. He married Sandy Weaver on March 21, 1981, in Hopkins County. He worked as a professional truck driver for Truline for many years and loved to hunt, fish, and play guitar in his spare time. Lester is survived by wife, Sandy Boyd, mother, Goldie Mitchell, daughters, Tabbitha Anderson (Chris), April Perez (Violet), grandchildren, Paige Anderson, Parker Anderson, River Anderson, Avery Perez, Mercy "Reynolds" Nugent, brothers, Jacky Boyd, Beau Boyd, Jeff Boyd, and sisters, Gay Dixon, and Nancy Sprangler. He was preceded in death by his

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### **Ralph Hobaugh**

A private family burial for Ralph Hobaugh, age 83, will be held at 1 PM on Thursday, August 5, 2021, at Blackburn Cemetery in Franklin, OK. Mr. Hobaugh passed away on July 26, 2021, at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, Texas.

He was born the son of John Albert Hobaugh and Effie Dora Mayhew Hobaugh on May 29, 1938, in Newalla, Oklahoma. He was married to Charlene Lambert in Levelland, Texas, in 1962. She preceded him in death in 2011. Ralph was a sheet metal fabricator with A&S Air Conditioning in Sulphur Springs, Texas, for 20 years before he retired.

Survivors include: daughters, Rena Davidson, Robin Reynolds and Selena Hobaugh; sons, Randy Hobaugh and Terry Hobaugh; brothers, Wendell Hobaugh, Albert Hobaugh and Hershah Hobaugh; sister, Betty Jean Hobaugh; grandchildren, Jerry Dale Edge, Patricia Crabtree, Kyle Case, Saschitty Patton, Chevis Hobaugh and Drew Hobaugh; and 8 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Effie Hobaugh; wife, Charlene Hobaugh; brothers, Johnny Ray Hobaugh, Jack Hobaugh and David L. Hobaugh; and sisters, Mary Jane Montgomery, Geneva Lacy, Sue Hadden and Jill Hobaugh.



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"It's not for any other reason than to see a young individual with a smile and knowing he is able to do the most he can do."

For the disabled, Mike says wheelchairs are their tennis shoes.

"Wheelchair motocross is becoming an Olympic sport. Little girls dance in wheelchairs. There's a group called The Rollettes. I get goose bumps just talking about it. I've made a couple of their chairs. They just light up. They start moving their chairs in and out and find out they're just like everybody else."

Before starting his wheelchair business, Mike had a job making parts for airplanes, battleships and submarines.

"I was pretty good at welding. God has blessed me with a tremendous set of hands and I try to put them to good use."

Mike has acted as equipment manager for a rugby wheelchair team in 2 Paralympics. There is a backlog of orders for his wheelchairs.

**Answers**

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- LFSSIIIRAINAZNATICARAE
- ASORMREPBURUNDIUESYD
- GEMEBAINATIRUAMPUBBR
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