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## Dr. Donna Gayle Gregory Edgar

Funeral services for Dr. Donna Gayle Gregory Edgar, age 62, of Sulphur Springs were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12, 2021, at First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs with Wilton McMorris officiating and Mike Eason assisting. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery with Terry Blount, Lee Pogue, Jerry Maynard, Rick Henderson, James Eddie Stewart, Guy Norris as pall bearers. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at 10 a.m. Dr. Donna passed away at her home on Monday, Nov.8, 2021.

Donna Gayle was born on March 23, 1959, in Sulphur Springs, to Billy Wayne and Mary Jane (Harris) Gregory. Donna was a graduate of Sulphur Springs High School, East Texas State University and Parker College of Chiropractic, of which she served as a local chiropractor for over 30 years. She married Charles H. Edgar in Las Vegas, NV, on Dec. 7, 1990.

Donna loved anything to do with horses, animals and going on trips. She was a member of the UPRA and other various rodeo organizations. She had a love for teaching new cowboys and cowgirls how to ride and mentoring new chiropractors. She loved watching them as they grew. She was known as" Doc," "Donna Gayle," and most kids and now young men and women knew her as "Aunt Donna" and "Aunt." Donna was always outgoing, knowing who she was spiritually, and steadfast in what she believed in.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; brother, Cephis Gregory and Marta; brothers-in-law, Keith Edgar of Georgia and Bob Edgar of Louisiana; in-laws, Beverly and Clyde Browning of Sulphur Springs; aunt and uncle, Thomas and Marie Gregory of Sulphur Springs; nephews and nieces, Kassie and Sam Smith, Michelle and Logan Pogue, Somer and Daniel Gregg, Jessica Merrick, Jennifer Edgar, Jacob Edgar, Joshua Edgar, Ashley Edgar, Kaili Edgar, and Kaleb Edgar; and a number of great-nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made at CNB under Donna Gayle Memorial Barrel Race.

Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



## Norma L. Ray

Memorial services for Norma L. Ray, age 85, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 9:30 a.m.Saturday, November 20, 2021, at St. James Catholic Church with Father Selvaraj Sinnappan officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Jeff Boucher, Shem Ray IV, Phoinex Capobianco, and Dakota Holt. Rosary will be held at 5:00 p.m., with visitation to follow from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.,Friday, November 19, 2021, at West Oaks Funeral Home. Norma passed away on November 9, 2021, at her residence.

She was born March 19, 1936, in Sulphur Springs, the daughter of Dr. James L. Crawford and Anna L. Reagan Crawford. Norma Married Shem Ray Jr. on July 10, 1953, in Greenville, TX.

Early in the morning on Tuesday, Norma L. Ray was called to God as her body surrendered to age. Norma was born, raised, and worked almost her entire life in Sulphur Springs. Her only time away was when her husband Shem was an Army volunteer. She was president of Southern Optical Supply, wife and mother.

She is survived by sister, Ida Beaudin and husband Bill of Colorado Springs, Co, sons, Dr. Shem Ray III and his wife Wanda of Rockwall, James Noah Ray and wife Lisa of Sulphur Springs, daughter, Anna Renee Boucher and husband Joe of Bedford, grandchildren, Jamie Elizabeth Ray, Haley Ray, Shem Ray IV, Joanna Margaret Boucher, Jeff Christopher Boucher, Katie McCarley, Riki Strom, Angela and Mitch Warrick

and great-grandchildren, Sage and Dakota Holt, Layla McCarley, Pheonix Capobianco, Alec Stark, Freya McGraw, Tatum and Reese Warrick. She was preceded in death by her husband, Shem Ray Jr., her parents, sister, Margaret Crawford, and grandson, T.J. Freeman. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to St. James Catholic Church, 297 Texas St., Sulphur Springs, TX 75482.

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But the officer had his own girl friend and didn't pay any attention to Emily. Eventually she ended up going back with the Indians.

When the Apaches were planning another attack on the fort, so goes the legend, Emily went to the Fort to warn the young officer and the family that had cared for her. As she neared the fort, a guard saw this Indian girl, so goes the legend, and asked for the password. She didn't know what it was so he shot her.

Larry Francell, historian and former county judge in Fort Davis, has spent years researching the legend and came up with some startling information about Indian Emily.

"Fort Davis was never directly attacked by Indians," he says. "I think I have proved conclusively there was no Indian Emily."

Larry says the legend began when Carl Raht mentioned it in his 1919 book ROMANCE OF THE DAVIS MUNTAINS AND BIG BEND COUNTRY. At one time there was a café in Fort Davis named Indian Emily. Years ago the fort had a historical marker on a grave where legend says Indian Emily was buried. It was quite a tourist attraction and visitors drove out to see it. In the sixties, some researchers did some digging only to reveal the gravesite was empty.

Larry has written a book titled HOW INDIAN EMILY SAVED FORT DAVIS.

"What is interesting is how the fort became a National Historic Site. Our representative at the time was JT Rutherford. He was a friend to both Lyndon Johnson and John Kennedy. Congressman Rutherford was head of the National Parks Committee in the House of Representatives. He was in Fort Davis for the fort's centennial celebration since Fort Davis was part of his constituency. He believed in the legend of Indian Emily and told about it on the floor of Congress.

"There is a file at Fort Davis that shows how John Kennedy, when he was President, wanted Cape Cod made a national seashore. The California delegation wanted Point Reyes to be a national seashore. So Rutherford, being in sort of the driver's seat, brokered a deal where he got California to support the east coast and the east coast to support the west coast and made both of those entities national seashores. In doing so he just kind of put little old Fort Davis underneath and made it a National Historic Site."

Larry says the legend served its purpose.

"I don't necessarily want the legged to go away. I want people to understand that the legend had an important role in saving Fort Davis."

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