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because it was good horse pasture land and it was cheap," says Noelle Almrud of Black Beauty Ranch. "Some of the animals have to get used to being treated with kindness and care, but that's our goal, to give them respect and dignity for whatever time they have left. It takes dedication and passion for what we do. This is not a typical 9 to 5 job." When Amory, author of the book RANCH OF DREAMS, learned that donkeys in the Grand Canyon were facing grave danger he decided to do something about it. "He heard that in the 1990s the Bureau of Land Management was set to exterminate donkeys in the Grand Canyon because they were over-breeding and there weren't enough resources to handle them and there was no way to remove them from the canyon. He said that's not true and so he organized a rescue over two years and had them airlifted one by one with a helicopter, 577 of them, without a single injury or loss. He adopted as many as he could and those that couldn't be adopted came to Black Beauty on the original 80 acres." The ranch is named Black Beauty because when Cleveland Amory was a child he read the book BLACK BEAUTY, published in 1877 by English author Anna Sewell, about an abused horse that was turned out to pasture after it could no longer be of use to its owners. "It always stuck with him," says Noelle. "The last line of the book says something like 'my troubles are over and I am at home.' That's kind of our motto and really sets the tone for what we're about and what we do." During normal times, the ranch is open to visitors a couple of times each month. "We are closed now just for the safety of our staff and the animals. We have small pre-scheduled guided tours on a bus for groups no larger than 24. We drive them around with a tour guide not only showing them the animals but we're explaining how they came to behere." Amory's ashes are on the ranch. "We took the urn with his ashes and put it around the neck of his favorite burro named Friendly, the youngest of theoriginal donkeys that were rescued. As shewandered about, his ashes were scattered on the property." The website is blackbeautyranch.org

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Karey Brice

Funeral services for Karey Lynn Brice will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 26th at 12:30 noon. Friends are invited to greet the family at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park. Karey entered her eternal rest peacefully in the presence of family members on Thursday, February 17, 2022.

She was born the daughter of Jacquelyn Hamilton Brice and Randell Dean Brice in Sulphur Springs on May 29, 1956. She was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church and demonstrated her love for God by loving those she served. She was a youth department volunteer and a member of the chancel choir. She loved music, especially singing, and playing the piano and used her gifts in the service of God. She had a special love and compassion for animals having adopted many dogs, cats and horses over her lifetime providing them with a safe and caring home.

Karey's career as a teacher, coach and counselor spanned almost 40 years. Her greatest joy and achievement during her working years was impacting the lives of the young men and women she loved. She loved her work and lived it with passion, believing it to be a divine calling.

Her greatest lifetime achievement, however, was loving her family and friends.

She is survived by her mother Jacquelyn Hamilton Brice, brother Keith Brice, sister in law Connie Brice, nephew Benjamin Brice and wife, Diana, and nieces Courtney Correa and husband Aaron, Juliana Hager and husband Colton, Isabella Brice, and Hope Brice. She also leaves behind grandniece Emma Brice, grandnephew Liam Brice, soon to arrive grandniece Flora Correa. She was preceded in death by her father Randell Dean Brice.



Beulah Godfrey

A graveside service for Beulah Godfrey, age 88, of Sulphur Springs was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Nelta Cemetery. Visitation was held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. prior to the service at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Godfrey passed away on Tuesday February 15, 2022, at Rock Creek Health and Rehab in Sulphur Springs.

Beulah Joyce was born on February 4, 1934, in Nelta, Texas, to Arbie and Ellen Wilhite. She married Lannas "Donny" Godfrey in Nelta in 1952.

Beulah was a beautician by trade. She was a member of League Street Church of Christ.

She is survived by her son, Larry Godfrey of Sulphur Springs; daughter, Deborah Godfrey of Paris; sister, Edith Sanders of Dallas; brother, Troy Wilhite of Garland; sisters-in-law, Janie Godfrey of Sulphur Springs and June Godfrey of Mount Vernon; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Beulah was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Jerrell Wilhite; and sister, Evelyn Wilhite.



Glenda Harness

Graveside service for Glenda Lynn Harness, age 67, of Birthright, was held at 3:00 p.m, Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Tira Cemetery with Deacon Steve Ferrell officiating. Pallbearers were Glenn Harness, Nathan Wade, Landon Harness, Joel McKay, Parker Mahan, Chad Argenbright, Corey Argenbright, Brian Hague, and Robert Rudd. There will be no formal visitation.

Glenda passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs. She was born on March 11, 1954, in Commerce, TX, the daughter of Gladys and JT Ivey. She married Dan Harness on February 16, 1973. Glenda was a loving wife, mother, and Gmaw. She is survived by husband, Dan Harness of Birthright, son, Glenn Harness and wife Rhonda of Birthright, daughter, Dana Wade and husband Nathan of Birthright; grandchildren, Landon Harness, Kaitlynn Harness, Alaina Wade, Brailee Harness, Levi Harness, and sister, Darlene Rudd and husband Robert of Campbell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Wayne Harness, grandson, Austin Harness, and brother, James Ivey. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



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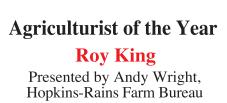
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