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CATS WITH SIX TOES

Tumbleweed Smith



Joy Doss calls herself the crazy cat lady in the area. On her ranch near Sulphur Springs she has a cat rescue operation and takes care of cats that are unadoptable because of medical or behavioral problems.

"They call me and ask me if I have room for this cat and I rarely say no, so we have ended up with 21 cats. One of them has a

Tumbleweed Smith tendency to attack other cats so we have a

jail for him. We take him out by himself and he plays outside for a while, then we put him back in his cell, which is a roomy cage. He's pretty content unless a cat wonders by, then he wants to kill it."

Joy is a former biology teacher who loves to observe animal behavior. She has different eating bowls and

sleeping arrangements for each cat.

"Some of them sleep in my tack room where my saddles are. Some sleep in the hay barn. We arrange the bales so there's space between them and they're just snug as little bugs in there."

Some of her cats stay by a pond.

"I've got some really good frog catchers. They catch little frogs all the time. And we don't have a mole within 3 miles of this place because they're all good mole catchers. They'll sit and watch a molehill so they can coax that mole out of there. We don't have to have any mole traps set out at all."

Only one cat stays in the house. It's a big one that weights 17 pounds. It has six toes and has learned how

to shake hands.

"I'll take him to a school or summer camp and hold him up to look at the person in front of him then he'll stick out that right paw to shake hands."

Six-toed cats are called polydactyl, meaning multiple

toes or fingers.

"They're very unusual and they can handle all six toes." They have muscles to them so they can actually grab things and hold on to them. They pull their food bowls over and sometimes pick up their food with their fingers. They can grab and hold your finger like a baby does. They're very gentle cats and they're comical, always wanting to play. We've heard that cats don't like water but polydactyl cats for some reason like water. When I take them to the pool they get in. They love to play in water."

The cats with six toes are hard to find and when they

come up for adoption, they go fast.

"It is a recognized breed by the cat association and if you get one that is a pure bred polydactyl those kittens sell for at least \$1500 a kitten."

Joy Doss also has a cat with no tail called a Pixiebob. It looks like a bobcat, acts like a dog but purrs instead of barks.

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by Bruce Quast



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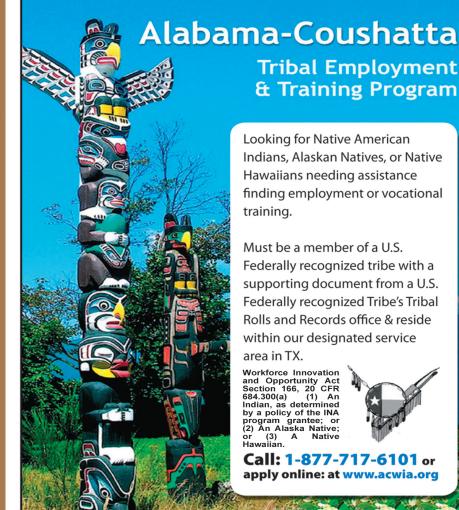
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| *Ricardo Contreras* February 7, 1943 - May 6, 2022 (age 79)

Ricardo Contreras of Sulphur Springs, Texas passed away on May 6, 2022, at the age of 79 from a long battle with several medical issues. He was surrounded by his loving family until his last breath.

Ricardo was born on February 7, 1943, in Leon, Guanajuato Mexico. He spent his childhood and teenager years working with leather as a cobbler for which he had a deep passion. He spent 3 years serving in the Mexican military. He eventually relocated to Hopkins County where he found his second passion working countless years in the dairy farm industry. Ricardo was blessed with a large and loving family. He met his wife to be, Marha de Lourdes Contreras in September of

1962. They were engaged and married two years later, on September 16, 1964. Their romance lasted all 58 years and was

blessed with ten wonderful children, twenty grandchildren, and fourteen great grand children. He helped raise his grand-children spending countless hours and days with them. They brought him so much joy and happiness.

Ricardo loved playing soccer where he played in several competitive tournaments and leagues with his wife beside him.

After he couldn't play anymore, he would spend several hours a day watching soccer on tv. Ricardo had a relationship with God and will be doing these hobbies in Heaven.

Ricardo was predeceased by his father, Guadalupe Contreras, mother, Enedina Contreras, son, Ricardo Contreras Jr, daughter, San Juana Contreras, son, Francisco Javier Contreras survived by wife (Carmen Contreras), and son, Guadalupe Jose Contreras. He is survived by his wife, Maria Contreras; his sons, Juan (wife Wanda Contreras) Antonio (wife Veronica Contreras) Ricardo and Jos¤ de La Luz Contreras; his daughters Магна de Lourdes Contreras and Maria de Socorro Contreras.

The viewing will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. with rosary to follow, at West Oaks funeral home, 500 S Hillcrest Dr, Sulphur Springs Tx, 75482. Funeral services will begin at 1:00 p.m. on May 13, 2022, at Saint James Catholic Church 297 Texas St, Sulphur Springs Tx, 75482. Burial services will be held at Richland cemetery on 1006 Farm Rd S. Sulphur Springs Tx 75482. Flowers can be sent to West Oaks funeral home, 500 S. Hillcrest Dr, Sulphur Springs Tx, 75482 or 819 Carter St, Sulphur Springs Tx, 75482; addressed to the Contreras Family. Pallbearers include Juan, Tony, Ricardo, Luz, Tony Jr, Luz Jr, Martin Contreras, and Alex Lopez.



R.C. George

A funeral service for R.C. George, age 87 of Sulphur Springs, Texas, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Larry Jordan officiating. Interment will follow at Arbala Cemetery. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. George passed away on May 6, 2022 at Christus Mother Frances — Sulphur Springs.

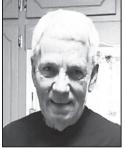
Robert Clyde George was born on November 1, 1934, in Lebanon, Indiana to Harmon and Mabel (Hazlerigg) George. R.C. married Maxine English on June 16, 1978, in Sulphur Springs; she preceded him in death on May 23, 2019. R.C. was a plumber by trade, but his passion was horses. He owned, trained and raced many a champion; he was also an AQHA Judge. R.C. was a member of First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs.

He is survived by his sons, Tim George of Sulphur Springs and Rob George of Indiana; daughter, Pam George of Indiana; stepchildren, Sharon Alexander (Wayde), and Mike Smith (Lynn): eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

R.C. was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and brothers, Bud and Johny George.

Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com



Johnny Bourland November 27, 1947 - May 6, 2022 (age 74)

Funeral services for Johnny Bourland, age 74 of Sulphur Springs, TX were held at 10:00A.M. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Robert Newsom officiating. Interment followed at North Hopkins Cemetery. Visitation was held one-hour prior to Funeral service. Serving as pallbearers were Jeff Dorner, Joey Dorner, Justin Goldsmith, Jaden Goldsmith, Terry Russell and Juan. Mr. Bourland passed away on May 6, 2022 at Christus Mother Frances - Tyler.

Johnny Bourland was born on November 27, 1947 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Lloyd Bourland and Norma-Jean "Jeanie" Johnson. He married Teresa on July 3, 1981. Mr. Bourland proudly served in the United States Air Force. Following his time in the service, he started a courier service and in retirement he worked at Adkisson's Florist in Greenville, TX. Johnny is survived by son, John Bourland; daughters, Michelle Russell, Pamela Bourland, Teri Ashendorf; grandchildren,

Ryan Bourland, Rachel Bourland, Courtney Russell, Austin Russell, Elena Mataele, Finnian Stovall, Kaiya Bourland; sister, Barbara Dorner and brother Jimmy Bourland.

Mr. Bourland was preceded in death by his wife, Teresa and his parents.

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