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Tumbleweed Smith

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"I sat there in tears knowing I wouldn't finish the test in time and would end up getting pops," says Steve. "That was a terrifying experience. I kept it quiet and never talked about it for many many years."

Tumbleweed Smith years."

The teacher told Steve that she had talked to his mother and they both decided that the way he was going to learn math was to punish him when he didn't finish a test. "One time as an adult I was talking to my mother about the pops and she said the teacher never talked to her."

Kinfolks at family reunions noticed a change in Steve after the second grade. He used to be so outgoing, greeting his family members with hugs and smiles, and then all of a sudden he was withdrawn.

Steve spent five years in naval service, got some degrees and gradually opened up to people and became his old self. He teaches now in that same school building where he had a bad experience with the teacher. He passes his second grade room every school day but never goes inside it.

"I believe in punishment but not the way she would do it. One time in the second grade a friend and I were standing in line to go to the bathroom and we were horse playing. He teacher had taken us down there and then went back to her classroom. While we were playing, he slipped and fell down on that hard floor. It hurt and he started crying. Course it echoed in the hallway because it was quiet in that school back then. She heard that crying sound, came to get us and took us back to the room.

"She called both of us up to the front of the class, reached in her desk drawer and told us we'd better be glad she didn't have time to do the full thing, but she had time to do this. She put baby bibs around our neck, gave us a pacifier and a bottle and had us walk up and down the rows while she belittled us, calling us little babies and different things. Everybody was laughing except us and we were embarrassed. We were glad she didn't have much time, though. Otherwise she would have pinned a cloth diaper on us and made us suck on the pacifier and bottle as we walked up and down that aisle." For the longest, Steve didn't like to be in crowds, didn't like to go anywhere and felt like everybody was watching him, laughing at him, making fun of him.

"I worked at a funeral home for a few years and I was kinda forced into opening up and start talking to people. But it affected me for a long time. I wasn't very good at math and still haven't learned it. But I did great in my history courses and developed a great love for history."

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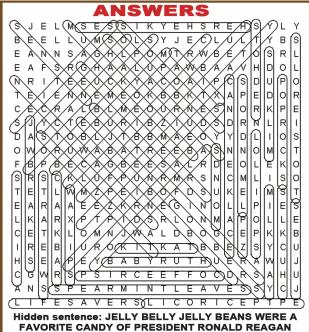
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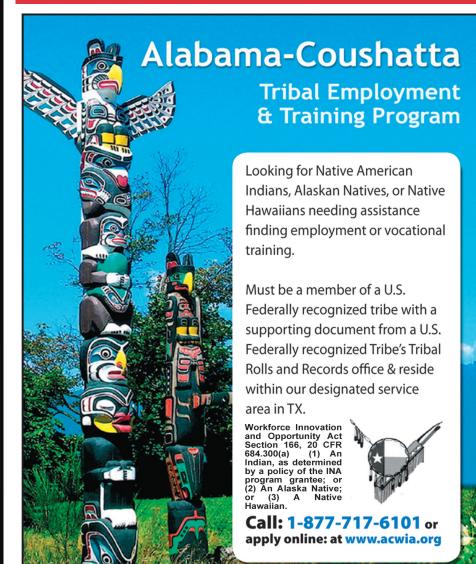
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Eugene "Gene" Norris

A funeral service for Walter Eugene "Gene" Norris, age 74, of Dike, was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 28, 2022, at West Oaks Funeral Home with Bro. Ron Pittman officiating. Visitation was held at 1 p.m., prior to service time.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, August 29, 2022, at Oakwood Cemetery in Mounds, Oklahoma, with Jeremy Offutt, Jeff Jump, Luke Christenson, Jeff Colbert, Michael Keith Norris, Jake Christenson, and Walter Eric Norris serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were James L. "Dink" Norris, Dale Christenson, Greg Norris, and Sam Pittman.

Gene passed away on August 23, 2022. He was born on February 16, 1948, in Bonham, Texas, the son of James William Guy Norris and Vesta Bernice Nethery Norris. He married Judy Marlee Pittman on August 21, 1987, in Garland, Texas.

Gene retired from the United States Army as Sergeant First Class. He was a recruiter for the Army Reserve for many years. After retirement, he worked as a rural mail carrier in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gene is survived by his wife, Marlee, of Dike; sons, Gregory Eugene Norris and wife, Maria, of Everett, WA, and Walter Eric Norris of Seattle, WA; daughter, April Offutt and husband, Jeremy of Pickton, Texas; brother, James L. "Dink" Norris Sr. and wife, Becky; sisters, Evelyn Faye Farmer, Virginia Phillips, Lois Wix, and Lucy Ellen Offutt; grandchildren, Brynn Marlee Offutt, Reese Ellyn Offutt, Raeden Norris; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Gene was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Hallie "Sissy" Williams.

Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Eddie Allison

A memorial service for Eddie Allison, age 77, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, will be held at a later date. Mr. Allison passed away on August 23, 2022, at his residence.

Eddie was born on July 5, 1945, in Paris, Texas, to Donald Uriah and Mary Ethel (Dodd) Allison. He worked as a Garland and Dallas Police Officer and a mechanic. Eddie was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was survived by his sons, Edwin Lee Allison Jr., Cole Douglas Allison and wife Angela, and Clay Aaron Allison and wife Angela; grandchildren, Katie Allison, Jacob Allison, Nathan Allison, Kareagin Allison, Rachel Allison and Kaylee Allison; two great-grandchildren; brothers, Bob Allison, Brad Allison and Wesley Allison; and sisters, Linda Allison and Marie Allison.

Eddie was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Gloria Garrison; and brother, David Allison.

Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com



Rodney "Bill" Rogers

A graveside service for Rodney "Bill" Rogers, age 72, of Sulphur Springs, was conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, August 27, 2022, at Lone Star Cemetery in Clarksville with Bro. Roy Ford officiating. Visitation was held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, August 27, 2022, at West Oaks Funeral Home of Sulphur Springs. Pallbearers were Aiden Shepherd, Graham Shepherd, Paul Shepherd, Stephen Jordan, Trumon D. Davis, Brandon Zeller, and Roy Jordan.

Bill passed away on August 23, 2022. He was born in New Boston, Texas, on January 12, 1950. He married Rita Dianne Graham on May 5, 1972, in Dallas, Texas. She preceded him in death on August 4, 2017.

Bill was a Master Electrician and worked for TXU/Luminant.

He always put his family first. He was a loving husband, father, and best Grandad ever. He loved deer hunting, Nascar, and attended every event his grandkids had.

Bill is survived by his two daughters, Rochelle Shepherd and husband, Paul, of Longview, Texas, and Brittany Jordan and husband, Stephen, of Harleton, Texas; his mother, Margaret Olivia Rogers of Hooks, Texas; Grandad's beloved grandchildren, Aiden Shepherd, Olivia Shepherd, Graham Shepherd, Trinity Jordan, and Blakely Jordan; brothers-in-law, John Ed Zeller of Simms, Texas, Trumon

W. Davis of Tatum, and Mark Graham and wife Judy of Frankston, Texas; and many nieces and nephews. He will also be greatly missed by his "favorite child," his sweet dog, Penny.

In addition to his wife, Rita, he was also preceded in death by his sister, Sandy Zeller, and sister-in-law, Debbie Davis.

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Eric Shockey

A memorial service for Eric Shockey, age 35, of Sulphur Springs, Texas will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Shockey passed away on August 9, 2022, in his sleep at his residence.

Eric was born on November 22, 1986, in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to Bill and Debbie (Riddle) Shockey. He worked as a health care provider and was a manager at Pizza Hut.

He is survived by his parents, Bill and Debbie; sister, Krystle Shockey and husband, Terry Odom; nieces, KayDince Shockey and Laycee Odom; uncles, Ray Shockey, Raymond Shockey and Bobby Shockey; and numerous cousins, friends and family.

Eric was preceded in death by his grandparents, Royce and Virginia McClelland; and uncle, John Shockey.

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