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Patti Wolf lives on a cattle ranch near Ivanhoe, just south of the Red River in Northeast Texas. She and her husband have a large place that has a comfortable residence, barns and various outbuildings. Patti is one of the live wires in her community and does interesting things.

“She spearheaded a barn quilt effort, encouraging people to paint quilt patterns on barns. It developed into the largest barn quilt trail in Texas. She does other things as well.

I show Shetland ponies all over the United States in Carriage Driving, something that pre-dated automobiles. I drive an antique 1908 Brewster Carriage. Brewster made automobiles until 1925 and I have a pony runabout Brewster, very rare. It’s a museum piece and I show all over the country. I hitch my Shetland ponies to it and they pull it. I ride and drive.”

Patti has 6 Shetland ponies, but only shows one or two at a time. Some have been retired because they’re old and have lost their teeth. She must be a leader in the sport because she has a room full of trophies, ribbons and a variety of awards and recognitions.

“I’ve been doing something with horses since I was 8 years old. I’m very competitive. I’ve done quarter horses, paints and pintos in contests involving reining, hunter jumping, and western pleasure. I’ve been showing forever. I wanted to try something new and started carriage driving 12 years ago.”

She competes in all kinds of events.

“I’ve just come back from Kentucky and the Kentucky Classic in Lexington’s Kentucky Horse Park. My Shetland pony actually won her division for the first time. That was great fun. I’m getting ready to go to Lake St. Louis, Missouri for a Shetland Pony Congress and I’ll be competing in the carriage class with my Shetland ponies. There will be horses there in halters, jumping, driving and all sorts of crazy stuff. It’s a full week up there.”

I visited with Patti just before she was leaving for the largest carriage show in the US at Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin.

“I’ll be driving my Brewster with my Shetland ponies and will compete against other horses. I’ll be in the antique class and there’ll be timed events as well.”

She does her own training.

“I usually start them at 2 or 3 years old and it takes about 8 years to get my horses ready to pull. I’m not very fast. They’re in harness every day and have special diets. They’ve got to be very aerobic because after all they’re athletes.”

Patti has 6 full-size horses and one mule that she hasn’t ridden in a while.

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Richard Darlin

A funeral service for Richard Darlin, age 66, of Birmingham, Alabama, will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 8, 2022, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Rev C.J. Duffey and Buddy Gore officiating. Pallbearers will be Benny Dixon, Tim Tanton, Dusty McIlwain, Danny Hammons, Jerry Adair, Jerry Miller, Justin Coleman, John Wiler, Larry Walls, Danny Clark, Ronnie Parris, Bill Owens, Zach Adair, Dave Bergeson and Larry Matthew. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Darlin Passed away on December 3, 2022, at the Birmingham VA Hospital.

Richard was born on December 5, 1955, in Houston, Texas, to Pete and Peggy (Sawyer) Darlin. He married Kimberly Lou Newberry on February 19, 1983, in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Richard was a retired car salesman. He was a member of the Church of God.

He is survived by his wife, Kimberly; sisters, Kim McCoy, Linda Adair and husband, Jerry, and Gloria Kearby and husband, Rick; brother, Jim Sells and wife, BJ; and long life best friend, Tim Tanton.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and son, Pete Darlin.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Hospital or the SPCA. Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Nancy Ann Herman

Mrs. Nancy Ann Herman, age 82, of Como, formerly of Dike, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at home surrounded by family. Nancy was born on December 2, 1940, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late, Henry Packard White and Nancy Hutchinson White.

Nancy graduated high school and attended college in Maryland, before moving to Texas with her husband and father of her three daughter's, Benny Jack Harris. She later married the late Travis Earl Herman on May 15, 1967. She was a devoted and loving wife, a homemaker, published author and a pen pal to many. She was of the Baptist faith. She also loved animals and cared for many foster pets throughout her life.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Travis Herman; and her sister, Sandra Addison.

She is survived by three daughters, Dolly Gilliam and husband Rickey of Como, Sandy Arellano and husband Michael of North Richland Hills, and Sue Mitchell and husband Stephen of Sulphur Springs; 11 grandchildren, Ashley Burns,

Cary Gilliam, Felicia Baker, Jeremy Allen, Candace McGinn, Kylie Arellano, Savannah Arellano, Colton Arellano, Anthony Arellano, Afton Crissey, Cameron Mitchell; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home, 876 Wildcat Way, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482, before a procession to North Hopkins Cemetery for a 3 p.m. graveside service, with Bro. Wilton McMorris officiating. Pallbearers were Cary Gilliam, Cameron Mitchell, Kaydon Gilliam, Slayde Teague, Levi Teague, Logan Culp, Anthony Arellano, Colton Arellano, Jeremy Allen; Honorary pallbearers were, Aiden Gilliam, Henry Crissey and Hugh Crissey. Memorials in Nancy's memory can be made to the Hopkins County Animal Protection League.

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

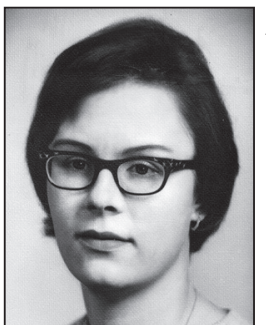
William Sidebottom

William "Bill" Sidebottom, age 81, of Sulphur Springs, passed away November 28th, 2022.

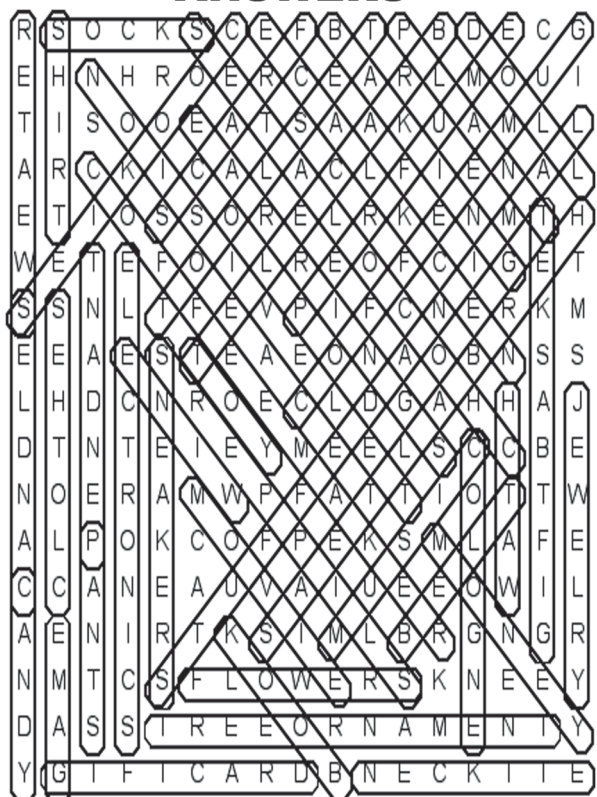
Bill was born in Boston, Kentucky in 1941 and moved to Sulphur Springs in 1960. Bill made the best decision of his life and married Carolyn in 1961. Bill and Carolyn were well known for working at the local Dairy Queen together for 15 years. He owned and operated a dairy farm for 15 years, worked for the core of engineers for 5, and was a handy man extraordinaire for 20 plus years. Bill loved taking care of other's homes with his close friend and sidekick George Lopez. Bill and George were quite the craftsmen, completing odd jobs for many residents of Sulphur Springs. Bill loved to tell stories to anyone that would listen, and it was up to you to determine if they were a joke or not.

Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years, Carolyn; daughters Amy Toland of Dallas and Gina Sidebottom of Sulphur Springs; son, James William Sidebottom of Sulphur Springs; son-in-law Scott Toland; grandchildren Matison McCool and wife Shannon of Albuquerque, Ethan Toland and wife Shelly of Dallas, Corey Toland of Austin, Claudia Pettegrew of Sulphur Springs, Owen Handy of Dallas, and Sladdon Shedly of Caddo Mills; great-grandchildren Cosmo Roehling, Vilde Casanova, and Maren McCool. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sanford and Mary Sidebottom, and siblings Shorty Sidebottom, Patty Morgan, Jane Miller, Kenny Sidebottom, Linda Richey, and Donald Sidebottom.

Service will be held at First Baptist Church Chapel in Sulphur Springs on December 23rd at 11am, officiated by Tommy Johnston. Visitation will be one hour before service at 10am. Rest in peace Papa.



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