

# YOU GOTTA WATCH THOSE SUPERLATIVES



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# Tumbleweed Smith

As a reporter I try to be accurate. I have learned that any time I use a superlative (only, largest, smallest, fastest, slowest, oldest, newest, greatest, best, tallest, shortest, etc.) I get in trouble. On a recent column I mentioned The Dalles, Oregon as being the only city in the United States that starts with the word The. Someone there told me that and I took it as gospel.

Tumbleweed Smith

Very wrong. Pardon me, Texas towns named The Colony, The Grove, The Hills, The Woodlands and all other cities in the country that start with The. I appreciate being corrected by a reader because it increased my desire to do more research when I start to use a superlative. I may

not ever use one again. That reminds me of some supper table talk the other night with guests. Someone said they would never recommend a restaurant to anyone because it never meets expectations. I have been guilty of saying the best meal I've ever had was at a restaurant in California. I'll not mention its name.

I am thankful for readers. I enjoy doing the weekly column very much and am approaching number 2,000. Many of the comments I get are complimentary and flattering to me. Some readers correct me, which I appreciate. I want to be correct. Once I called a piece of oil field equipment a pump jack. You wouldn't believe the flack I caught from that. "The proper term is pumping unit," the readers said.

Some things are better left alone. How many people call a pump jack a pumping unit?

While I'm just rambling here I'd like to mention a couple of travel things I found interesting. Some of them involve sounds. A couple of weeks ago I interviewed John Friesen who grows grapes north of Seminole. At harvest about 70 people are out there before dawn using scissors to cut clusters of grapes. They're all wearing headlamps. He said all you hear in the dark is the snip snip of the scissors. I'd like to record that sound sometime.

Another time we were in Chile, where the national flag looks a lot like the Texas flag. Made us feel right at home. We were at a penguin colony and one breed of penguin is called the Jackass Penguin. I was walking along a trail, looked down and saw a small penguin that let go with a donkey bray. I couldn't believe it. I had my recorder, but didn't have it on. I immediately started it but the penguin was silent. Of course.

I've had the opportunity to see some important structures, gardens, monuments and so forth. I have wanderlust, sure, but when I see something I just have to go there. I saw a picture of the lavender fields of Provence. Went there. I saw a picture of the colorful display of flowers growing near Carlsbad, California. Went there. I saw a photo of Petra and will be going there soon.

It's fun to travel and write about some of the wonders of the world. But chances are I won't be using any superlatives. GUN & KNIFE SHOW December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 9-4

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### Sheila Kay Heath

Sheila Kay Heath, AKA Granny Sheila, age 73, of Whitesboro, Texas passed away at home on December 9, 2022, after a yearlong fight with cancer.

Sheila was born on December 11, 1948, to Harold and Eura V. Smith of Richardson, Texas. Sheila attended Richardson High School and soon after graduating she married Claude Ronald Wilson of Dallas, Texas. They welcomed one daughter, Sondra Wilson Clements in March of 1966.

Sheila was known to be quite the "Hot Mess" She was strong willed, stubborn to a fault, and extremely outspoken, even ornery at times, but also had the ability to make you laugh at what she may do or say at any moment. She had a passion for horses and dancing. Sheila was a member of the North Dallas Push Dance Club and won many awards during that journey. These things were her only passion until the birth of her first grandchild in October of 1984, as the family grew her grandchildren and great grandchildren became her main focus in life. Her unique personality and the way she loved was just who she was and different from most, but she loved her family, and she will forever be missed.

Sheila was preceded in death by her parents Harold Thomas and Eura V. Smith of Richardson, TX; Brother Robert Boyd Walker of Princeton, TX; Grandson John Charles Hartwig of Granbury, TX.

Sheila is survived by beloved aunt, Hazel Marie Adair of Hope, AR; Daughter Sondra Clements and Husband Gary of Whitesboro; Grandchildren, Justin Speake and wife Kate of Melbourne, AR, Angela Booe and husband Shawn of Sherman, Calley Cheaney and husband Bobby of Whitesboro, Joshua Clements of Whitesboro; her pride and joy, her 11 great grandchildren, Kylie, Payson, Maddie, Annabelle, and John Speake of Melbourne, AR. Addison Grace and Kennedy Faith Hartwig of Granbury, Ryleigh Jo Booe of Sherman, TX, Jaylyn Logan, Nate and Hadley Grace Cheaney of Whitesboro, as well as a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews of Plano, Sulphur Springs, Whitesboro, and Arkansas, along with many other close friends and family.

The family requests that flowers be sent to 125 Westline Road, Whitesboro, Texas 76273. Sheila wished to be cremated and her only request for her memorial service to be held outdoors in the spring. Due to this there is no funeral or service immediately planned. The family will notify friends and loved ones in the future when a service is scheduled.



# Russell Nuss

Russ was born the second of five sons to Paul Eugene and Wanda Sue Nuss in Denver, Colorado, but he spent most of his life in Texas. He left here and went to heaven on December 5th.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Lori, and his children and their spouses, Chad and Kaley Nuss and Heather and Tony Mastandrea and his mother, Sue Nuss. One of his greatest blessings was his grandchildren – Hayden, Olivia, Zachary, Anthony, Gwyneth, and Ethan. He also left behind his brothers and their wives and families, Larry and Terri Nuss, John and Debbie Nuss, and Donnie and Gayla Nuss.

He is preceded in death by his father, Paul and his brother, David.

Russ was very well known in the community. From initially starting his own plumbing company to later becoming the Director of Public Works for the City of Sulphur Springs he always tried to be fair in his dealings and earned the respect of many people. The Lord Jesus Christ saved Russ at the age of 28 and through the trials and heavy burdens of life Russ remained steadfast and faithful to his Lord, his family, and his friends.

Services were held at West Oaks Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, Texas Wednesday, December 7th, 2022.

Visitation was from 1:00 - 2:00 pm followed immediately by a Memorial service. A private interment was at Pine Hill Cemetery in Hopkins County. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



# Wilbert E. Roland

Funeral services for Wilbert E. Roland, age 90, of Sulphur Springs will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 15, 2022 at Morning Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Harold B. Nash, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at Mel Haven Cemetery with the Masonic Lodge Brothers serving as ushers and pallbearers. Visitation (remarks and comments) will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m, Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Wilbert passed away on Friday, December 9, 2022 at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab.

Wilbert was born on August 31, 1932 in Sulphur Springs, TX the son of Alonzo Roland and Annie Booze Roland. He married Bobbye J. Wright on June 17, 1956. Wilbert served in the United States Army and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was a businessman and a very successful car salesman. Wilbert was a devoted member of Morning Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and was in the male chorus, a Sunday School Teacher, a member of the Seasoned Saint's and an Intercessory Prayer Warrior.

In addition to his wife Bobbye, He is survived by his children, Cynthia "Nell" Brookins, Wanda Gail Hunter (Glenn), Gilbert Roland (Loletha), Donnie Roland (Kimberly) and Reg E. Roland (Wynelle), 13, grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He has 9 brothers, James Roland, JB Roland, Robert Roland, Ervin Roland, O'Neal Roland, Tommy Roland, Oscar Roland, Arthur Roland, and Walter Roland, 3 sisters, Anita Crook, Rachel Pitts, and Olivia Nash.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings.

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