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SHEILA MEETS THE FAMILY

Tumbleweed Smith



Mike and Sheila Abusaab met in Durant, Oklahoma where Sheila was teaching summer classes. Mike was a student there and also managed the university cafeteria. When Sheila first saw Mike at the cafeteria she says he held his head down and seldom talked to anybody. Sheila inquired around campus about him found out that he was from Jordan and was very smart. People

who had classes with him said he never brought a book to class and always made the highest grade on exams. Mike later told Sheila that he couldn't afford textbooks and he listened very intently to the lectures in class. He said anyone could do it if they wanted to. Besides that he had learned a lot of the subject material before coming to this country.

Sheila and Mike had their first date at the end of Sheila's first summer of teaching. They went for ice cream at Dairy Queen. They dated every Friday night that Sheila was teaching during the summers. Finally after 5 years Mike told her they were both getting older and should get married. He also told her if she didn't want to marry him to tell him now. Sheila told him that she had wanted to marry him the first time she saw him. Sheila took Mike to meet her family. "That went very well," says Sheila. "After the visit my daddy told me that Mike was a fine, hard working man and would take good care of me and that I ought to marry him."

Their wedding was a hurried up affair with a Justice of the Peace after Mike got off work and had to be at work the next day. Later it was Mike's turn to take Sheila to meet his family in Jordan.

Sheila says when the plane touched down, she noticed a big crowd of people at the bottom of the plane's exit stairway. "I told Mike that there must be a VIP on this plane. Mike said, 'Sheila, you're the VIP. That's my family.' He told me 'when you meet my mother you kiss her hand 3 times and you hold it. She's going blind and don't be afraid. She's going to touch your face, she's going to grab you to see how big you are and she wants to hear your voice. You don't need to speak Arabic, just English.'

"When we got to his house there were 250 people there. I told Mike that something had happened; just look at all the people. Mike said they were there to see me and told me not to talk too much or talk too loud. So I didn't say anything to anybody until his mother grabbed my face and wouldn't let it out of her hands. I thought she would never let go. She rubbed my hand and I kissed hers 3 times. She asked for a chair for me and I sat next to her for a long time. She told the 250 people that I was not her daughter in law. I was shocked and saddened and thought: that's it. I looked at Mike and already had tears because I really loved him. He told me to straighten up and to stop crying, that she hadn't finished. And she said real loud in perfect English, 'Sheila is my daughter.' Mike told me that she loved me more than she loved him."

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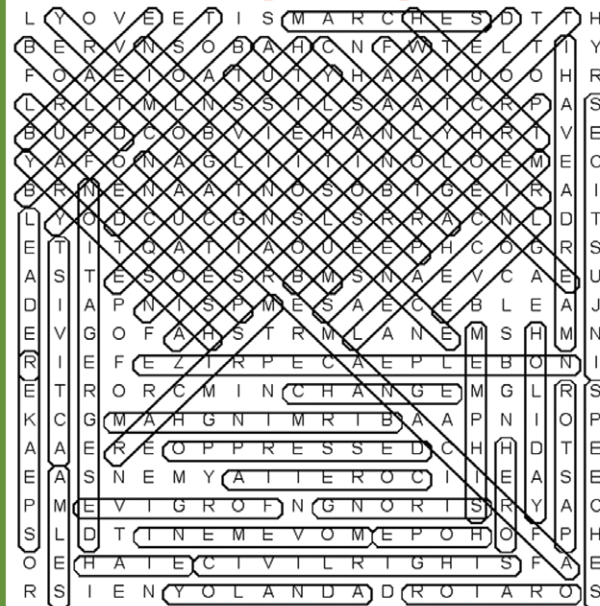
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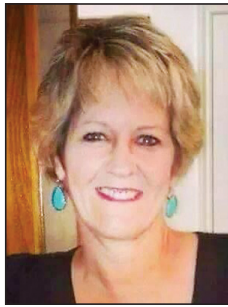
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Donna Marie Berry

Funeral services for Donna Marie Berry, age 58, of Sulphur Springs will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 19, 2023 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mike Eason officiating. Visitation will be at 1:00 p.m., one hour prior to service time. Interment will follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery North with Brady Harmon, Ronnie Doss, Frank Prock, Tony Clark, Jeff Sanderson and Gary Lewis serving as pallbearers. Donna passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at her home. Donna was born on February 19, 1964 in San Diego, CA, the daughter of J.L. "Jack" Courson, Jr. and Diane Gladys Norman Courson. She married Ronnie Berry on October 18, 2013 in Sulphur Springs. Donna was a nurse at Christus Mother Frances Hospital and Carriage House Manor. She loved spending time with her family and friends. In addition to her husband Ronnie she is survived by sons, Eric Urda and wife Hailey, John Berry and wife Danielle, daughters, Randall Smith and husband Jarod, Miranda Rushin, and Renee Maeker and husband David, sister Jamie Courson, grandchildren, Lexton Urda, Presley Urda, Joseph Hume, Jaxon Urda, Chase Berry, Jeager Berry, Malia Maeker, Seth Maeker and Mason Maeker. She was preceded in death by her parents. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Una Bill Nordin

January 22, 1927 - January 11, 2023

A visitation for Una Bill Nordin, age 95, was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at West Oaks Funeral Home. A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 15, 2023 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mark Bryant officiating. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park with David Nordin, Brandon Riley, Britt Riley, Matthew Nordin, Keith Stewart and Michael Noe serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Mark Miller, Dr. Ronald Stanley, Dr. Charles Jones, Dr. Curtis Cutrell, Dr. I. B. Balkcom and Roy McGahee. Una passed away on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at Carriage House Manor. Una was born on January 22, 1927 in Yantis, TX, the daughter of George A. Steed and Janie Gertrude Reppond Steed. Una worked as a Medicare and Medicaid clerk for 31 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs. She is survived by her children, Mike Nordin and wife Kayle and Tonya Riley, grandchildren,

David Nordin, Brandon Riley and wife Amanda, Blake Riley and wife Diana, Britt Riley and wife Hannah, Marcie Stewart and husband Keith and Matthew Nordin, great-grandchildren, Jax Riley, Beau Riley, Daniel Nordin, Megan Nordin, Andrew Daugherty, Sarah Daugherty, Abby Daugherty, Maddison Gilbreath, Jett Riley, Lane Stewart, Zach Stewart, Tristan Stewart, Ella Reign Nordin and Lila Jo Nordin, one great-great grandson, Braxton Stewart. She was preceded in death by her first husband Charles Nordin and then George South, brothers, A. C. Steed and Steven Steed, sister Grace Singleton and son-in-law, Terry Riley. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Jesse Weaver

May 15, 1979 - January 11, 2023

A funeral service for Jesse Weaver, age 43 of Point, Texas was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at County Line Baptist Church with Bro Wayne Darty officiating. Interment followed at Greenview Cemetery. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Mr. Weaver passed away on January 11, 2023 at his residence.

Jesse was born on May 15, 1979 in Tyler, Texas to Garnett Ernest "Ernie" and Vicki Annett (Lennon) Weaver. He received his Bachelor of Science at Texas A&M Commerce in general agriculture. He worked as a dairy farmer for most of his life. Jesse later worked at Catacon Road Maintenance. Jesse was in the Alpha Gamma Rho at Texas A&M University Commerce. He was a member of County Line Baptist Church.

He is survived by his parents, Ernie and Vicki; brothers, Frank Joseph Weaver and wife, Morgan, James Henry Weaver and wife, Kayla; nieces and nephews, Kayden Weaver, Kamden Weaver, Jaxon Weaver, Blakely Weaver and Hudson Weaver.

Jesse was preceded in death by his grandparents, Garnett and Audrey Weaver of Miller Grove and Norwin and Tommie Lennon of Emory.

In lieu of flowers donations were made to Greenview Cemetery.



Micheal Scott Gray - Bakkers "Sloth"

February 2, 2001 — January 10, 2023

Funeral service for Michael Scott Gray Bakkers "Sloth" will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at Franklin County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena with Rev. Andrew McQueen officiating. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Monday, January 16, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Gray-Bakkers passed away on January 10, 2023.

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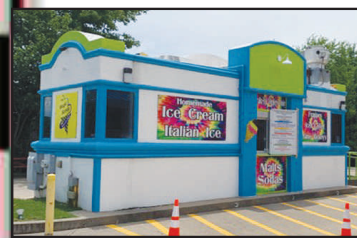
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