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GEORGE HALLMARK'S LIFE IN ART

Tumbleweed Smith

George Hallmark of Meridian is one of the most accomplished and awarded artists in America. "As an artist you first try to do something that you like and that you hope appeals to people," he says. "I think a painting should be something that stops you, something you'd like to step into. You just make every painting the best you can."



Tumbleweed Smith

George grew up in Joshua, a small town near Cleburne. "We had no art in school. I was the class artist. Every class had one. There were only fifty of us that graduated together. For busy work, teachers let me draw. By the time I got into Junior High, the teachers would give me their tests. One side of the paper had questions; the other side had drawings. I did maps, parts of a flower or skeleton or whatever was going to be on the test. Well I'm no fool I looked at the questions, so I knew pretty well what the questions were going to be when the test was handed out the next day."

His first formal training as an artist was when he enrolled in Tarrant County College. He took design courses that led him to do some architectural work. Even though he was poorly prepared, an architect asked George if he could do some delineation. "And of course the delineation shows what a building will look like when it's finished. I asked the architect if I could take this home and work on it over the weekend. He said fine. So I went straight to the TCU bookstore and bought two books on architectural delineation, worked on it all weekend and taught myself how to do it. I took it to him and he told me that was exactly what he was looking for."

George got a job with an architectural firm but did some art on the side. A collector saw some of George's work and took him to a gallery in Dallas. After about an hour looking at the samples George prepared, the owner said he would like to handle George's work. "I swallowed the hook. From then on that was what I wanted to do be: a fulltime artist.

"I asked around and found out who was the best oil painter and teacher. It was a man at a University in Utah. I spent three weeks watching him paint. When I asked him what was the cost he told me just to do some good work. Later, he was a judge in some events where my work was in competition with other artists. We remained friends a long time and when he passed away I got to say a few words at his funeral."

George has always had encouragement in his quest to be an artist. A café owner in Cleburne knew George was a struggling artist and told him to just sign the check for his meals. The café owner never asked George to settle up. He has some of George's paintings. So do several notable people.

George has spent a good amount of time in Mexico and that is reflected in his paintings. He is considering moving there and perhaps opening a shop in a hotel to sell his prints. His latest work is a painting of chili queens in San Antonio in the late 1800s. He calls it The Queens Court and it's on display in San Antonio's Briscoe Museum.

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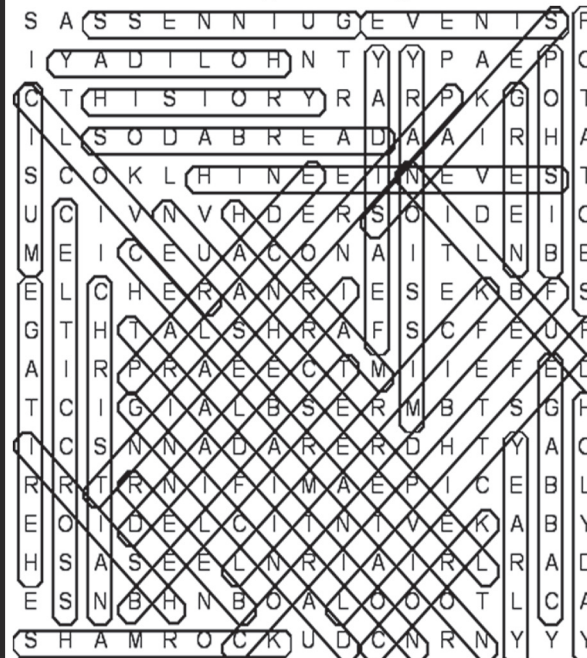
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Marge Barnett

Funeral service for Marge Barnett, age 95 of Dike, Texas will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Rev. CJ Duffey officiating. Interment will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at Kiowa Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Mrs. Barnett passed away on March 12, 2023 at her residence.

Martha Margret (Marge) was born on August 14, 1927 in Dustin, Oklahoma to Earl and Opal (Self) Ponder. A real country girl, she grew up a tomboy and went hunting and fishing with her daddy often. She was his "ears." Slept under the stars with her sisters in the same bed. She married Markie George Barnett in June 1945 and was married for over 63 years. She said he was the most handsome man she had ever seen. They had only one daughter, Christy Lee on November 23, 1954. As a Methodist, she taught Sunday School. Marge was a stay-at-home mom until Christy went to school in the early 60's. She then worked at a restaurant in downtown Plano, shortly after that, began her career at

Texas Transformer. She was a lead supervisor over the winding department for over 25 years. Marge and Mark built

their retirement home in Kiowa, OK. She took care of her mother until death at 95 years old. She always had the most beautiful yard filled with flowers and kitty cats. Her excellent gardening skills also included the most wonderful tomatoes. She loved being outside in nature. For the indoors, crocheting and sewing were done to perfection. As a lover of jewelry and antiques, she had quite the collection of both. She loved cornbread and sweet milk, fried potatoes, anything with chocolate and Rocco. She always had dessert. But her favorite thing was her family. She loved living near her sisters, brother and niece, Earlene in her later years in Kiowa. They were all very close. She was the last survivor of her immediate group. A beloved mother and caring and loving aunt. She will truly be missed.

Marge is survived by her daughter, Christy of Dike, Texas; niece and nephew, Earlene and Jerry Wilson of Sulphur Springs; great niece and nephew, Tim and Kerri Lane and children of Sulphur Springs, Elizabeth and Dwayne Needam and children of Stillwater, Jarrett and Cassie Wilson and children of, Sulphur Bluff

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Ruby Horn Maxwell, Dot Mackey; one brother, John (Big Bill) Ponder; special uncle Lawrence Ponder.

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

Aubrey Earl Washington

Funeral service for Aubrey Earl Washington, age 89 of Lake Jackson, Texas will be held at 10:00A.M. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Shane Carrington officiating. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

On Thursday evening at approximately 8:20 PM, a great soldier for Christ passed away in a very graceful manner surrounded by friends, family, and his health care providers at the Sodalis Senior Care Facility in Lake Jackson, TX. Aubrey was born on March 25th, 1933, to the family of George Carter Washington & Maudie Bell Washington. Aubrey was educated in Sulphur Springs Public Schools and went on to attend Butler College in Tyler, TX. He served his country in the United States Army. His service sent him to Korea & Japan, where he was Honorably Discharged (formally in March 1961).

Aubrey's greatest love was people. He enjoyed working around all people and just sitting down to have a good conversation. Aubrey worked at Jim Masters Western store in his young adult life and went on to work in the Oil & Gas industry for 23 years as an Operator, but his all-time favorite job was working at his resale shop. He would always say the greatest gift that God gave man was the ability to communicate. He had an ability to join a crowd and just start visiting (he never met a stranger). Aubrey served his community on the Sulphur Springs City Council and served one term as Mayor. He loved the Sulphur Springs Community and everywhere he went he would tell people where he was from. Aubrey married Lillian Black on June 16th, 1956, and to that union there were two sons and a daughter born; Willie Andre Washington, Ashley Earl Washington and Ruth Nicole Mignon Washington.

Aubrey was a member of the Church of Christ on Martin Luther King Drive, where he served as Elder, and was a member of the Southside Church of Christ where he served as a deacon. Aubrey loved God's word and the power of God's word when it fell on the hearts of men and women. Aubrey always carried a pad in his pocket and would jot down things during the day that would later be used in a Wednesday night lesson. Aubrey enjoyed family & friends and would always have something cooking on the grill.

He was preceded in death by his parents G.C. Washington & Maudie Bell Washington, brother; Troas Ben Washington; mother and father-in-law Richard & Ivey Inez Black daughter Ruth Nicole Mignon Washington, and daughter-in-law Janice Washington.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Lillian Washington, (Sugar Land, TX), his two sons Andre (late-Janice) Washington (Sugar Land, TX); Ashley (JoAnn) Washington (Lake Jackson, TX)- three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He also leaves nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives & friends.

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Vikki Lynn Harmon

Vikki Lynn Harmon, age 58, of Sulphur Springs passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs.

She was born December 22, 1964 in the Philippines to Larry Kent Mason and Virginia Sue (Stewart) Mason. Vikki was a member of The Way Bible Church. Vikki Lynn is survived by her two loving daughters, Kristina Watkins, and husband Justin of Sulphur Springs and Jennifer Taylor and husband, Heath of Pittsburg; grandchildren, Kennedy and Abbey; sister, Stephanie Logsdon of Sulphur Springs; brother, David Mason and wife, Denise of Northwood, NH; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Bobby Scott; and sister, Tammie Smith.

A joint visitation will be held for Vikki Lynn and her sister, Tammie Rene Smith, who passed away March 6, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Kelan Bell

Memorial service for Kelan Bell, of Sulphur Springs, Texas will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 12:00P.M. The zoom information follows; meeting code: 2570803906 and pass code: 960862. Mr. Bell passed away on March 4, 2023 at Childrens Cook Hospital - Fort Worth.

Kelan was born to Willie and Trescina Bell, Jr. on September 22, 2004. This amazing young man touched the lives and brought joy to everyone around him. He enjoyed old school cars, watching movies

with his sitters, playing games with his cousins, listening to music, playing guitar, math and science. Kelan was embarking on entrepreneurship working on his new online store. He loved big and always made sure mom was ok. He always told me he loved me all the way to the end. He always helped his mom and dad take care of his big brother Trey.

He is survived by his parents, Willie and Trescina Bell Jr.; one sister, Etalya Bell(TX); four brothers, Christopher Gooch(TN), Kimani Bell(KY), LaJuan Austin(OK) and Detrayan Bell(TX); grandparents, Willie and Linda Bell, Sr(OK); three uncles, Michael Bell(TX), Steven Bell and wife, Tina Duckett (AL), Brenton and wife Valier Duckett(TX); two aunts, Ladena and husband, Kevin Samuels(OK) and Latrea and husband, Kevin Grant(OK); one nephew, Jaxson Austin and one niece, Aaliyah Austin(OK); good friend and bible study conductor of special mention, Samuel Smalley(TX) and a host of close special cousins, great aunts and great uncles.

Kelan was preceded in

death by his grandparents, Charles and Evelyn Duckett.

Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home



John Jearl Baugh

John Jearl Baugh of the Hatchville Community, passed away on March 1st, 2023 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

A memorial will be held at the Bible Way Light-house Church, 253 County Road 4591on Monday, March 13, 2:00 pm.

John is survived by: Sisters - Sally Dennis, Linda Trammell, Nell Warren, Judy Langer, Laretta Ruczynsky. Grandchildren - Lily Baugh, Graesen Kesterson, Ginger Kesterson.

Stepdaughter - Lorene Harold & children, Janelle, Jessica, Zach and Casey.

John was preceded in death by:

Parents - Roland Baugh and Mary Etta Simmons Baugh.

Brothers - Clyde Wesley Jones, Zeke Baugh
Daughter - Sabrina Baugh

Arrangements under the direction of Peters Funeral Home, Greenville, Texas.

Larry Lee Detlefsen

Larry Lee Detlefsen, age 62, of Saltillo, Texas passed away on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

Larry was born to James (Wren) Detlefsen on September 7, 1960 in San Diego, California. He was a trucker and drove for LVT Trucking, LLC. He enjoyed scuba diving and visiting Thailand.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Thippawan Detlefsen. Survivors include his daughter, Amy and Jeffery Simmons; son, Daniel and Michaela Detlefsen; sisters, Dana Alice Detlefsen, Helen Joann and Robert Spangler, Mary Ellen and Ricky Steele; Katie Detlefsen and one brother, Dewayne Detlefsen.

Grandchildren, Jeremy Simmons. Daniel Lee Detlefsen, Madison Detlefsen, Axel Detlefsen. Stepchildren, Pantakan Teekasawad, Sivanart Teekasawad, Nuuboom Teekasawad. Nieces and nephews, Cheryl Coker, John Yount, Cody Yount, Crystal and Matt Deal, Ricky Steele, Christina Clem and Ty Webb.

Services entrusted to Sam B. Harvey Funeral Home.

Paula Flanagan

Paula Flanagan, age 59, of Sulphur Springs, Texas passed away on Sunday, March 5, 2023, in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Paula was born December 3, 1963, in Stuttgart, Germany, to parents Bobby Lee and Joyce Jeanette (Marshal) Carpenter. She loved fishing, camping, the outdoors, and animals. Those that knew her described her as a wild, free spirit.

Paula is survived by her daughters, Delila Elizabeth Kemble and Katherine Leann Vance; son, Daniel Lee Flanagan; sister, Nema Ehrensberger; and grandchildren, Jacie, Jayden, and Jasmine.

Paula is preceded in death by her parents.

Arrangements under the direction of Tapp Funeral Home.

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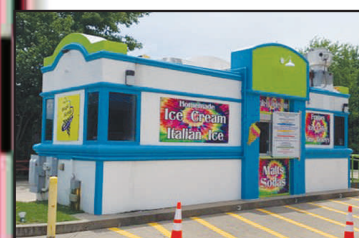
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