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Rick has traveled Texas taking photos of different things for his posters. "Cactus blooms, hamburgers, coffee, barbecue joints, spurs, all kinds of stuff."

He has made dozens of posters with his photos. The first one contained images of the word Texas.

"I photographed the word Texas made with rattlesnake rattles, barbed wire, horns, bottle caps, tattoos: you name it I've photographed it. That was a very popular poster."

He lived in his pickup while taking photos.

"I'd usually drive some place where I knew there would be a nice sunset or sunrise. I wanted to sleep among my subjects so I slept with the cactus, the windmills, the old signs that said Texas, ranch gates or whatever else I was looking for. I slept in the cab and sometimes during the night I'd turn on the light to put on paper a line for a poem or words for a song."

Rick has written books, songs, poetry, was a newspaper publisher in Commerce and a judge at the Miss Texas competition. He has made speeches before large audiences. I first met him years ago in Commerce where he had arranged the Bois d'Arc Festival. His home had layouts of different posters he was making. He sold them at Canton and other places around the state. Some of his posters were used to make bolts of material.

He is one creative individual with plenty of energy and a curious mind. When he sees a courthouse clock that doesn't work he wants to find out why it stopped. In one South Texas County he found out.

"They hanged a man and before he died he pointed at the clock and said the clock would never tell the right time from this point forward. And it broke when he died."

He spent six months photographing crosses in the United States. On the 500th anniversary of Columbus finding America he photographed every city in the country named Columbus. He did it on his own, no sponsors. He just wanted to do it. He did a few showings of his photos to different groups.

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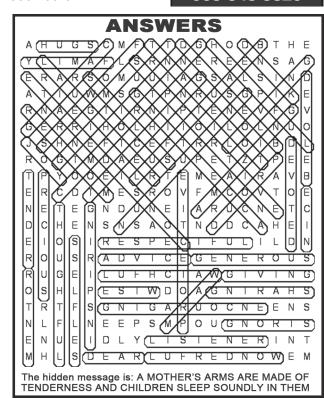
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Noelle



















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Allison Rene Beck

Allison Rene Beck, 36, of Denton, Texas, passed away April 18, 2023. She was born April 30, 1986, to Michael K. Hollock, now of O'Fallon, MO, and Dena Beck Hartung, now of Frisco, Texas.

Allison grew up in Nacogdoches, Texas, attended Central Heights School, later graduated from Winfrey Academy,

Lewisville, Texas, and attended Collin Community College.

Children were Allison's first love, and for a time she worked in daycare in Frisco where she bonded with the children and parents, remaining friends with them for many years. Her love of people drew her into the restaurant world. Her bubbly personality and caring attitude led her from server to management, with a following when she changed employers.

Survivors are her parents, Michael and Marla Hollock of O'Fallon, MO., Dena and Chad Hartung of Frisco, Texas, one brother, John Hartung of Frisco, and two sisters, Molly Hartung of Frisco, and Brandi Hollock of O'Fallon,

MO. A nephew, John Hartung III of Frisco.

Grandparents are Marlene and Robbie Fortner of DeSoto, MO, Janice Beck of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Bev Manning of Yakima, Washington. She is also survived by a host of uncles, aunts and cousins, many friends who will miss her until all are reunited in eternity. Allison was preceded in death by her brother, Stanley Beck, and her D-Daddy, Kenneth Beck.

Graveside service will be Saturday at 2 pm, May 6, 2023, at Pleasant Grove North with Larry Korkmas, Allison's great-uncle, officiating. Visitation will precede the service. West Oaks Funeral Home, Sulphur Springs, Texas, in charge of arrangements.



Bobby Casey

Memorial service for Bobby Casey, age 85, of Sulphur Springs, were held on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Mike Powell and Mark Wheeler officiating. There was no formal visitation. Mr. Casey passed away on Friday, April 28, 2023 at his home.

Bobby was born on August 26, 1937 in Hopkins County to Truett T. Casey and Florence Imogene Cross Casey. He married Marie Britton and together they had three children. Bobby loved playing guitars and was the proud owner of Mossman Guitar, which his dear friend, Mike Austell will be taking over.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Casey; children, Nina Belcher, Donna Hudson, Troy Casey; grandchildren, Mary Phillips, Dottie Tapley, Troy Dale Casey, Casey Cassady, Chase Hudson, Brandon Hudson, Carissa Casey and had several great grandchildren.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents.



Katie Patterson

Funeral service for Katie Patterson, age 79 Dike, Texas will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Rev. Roger Burks officiating. Interment will follow at Sulphur Bluff Cemetery with Donald Patterson, Dubby Henton, Ryan Henton, Chris Sorley, Chuck Collins, Brian Dorner and Gary Burks serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Cameron and Carlee Collins, Saylor and Kane Sorley, James K Bassham, Ed Moore, Bobby Hankins, Bobby Goswick, Mike Newman, Phil and Sandy Hallman, and Joe Don Joslin. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Patterson passed away on April 30, 2023 at her residence.

Katie was born on June 1, 1943 in Dike, Texas to Mervin and Marie (Cranford) Chester. She married Don Patterson on December 23, 1959 in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Katie worked on their farm helping milk cows, bale hay, fix fences, and just loved being outside and most of all working on their antique tractors. Katie retired from Alliance Bank after

20 years. She loved cooking lunch every Sunday for her family, spending time with her grandkids and great grandkids in any activity they were involved in. Katie also loved taking them riding through the pastures. She loved participating in the Stew Contest, Chili cookoffs, and the Ice Cream and Dutch Oven Cooking Contest. She was a very active person until she started getting sick. Katie was a friend to everyone and had a heart as big as Texas. She was an individual who would rather give than receive. She loved her tractors and kept Donald and Don busy working on them, telling them they didn't work fast enough for her. She was a member of the Eastern Star. Katie was a woman of the Baptist faith.

Katie was deeply loved by her family, and she deeply loved them.

She is survived by her husband, Don; son, Donald Patterson; daughter, Linda Henton and husband, Dubby; mother, Marie Chester; grandchildren, Chasity Collins and husband, Chuck, Kyle Henton, Ryan Henton and wife, Kayla, Jaci Sorley and husband, Chris; great grandchildren, Carlee Collins, Cameron Collins, Saylor and Kane Sorley; sisters, Patricia Dorner and Vonda Nelson.

Katie was preceded in death by her father and brother, Johnny Chester.

Patrick Swayze's Mother - Patsy Swayze

Yvonne Helen "Patsy" Swayze (February 7, 1927 – September 16, 2013) was an American film choreographer, dancer, and dance instructor, and the mother of actors Patrick Swayze and Don Swayze. Her credits include choreography for Urban Cowboy, Liar's Moon and Hope Floats.

Swayze grew up in Houston, the daughter of Gladys Mae Karnes, a nurse, and Victor Elliott Karnes, a World War I pilot and geologist.

When she was 10 years old, Swayze was hit by a car and her mother enrolled her in dance classes for therapy. She eventually trained in both jazz and classical ballet.

While in high school, she met and married Jesse Wayne "Buddy" Swayze, a mechanical engineer. The couple had five children, including actors Patrick Swayze and Don Swayze. The family lived on Wakefield Street in the Garden Oaks neighborhood of Houston. They later moved to another home on Del Norte Street.



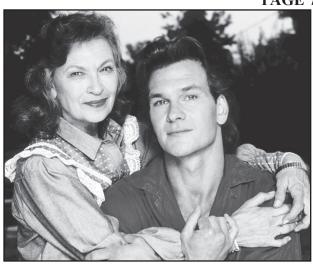
In the 1960s, Swayze founded and directed both the Houston Jazz Ballet Company, and her own

Houston dance studio, the Swayze School of Dance. All five of her children became dancers and actors, and Patsy's training has been credited for leading her son Patrick to his starring role in Dirty Dancing in 1987. Patrick met his future wife, film director and actress Lisa Niemi, while they were Patsy's students at the Swayze School of Dance. In addition to her own dance studio, for eighteen years Swayze taught dance and choreography at the University of Houston.[1] Her most famous students included future Emmy Award winner Debbie Allen, Randy Quaid, Jaclyn Smith and future ten-time Tony Award winner Tommy Tune.

Patsy Swayze transitioned to film by choreographing her first movie, Urban Cowboy, starring John Travolta and Debra Winger.[1] The success of Urban Cowboy essentially launched her career as a film choreographer.

In 1981, Patsy Swayze moved from Houston to southern California. She choreographed numerous films over the next three decades, including Liar's Moon in 1982 and Hope Floats in 1998. She teamed with her daughter-in-law Lisa Niemi to choreograph the 2003 film, One Last Dance, which starred Niemi, Patrick Swayze and George de la Peña.

She planned to retire from teaching and focus on film work, but instead opened a dance studio in a Simi Valley shopping center that operatedfor more than twenty years.



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