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Everywhere we went in Germany people apologized for what the Nazis did. It started with the cruise director on the ship as we cruised along the Rhine last March. He praised the American forces for the victory in World War Two. It continued with every tour guide we encountered. They emphasized the fact that the holocaust was being

Tumbleweed Smith taught in schools to help prevent it from happening again.

The war left a strong imprint on Germany. So many towns we visited had been nearly 90 percent destroyed during the conflict. Germans talk about the war like it was more recent than 80 years ago.

It's difficult to think of Germany as a modern country. People in tourism there still push castles and cathedrals as the main things to see.

Our weeklong cruise started in Amsterdam. Soon after we got settled on the ship we were offered a walking tour of the city. My heart picked up a beat as we walked around because I love the city so much. It was my 5th visit there. We walked along the canals, down narrow dark streets, watching out for bicycles, the main type of transportation in the city. It's flat so bicycle riders seldom have to stand up and pedal. They glide along as a group and it's like a flowing river to watch the coordination the riders have. I saw a woman riding a bicycle with her 2 children in a carriage in front of her. People haul giant packages on bicycles. It's just the way they do things in Holland.

We toured a windmill where a miller lived with his family and saw a statue of the story, THE CAT AND THE CRADLE. We heard about dikes and life in an area that's below sea level. In Cologne we saw the third largest cathedral in the world and the place where the famous German perfume, 4711 is manufactured. We visited Koblenz, Rudesheim, Speyer, Strasbourg, France, Breisach and disembarked in Basel, Switzerland.

One of the most relaxing afternoons I have ever spent was when we cruised the middle Rhine where there's a castle about every 5 minutes. The weather was perfect and we went to different decks to get the best views. On the upper deck we played shuffleboard for about 3 minutes.

In Speyer we were fortunate to be there during one of the city's largest festivals. It's called Burning the Snowman to signal the end of winter. Thousands of people were in a park and a parade featuring a giant snowman made of wood, paper and cloth went through the town. When it got to the park, firemen put the flames to it.

On our way to the Black Forest we passed beautiful scenery including dark trees, homes in pastoral settings and water cascading down mountains. It was a fun trip. We met some fabulous people. One woman sat at the car each night painting pictures of the things she had seen during the day. A man from Seattle found out I was from Texas and when he saw me on one of the ours he asked me, "Where's your horse?"



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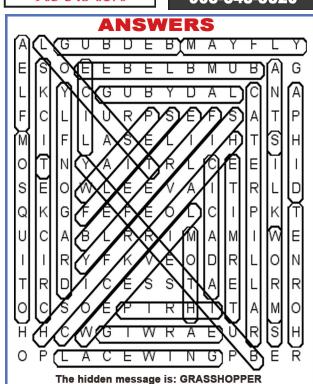
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FAMOUS TEXANS

MICKEY GILLEY



Mickey Leroy Gilley a cousin of Jerry Lee well in 1958. In the ley's burned in 1990, (March 9, 1936 – May Lewis, Carl McVoy, 1960s, he played at and the rodeo arena

7, 2022) was an Ameri- and Jimmy Swaggart. many clubs and bars, portion was razed in can country music For many years, Gil- gaining a following 2005 to make way for singer and songwriter. ley lived in the shad- at the Nesadel Club a school. Recording Although he started ow of his well-known in Pasadena, Texas. career in the 1970s beout singing straight-up cousin, Jerry Lee Lew- Paula Records re- fore Urban Cowboy. In country and western is, a successful rock leased Gilley's first 1974, Gilley recorded maMickey Leroy Gilley and roll singer and album, Down the Line, a song that originally (March 9, 1936 – May musician in the 1950s in 1967. He had a mi- was only supposed to the Country charts 7, 2022) was an Ameri- and early 1960s. Gilley nor hit from the album be recorded for fun, can country music grew up in Louisiana, called "Now I Can Live titled "Room Full of making it to No. 50 on singer and songwriter. just across the Missis- Again". Although he started sippi River from where In 1970, Gilley joined Spencer of the Sons out singing straight-up Lewis grew up. Gilley, in a partnership with of the Pioneers, which Gilley's first wife was country and western Lewis, and their cous- Sherwood Cryer. Sher- was a one-time hit for Geraldine material in the 1970s, in, Jimmy Swaggart, wood owned the club George Morgan. The whom he married in he moved towards played together as under the name Sher- song was released by 1953 (when he was a more pop-friendly children. Lewis taught ri's. His first nightclub Astro Records that 17 years old); they sound in the 1980s, them his piano style. in Pasadena, Texas, year, and then Play- divorced in 1961. bringing him further They sang both boo- called Gilley's Club. It boy Records got a She was the mother success on not just gie-woogie and gos- later became known hold of the single and of three of his four the country charts, but pel music, but Gilley as the "world's big- obtained national dis- children (Keith Ray, the pop charts as well. did not become a pro- gest Among his biggest fessional singer until Gilley's Club and its Full of Roses". From She died on March 6, hits are "Room Full Lewis hit the top of the mechanical bull were then on, Gilley was 2010. Gilley's second of Roses", "Don't the charts in the 1950s. portrayed in the 1980 signed to Playboy Re- wife, whom he mar-Girls All Get Prettier at Gilley then cut a few film, Urban Cowboy. cords, working with ried in 1962, was Vivi-Closing Time", and the singles and played He shared Gilley's his long-time friend an McDonald. Togethremake of the Soul hit sessions in New Or- Club with Sherwood Eddie Kilroy. "Room er they have a son, "Stand by Me". Gilley leans with producer Cryer, who asked Gil- Full of Roses" became Gregory. She died charted 42 singles in Huey P. Meaux. His re- ley to re-open his for- the song that put Gil- in 2019. Mickey and the top 40 on the US cord "Call Me Shorty" mer bar with him. The ley on national radar, Cindy Loeb, his long-

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ness associate, were married in June 2020. In July 2009, Gilley was helping a neighbor move some furniture when he fell with the love seat falling on top of him, crushing four vertebrae. The incident left him temporarily paralyzed from the neck down, but after intense physical therapy he was able to walk again and return to the stage a year later. However, he still lacked the hand-eye coordination necessary to play the piano.

His death was announced on May 7, 2022, by Jeff Wagner, mayor of Pasadena, Texas. He was 86 years



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Jerry Dale McDonald

Jerry Dale McDonald, a resident of Yantis, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at the age of 76.

He was born July 25, 1946 in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to Clyde C. McDonald and Bertha Leona Pritchett.

Jerry began his music career playing guitar at the Reilly Springs Jamboree in Reilly Springs, Texas. From there he began working at many night clubs in Dallas, Texas. He played bass for Jon & Robin who had several hits. From there he formed a group, High Mountain, and headed to California to sign with a major record label and cut several albums. After that he worked in Colorado, Nashville, and Austin playing music. He worked with many named artists before retiring in Yantis, Texas. He never lost his love of music, mainly country, but he liked it all and was always listening to the radio, watching music shows, and reading about the business he loved.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Dyana Powell, her husband and son, as well as brothers, Ken McDonald (wife, Charleta) of Rockwall, Texas and Mick McDonald (wife, Mary) of Fairfield, Texas, and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Shirly Falch of Yantis, Texas; his parents, Clyde C McDonald and Bertha Leona Prichett of Sulphur Springs, Texas; and brother, James D. Gentry of Dallas, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Tapp Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at www.tappfuneral.com



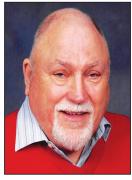
Joe Dooley January 23, 1949 — May 28, 2023

A graveside service for Garlan "Joe" Dooley, age 74, of Sulphur Springs, Texas was held at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at Memoryland Memorial Park in Greenville, TX with Dr. Aaron White officiating. Joe passed away on Sunday, May 28, 2023 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs.

Joe was born on January 23, 1949 in Hunt County, TX to Garth Dooley and Betty Jean Litchfield. After graduating from Boles Home in Hunt County, Joe spent his career working as car salesman in Greenville and went on to run his own restaurant. He spent over 30 years with his companion, Paul West, who passed away in 2021. In his spare time, he enjoyed spending his time with his family and friends, as well as traveling.

He is survived by father, Garth Dooley; brother, David Dooley; nieces, Amy White, Lori Hererra, Jessica Dooley; nephews, Michael Dooley and John Dooley.

Joe was preceded in death by his mother, Jean Hutson; companion of 30 years, Paul West and sister, Frances Davis.



Thomas Lee Reynolds

Thomas Lee Reynolds, age 76, of Mount Vernon, Texas passed away on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, in Mount Vernon. Visitation was on Friday, June 9, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Sam B. Harvey Funeral Home. The Funeral Service was on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 2:00 at Sam B. Harvey Funeral Home with Brian Kile, Larry Black, and David Kile officiating. Pallbearers were Michael Kile, Daniel Kile, Jordan Kile, Cody Kile, Robert Benners, and Chris Swantick. Interment was at the Mount Vernon City Cemetery.

Tom was born on March 29, 1947, in Sherman, Texas to Ray and Merle (Roberts) Reynolds.

He married Debora Sue Bryant on December 29, 1979, in Carrolton, Texas. Tom graduated from Byrd High School in Shreveport, Louisiana. He retired from TXU in 2008 after 23 years of service. Tom was a deacon at the Mount Vernon Church of Christ for many years. One of his favorite past times was playing with the grandkids and the great grandkids as he always wanted the kids to sit on his lap for pony rides. He loved golf, card games, dominos, and the Dallas Cowboys.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Merle Reynolds and sister, Ray Nell Benson.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Debora Reynolds of Mount Vernon; son, David Kile and wife, Sandy; daughter, Andrea Cook and husband, Linus; son, Brian Kile and wife, Becky; daughter, Jennifer Henry and husband, Scott; daughter, Michelle Lercher and husband, Todd and daughter, Kristi Sein and husband, Ian. 15 grandchildren: Michael & Melissa Kile, Krista Benners, Brittany Benners, Daniel & Stacy Kile, Jordan & Elizabeth Kile, Courtney & Ben Elliott, Cody & Maddy Kile, Robert Benners, Scotty Henry, Dylan Lercher, Reed Henry, Christian Sein, Kaiden Sein, Reid Kile and Emily Kile and 13 great grandchildren. Services entrusted to Sam B. Harvey Funeral Home.

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