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Donna Atkins spends half her time in Big Spring and the other half in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She maintains residences in both cities. She grew up in Big Spring and bought the house in Idaho to be near her daughter and her family. Donna has had a chemical sales business for 31 years, selling to schools, hospitals and businesses by phone or face-to-face. She and her husband Richard, a retired insurance executive, have 6 booths at an antique mall in Lubbock and spend a lot of their time going to garage and estate sales in Texas, Idaho and other states. They built a house in Colorado and turned it into a bed and breakfast. Her current project is restoring an old family jeep. Do you get the idea that this is one busy woman? Donna's work history includes jobs at Webb Air Force Base, Gamco (a school supply business), the VA hospital and a travel agency. She managed a Big Spring radio station for a number of years and worked as a stewardess for American Airlines. That occurred when she was 19, the youngest flight attendant the airline had ever hired. She had never been on an airplane before she got the job. She worked for a year and a half then the airline went on strike. So she decided to get married, even though the airline strike was over and she was offered a special run, flying between Acapulco and Mexico City. She says it was tempting. She learned a lot during her stint as a stewardess. "I was a shy teenager and the airline had a psychology class on how to deal with the public. It gave me a lot of confidence. There were lots of rules. You couldn't wear jewelry, couldn't be married, had to be a certain weight and have certain measurements. I worked in first class so I had to know everybody's name and call them by name 3 times. It was a long time ago. It was a lot classier than it is these days."

In her spare time Donna has done some interesting things. She was in the Mrs. Texas pageant twice, coming in 3rd the first time and as runner-up the second time. She was the queen of Big Spring's Railroad Centennial in 1981.

Donna is an accomplished artist, producing paintings and other items in different media. "My aunt was an artist and as a child I watched her paint. It looked like fun." For years she painted glass Christmas tree ornaments for dozens of friends and family, each one different. When postage to mail them became costly she started making personalized Christmas cards. She starts making her Christmas items in October.

Her home in Coeur d'Alene looks like a blooming flower park. She has several hundred plants, flowers and trees that she is constantly encouraging. "I water them & fertilize them, play music for them and I talk to them, telling them how pretty they are. I also tell them if they're not blooming they're outa here." It must work because they're all healthy and bloom in season

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Alan Thomas Pound



Ronnie Ray McEnturff



Alan Thomas Pound, 62, of Emory, Texas passed away on July 9th, 2023, in a tragic accident with his best friend, Ronnie McEnturff by his side. Even though he left this world unexpectedly, he went out doing exactly what he loved, touring the country showing cars.

He was born on December 18, 1960, in Greenville, Texas to the late Thomas Jackson Pound and Dorothy Willis Pound.

Alan attended Rains High School where he was part of the graduating class of 1979. He attended Eastfield Community College Auto Body Tech program in Mesquite, Texas. Alan was of the Christian faith. He married the love of his life Lura Woulms Pound on April 9, 2016. Alan was a member of the GoodGuy's, C10 Nationals, North Texas Camero Club, National Street Rod Association, along with many other clubs and organizations. Alan was the co-owner of A&R Restoration in Emory, Texas along with Ronnie.

Alan will be lovingly remembered by his wife Lura Pound, daughter Krystal Chase, son Anthony Jimenze, two grandchildren: Rhiley Walls and Kasen Collins; two sisters: Nelda Slater and husband Raymond, Lisa Peddy and husband Jerry; brother-in-law Anthony Woulms, sister-in-law Sandy Woulms, Nieces and Nephews: Erin, David, Dovie, Jackson Banta, Landon Slatter, Rayman Slatter, Eva Slatter, Cassandra Alvarez, and Carlos Alvarez; and countless friends. Alan was predeceased by his mother and father.

To say "everything is bigger in Texas", holds true for Alan, he was a good guy through and through. Alan was the kind of guy who loved everyone and in return was loved by many around the world. He made many friendships throughout the hotrod industry. He collected countless miles driving across the states enjoying what he loved to do by either attending a car show or on a car tour. His talent for designing cars was unmatched, he did this with the best crew a guy could ever hope for. If he could draw it, he could make it. Alan was like ice, whenever there was a cooler and beer he was there, and the stories would begin. So, the next time you have a drink raise it to the sky and toast one to Alan.

Visitation will be held Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Lake Fork Baptist Church located at 9483 W FM 515, Alba, Texas. Funeral services will be held following visitation at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at Emory City Cemetery located at 243 Alexander Drive in Emory, Texas.

Ronnie Ray McEnturff, 61, of Emory, Texas passed away on July 9th, 2023, in a tragic accident with his best friend, Alan Pound by his side. Even though he left this world unexpectedly, he went out doing exactly what he loved, touring the country showing cars.

He was born on January 17th, 1962, at Saint Paul Hospital in Dallas to Virgil and Jean McEnturff.

Ronnie will be lovingly remembered by his daughter Melissa, stepdaughter Jessica, stepson Nathan, mother Jean, sister Tammy, nieces Brandy, Nicole, and Tamara, great-niece Sarah, great-nephews Tyler, Austyn, Drake and Layne, many cousins, and countless friends. Ronnie was predeceased by his father, Virgil, his grandparents Lee and Hook Ivie.

Ronnie attended Rains High School where he was part of the graduating class of 1980. He graduated from Eastfield Community College Auto Body Tech program in Mesquite, Texas. His first business he started with his mom was Emory Auto Supply. Then he went on to start a very successful business, A & R Collision Center, with Alan, which humbly began in his dad's shop. He was able to fund his long-time hobby of restoring cars through the collision business. Ronnie had a serious passion for all things hot rods and classic cars. So much so that he toured the country to attend car shows and even started one of his own, Classics 'Round the Square with his best friends.

Ronnie was one of the most selfless and caring people you'd ever meet, he would literally do anything to help someone out. He never expected anything in return because that was just the kind of stand-up guy he was. Ronnie was constantly cracking jokes and trying to make everyone smile with his silly sense of humor and dad jokes. He never met a stranger and always made people feel welcome in his presence. Ronnie was one of a kind and there will never be another one just like him.

Graveside service to honor Ronnie was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at Smyrna Cemetery in Emory, Texas.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Fork Baptist Church located at 9483 W FM 515, Alba, Texas. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral service.

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Dr. Tony Gene Smith

Dr. Tony Gene Smith passed from this life July 15, 2023 at Titus Regional Medical Center. He was born March 12, 1955 in Durant, Oklahoma. He lived most of his life in Sulphur Springs and was a member of the League Street Church of Christ.

Visitation was Tuesday, July 18, from 6-8 PM at the Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs. Services will be Wednesday, July 19 at 2 PM in the chapel of the funeral home with Brother Buddy Wiggins officiating. Graveside to follow at Restlawn Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers will be: Roland Nicholson, Gerald Pasley, Toney Collier, James Heflin, Jerry Heflin and Billy Scoggins.

Dr. Smith received his Bachelors and Masters Degree from Texas A&M Commerce, formerly East Texas State and his Doctorate in Agricultural Engineering from Oklahoma State University. He was an ag teacher at Carlisle High School and was an Agricultural Professor for 12 years at Murray State University, Texas A&M Commerce and Oklahoma State University.

Tony Gene was a founding member of the Central Rodeo Association now known as the United Pro Rodeo Association (UPRA), a lifetime member of the Future Farmers of America, Oklahoma/Texas Auctioneer Association and held an Honorary Lonestar Degree. In 2019 he was inducted into the UPRA Hall of Fame.

Steer Wrestling was a major part of his life when he was young. Tony Gene always enjoyed telling jokes, rodeos and traveling with his many friends. Even after having a traumatic brain injury in 1992, he never slowed down. While he could not communicate well, he'd still be seen around town and attending his much loved rodeos.

Tony Gene is preceded in death by his parents: Overton 'Odie' and Fay Smith.

He is survived by his children: Tanner and Ashley Smith of Omaha, Texas, Shyanne and Cody Copeland of Gilmer, TX along with grandchildren Nathan and Axleigh, Glenn and Samantha Miller of Springdale, Arkansas, Jeana and Chris Penny of Sulphur Springs, Texas and Jennifer and Bryan Hawkins of Hawkins, Texas, and Lisa Parker and husband Randy Parker of Pittsburg, Texas.

Tony Gene will be missed by his family and friends who were like family to him.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. In leau of flowers the family request donations be made to: Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund 101 Pro Rodeo Drive Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919 or online at www.JustinCowboyCrisisFund.org



Vanessa Renee Williams

Vanessa Renee Williams, 68 years of age, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, sadly left us on July 7, 2023, after a lengthy battle with breast cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Phil Williams, mother, Margaret Powell, sister, Lanita Roomiani and her husband, Fred Roomiani, sister, Christine Boesel, nieces, Holly Weinstein, Shamsy Roomiani, Jennifer Zaehler, nephews, Joseph Roomiani, and Steven Zaehler.

Vanessa leaves a legacy of love. She loved all, and was loved by all. The foundation of her love was Jesus Christ. She was a living example of the great commandment, loving God, and loving others. Her sweet spirit and beautiful loving smile touched us all. Even during her battle, she loved and put others first. She will be missed, but not forgotten. She is celebrating with her lord.



Betty Gail Boyd

A graveside service for Betty Gail Boyd, age 80, of Sulphur Springs, was held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at Restlawn Memorial Park with Bro. Phillip Mathis officiating. Visitation was held from 5:00 to 7:00, Monday, July 17, 2023, at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Betty passed away on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at Sunny Springs Health and Rehab. She was born on November 27, 1942, in Sulphur Springs, TX, the daughter of Finis Ballard and Valerie Jodean Whithurst Ballard. She married Richard Duane Boyd on May 13, 1960, in Sulphur Springs, TX. Betty was of the Church of Christ faith. She loved reading her bible and being with her family. She worked as a medication aide for several different nursing homes. In her younger days, she loved to play softball and dance.

Betty is survived by sons, Michael Boyd (Shelia), Steven Boyd (Becky), daughters, Donna Booth, Karen Shockey, Linda Mumma (Russ), Carla Boswell (Jimmy), Rebecca Fursman (Gary), brothers, Doug Ballard (Mary), Larry Ballard (Julie), 16 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and sisters, Gene McPherson, Jo Katherine Skeen, Glenna Ball, Bobby Ballard, and Mickey Ballard.

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Partial History Of Texas Rangers Baseball Team!!!

The Texas Rangers are an American professional baseball team based in the Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex. The Rangers compete in Major League Baseball (MLB) as a member club of the American League (AL) West division. In 2020, the Rangers moved to the new Globe Life Field in Arlington after having played at Globe Life Park (now Choctaw Stadium) from 1994 to 2019. The team's name derives from a historic law enforcement agency.

The franchise was established in 1961, as the Washington Senators, an expansion team awarded to Washington, D.C., after the city's first AL ballclub, the second Washington Senators, moved to Minnesota and became the Twins (the original Washington Senators played primarily in the National League during the 1890s). After the 1971 season, the new Senators moved to Arlington, and debuted as the Rangers the following spring.

The Rangers have made eight appearances in the MLB postseason, seven following division championships in 1996, 1998, 1999, 2010, 2011, 2015, and 2016 and as a wild card team in 2012. In 2010, the Rangers advanced past the division series for the first time, defeating the Tampa Bay Rays. The team then won their first American League pennant after beating the New York Yankees in six games. In the 2010 World Series, the franchise's first, the Rangers fell to the San Francisco Giants in five games. They repeated as American League champions the following year, but lost the 2011 World Series to the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games.

When the original Washington Senators announced their move to Minnesota to become the Twins in 1961, Major League Baseball decided to expand a year earlier than planned to stave off the twin threats of competition from the proposed Continental League and loss of its exemption from the Sherman Antitrust Act. As part of the expansion, the American League added two expansion teams for the 1961 season—the Los Angeles Angels and a new Washington Senators team. The new Senators and Angels began to fill their rosters with American League players in an expansion draft. The team played their inaugural season at old Griffith Stadium, then moved to the new District of Columbia Stadium in 1962 under a ten-year lease.

For most of their existence, the new Senators were the definition of futility, losing an average of 90 games a season. The team's struggles led to a twist on a joke about the old Senators: "Washington: first in war, first in peace and still last in the American League." Their only winning season was in 1969 when Hall of Famer Ted Williams managed the club to an 86–76 record, placing fourth in the AL East.[7] Frank Howard, an outfielder/first baseman from 1965 to 1972 known for his towering home runs, was the team's most accomplished player, winning two home run titles. The concurrent rise of the nearby Baltimore Orioles to regular championship contenders (winning their first World Series in 1966) did not help the Senators' cause either.

Ownership changed hands several times during the franchise's stay in Washington and was often plagued by poor decision-making and planning. Following their brief success in 1969, owner Bob Short was forced to make many questionable trades to lower the debt he had incurred to pay for the team in late 1968; the purchase price was reported at \$9.4 million. By the end of the 1970 campaign, Short had issued an ultimatum: unless someone was willing to buy the Senators for \$12 million (by comparison, the New York Yankees were sold in 1973 for \$8.8 million), he would not renew the stadium lease and would move the team elsewhere.

At first, it looked like a move to Buffalo, New York, was in the works as at the time, a proposed multi-use stadium was in the cards in either downtown Buffalo where the current KeyBank Center is, or in suburban Lancaster to share with the Buffalo Bills; however, the project went over budget and the Senators started to look elsewhere while the Bills opened up Rich Stadium instead. Short was especially receptive to an offer brought up by Arlington, Texas, mayor Tom Vandergriff, who had been trying to obtain a major league sports team to play in the Metroplex for over a decade. Years earlier, Charles O. Finley, the owner of the Kansas City Athletics, sought to relocate his baseball team to Dallas, but the idea was rebuffed and ultimately declined by the other AL team owners (the A's ultimately moved to Oakland, California in 1968). Arlington's hole card was Turnpike Stadium, a 10,000-seat park built in 1965 to house the Double-A Dallas–Fort Worth Spurs of the Texas League. However, it had been built to MLB specifications, and only minor excavations would be necessary to expand the park to accommodate major league crowds.

Vandergriff's offer of a multimillion-dollar down payment prompted Short to make the move to Arlington. On September 21, 1971, American League owners voted 10–2 to allow the move of the franchise to Arlington for the 1972 season. Senators fans were livid, and enmity came to a head at the club's last game in Washington on Thursday, September 30. Thousands simply walked in without paying after the security guards left early, swelling the paid attendance of 14,460 to around 25,000, while fans unfurled a "SHORT STINKS" banner. With two outs in the top of the ninth inning and the Senators leading 7–5, several hundred youths stormed the field, raiding it for souvenirs. One man grabbed first base and ran off with it. With no security in sight and only three bases, umpire crew chief Jim Honochick forfeited the game to the New York Yankees. The nation's capital went without Major League Baseball for 33 years, until the relocation of the National League's Montreal Expos, who became the Washington Nationals in 2005.

Texas Rangers (1972–present). Naming of the Rangers. After moving from Washington, the Senators were renamed after the Texas Rangers, the state-wide investigative law-enforcement agency which was founded by Stephen F. Austin in 1823 when Texas was part of Mexico, and whose mythology led to fictional characters such as The Lone Ranger and Walker, Texas Ranger. But the Rangers also had bouts as vigilante squads, when they abused their authority, including by lynching Hispanics. In the wake of 2020's Black Lives Matter protests, prominent mainstream voices have shined a light on the historical racism associated with the law-enforcement agency and called for the baseball team to abandon the Rangers name. The baseball team responded by committing to keeping the Rangers name. The team subsequently made a statement clarifying that despite sharing the name, they are not affiliated with the law-enforcement agency and they stand for equality by "condemn[ing] racism, bigotry and discrimination in all forms."

Prior to the 1972 season, improvements were made to Turnpike Stadium, which reopened as Arlington Stadium, in preparation for the inaugural season of the Texas Rangers. The team played its first game on April 15, 1972, a 1–0 loss at the hands of the California Angels, their 1961 expansion cousins. The next day, the Rangers defeated the Angels, 5–1, for the club's first victory.

In 1974, the Rangers experienced their first winning season after finishing last in both 1972 and 1973. Under the ownership of Brad Corbett, they finished second in the American League West with an 84–76 record, behind the eventual World Series champion Oakland Athletics. The 1974 Rangers are still the only MLB team to finish above .500 after two consecutive 100-loss seasons. Mike Hargrove was awarded American League Rookie of the Year, Billy Martin was named AL Manager of the Year, Jeff Burroughs won AL MVP, and Ferguson Jenkins was named the Comeback Player of the Year after winning 25 games, a club record to this day. The team posted winning records again from 1977 to 1979 but fell short of reaching the playoffs. The Rangers came very close to clinching a playoff spot in 1981, but wound up losing the first half of the AL West by one-and-a-half games to Oakland at the time of the players' strike. Texas went on to finish under .500 each season through 1985.

The Rangers faced an attendance problem for a few years in Texas, due in part to both the team's inconsistent performance and the oppressive heat and humidity that can encompass the area in the summer. Until the Florida Marlins arrived in 1993, Arlington Stadium was often the hottest stadium in the majors, with temperatures frequently topping 100 °F (38 °C) throughout the summer. So, the Rangers began playing most of their weekend games between May and September at night, a tradition that continues to this day.

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