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Tumbleweed Smith

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Tumbleweed Smith

At THE CREATIVE EVIDENCE MUSEUM in Glen Rose I held a piece of wood that could have come from Noah's ark.

"We cannot say for sure that it came from Noah's ark," says Dr. Carl Baugh, museum director. "However it is saturated within and without with a residue pitch just like the biblical records state."

Dr. Baugh has been to Mount Ararat in Turkey, believed to be the place where remains of Noah's ark have been found.

"I've climbed Mount Ararat several times. In 1990 we performed eleven separate helicopter expeditions around Mount Ararat. As we flew over the mountain I personally saw a huge beam of laminated wood sticking diagonally out of the ice and snow."

The museum has giant photos of the expeditions. The Bible says God instructed Noah to build the ark of gopher wood.

"In Hebrew the word gopher means to house in. It's an engineering technique. So I was able to get a patent on building a marine vessel using Noah's ark as the example."

The museum has a replica of Noah's ark. It is beautiful and looks like a large piece of art. Tiny animals and birds, insects and reptiles of several species are in different compartments along with feed and water for them.

"It took forty years of research to be able to design this twenty-five foot replica of Noah's ark. It's one-twentieth scale. Now I'm not good with my hands. So I hired three master craftsmen. I oversaw the project and we built it together. If we have the dimensions correctly interpreted the ark was 510 feet long, 86 feet wide, 52 feet high. It took roughly a century to build. The flood was 4,500 years ago, 2,500 BC."

The museum has all kinds of things to see, including dinosaur tracks and human footprints, both made at the same time period, says Dr. Baugh. Glen Rose has long been famous for dinosaur tracks found in the Paluxy riverbed. Dinosaur Valley State Park is nearby.

The museum has the 9-foot clay model of Tom Landry, created by artist Robert Summers, who lives in Glen Rose. Visitors also get to see the actual dinosaur model used in the second Jurassic World movie. International colleges send their freshmen classes to the museum to do research. People from all over the world visit the museum. "There's a lot to see here," says Dr. Baugh.

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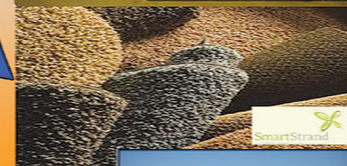
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Wanda Roletta Walden

Wanda Roletta Walden, age 94, passed away peacefully at Lakeview Rehab in Winnsboro, Texas on Saturday, July 29, 2023. Roletta was born on June 7, 1929, in Greenville, Texas, the daughter of William Hiram and Oma Irene Norman. She graduated from Celeste High School in 1946 where she played basketball, softball and was a member of the Homemaking Club. She married Leon Walden on August 29, 1948, in Greenville. They were married for over 65 years when Leon passed away in 2013. Over the years, she and her husband Leon were very active in Commerce Church of Christ where Leon served as an Elder for over 30 years. They hosted many events at their home for college students who attended the Bible Chair while attending East Texas State University (TAMU-C). Roletta loved to play games and dominoes. She and Leon hosted many parties over the years in their home for the adult bible school class at Church. She was an avid gardener and loved canning vegetables and sharing them with members of the congregation. Leon and Roletta owned and operated Leon's Heating and Air in Commerce for over 40 years before they retired. She would fight you for the "corner piece" of the cake AND she LOVED her a good steak!

Roletta was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Leon, her sister Vela Atwood, brother Orlando Neil Norman, daughter Patricia Campbell Logan and an infant great-granddaughter.

She is survived by her son Eric Walden and wife Lydia of Commerce; daughter Sara McFarland and husband Randy of Scroggins; grandchildren Tara Miles, Tracey Campbell and wife Kara, Eric Walden II and wife Danna, Jordan Walden and wife Katie,

Micah Walden, Chesley Powell and husband Jon, Emily Stewart and husband Clayton. She is also survived by 15 great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

Visitation will be at West Oaks Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, TX on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 10:00 am followed by the memorial service at 11:00 am. Burial will be at Sonora Cemetery in Fairlie, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials in her memory to: Camp Deer Run, 1227 CR 4590, Winnsboro, Texas 75494.



Eldon Ford

Eldon Ford was born April 19, 1937, in Como, Texas to Lonnie Ford and Myrtle Pittman. Eldon was the youngest. His brother Lonnie Ford Jr. and sister Bobbie Jean Ford-Hollins preceded him in death. Eldon attended Sandfield elementary and junior high school in Como, Texas.

Eldon grew up spending extended periods of time with his grandmother Georgia White-Pittman in Como, Texas. He often said she was like a mother to him. He would spend his summers with his mom in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

In 1952 Eldon entered Douglas High School in Sulphur Springs, Texas as a freshman. He was an outstanding athlete playing on the school's varsity baseball and football teams. Math and Spanish were favorite subjects and Eldon was on the Douglas High School math team as well. Eldon's personality made him popular and well-liked. During high school he began to date Wyvonne Harrison. Eldon graduated from Douglas High School in 1956.

On December 23, 1956, Eldon married his high school sweetheart Wyvonne Harrison in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Eldon's father, Lonnie Sr. was living in Odessa, Texas and encouraged Eldon to move with his wife to Odessa for job opportunities. They moved to

Odessa in 1957 where Eldon found work at the Shook Tire Company. After being employed with Shook Tire Company for several years Eldon took a job with Phillips Petroleum as an oil field worker. Eldon would work for Phillips for many years until 1971 when on one day there was a companywide layoff. Eldon was a natural entrepreneur and because of the layoff and a need to make a living to support his family he formed Eldon Ford's Tire Service with a single service truck. Eldon would grow his fleet of service trucks to ten trucks, becoming the #1 provider of large tire repair and Michelin large tire sales in a 50-mile radius around Odessa. He had turned a desperate need to earn a living into a million dollar a year tire sales and service business.

During his years in Odessa Eldon was a member of St. James Baptist Church. During the years Eldon worked for Shook Tire and Phillips Petroleum he continued his love of sports playing semi-pro football as a member of the Odessa Comets / West Texas Roughnecks and he would also become a barber. In 1981 Eldon sold his business and moved back to Sulphur Springs, his childhood home, once again turning his entrepreneurial spirit into the dairy business in 1982. He operated the dairy until 2006, retiring after having a mild stroke. He was a faithful member of Morning Chapel Baptist Church.

Eldon was a man of many talents. He was always teaching himself new skills and turning them into ways to make a living. He was one of the hardest working people you'd ever meet. He was one of the most giving people you'd ever meet, willing to give you the shirt off his back. He had a charismatic personality, a great sense of humor, and a beautiful smile which often helped him in business or personal relationships. He could turn nothing into something. He loved mentoring young people, often volunteering to coach peewee baseball and football teams or just sit and talk providing wisdom. Eldon loved and supported all of his children, giving them all the skills necessary to be successful in life. He could always be depended on to be present at any occasion to show support for his children and grandchildren. He didn't miss a holiday, graduation, or wedding, frequently visiting his extended family in Chicago, Atlanta, Oklahoma, and Texas. He loved his family and God.

Eldon was a loving husband and provider for Wyvonne, his bride of 65 years who preceded him in death in 2022. She was the "Love of His Life." His son Tony was his devoted caregiver after her death. Eldon is survived by his son Tony (Pamela) and daughters Marlena (Phillip) and Pamela. His daughter Renee (Darrell Sr.) and son Tyree preceded him in death. Left to cherish his memory are 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren along with many family and friends.

Eldon passed away on July 22, 2023. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, August 4, 2023, at West Oaks Funeral Home. Graveside service will be held at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, August 5, 2023, at North Caney Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.

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Jo Ann Roach

Funeral service for Jo Ann Roach, age 82 of Sulphur Springs, Texas was held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Bro Halston Potts and Bro Tim Potts officiating. Interment followed at South Liberty Cemetery with Milton Ragan, Keith Logan, Kyle Cox, James Mora, James Emerine and Jason Jones serving as pallbearers. There was no formal visitation. Mrs. Roach passed away on July 24, 2023 at Hospice of East Texas.

Jo Ann was born on July 13, 1941 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Deward and Lois White. She married Glenn Roach on December 1, 1970 in Oklahoma. Jo Ann worked as a supervisor at E-Systems. She was a member of the South Liberty Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn; children, Autry Boyd and wife, Kelley, Buddy Boyd and wife, Donna, Daryl Boyd and wife, Gina, Steve Roach and wife, Kathy, Cristina White and husband, Jimmy; grandchildren, Ryan Boyd, Derick Boyd and wife, Jamie, Brittany Hammond and husband, Heath, Brian Boyd, Stephanie Beverly and husband, Kurt, Aubrey Roach, Dustin Moffett and wife, Alayna, Michaela Coffman and husband, Colton, Braylon Moffett and Greyson White; numerous great grandchildren.

Jo Ann was preceded in death by her parents.



Wendell Johnson

Funeral service for Wendell Johnson, age 85 of Yantis, Texas was held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Bro. Bryon George officiating. Interment followed at Yantis Cemetery with Mason Brothers from Yantis Lodge #382 serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Mr. Johnson passed away on July 27, 2023 at his residence.

Wendell was born on January 10, 1938 in Yantis, Texas to R.T. and Nellie Mae (Slatten) Johnson. He married Patricia Bussell who preceded him in death. Wendell later married Norma Ogle. He retired from L3 and also ran a dairy business in Yantis. Wendell was the third-generation member of the Yantis Masonic Lodge #382. He was a member of the League Street Church of Christ.

He is survived by his daughters, Rebecca Long and Marla Demontigny and husband, Dane; son, Jay Johnson and wife, Rosemary; grandchildren, Cody Johnson (Kelsey Wight), Jason Long (Chelsea), Lauryn Badr (Ilyasse), Ryan Long, Austin Demontigny, Bobby Snyder (Ashley), Nicole Wilson (Jimmy); great grandchildren, Tilden, Jaycee Mae, Eliana, Aubrey, Colton, Liberty, Ryan, Cooper, Collyn, Andrew, Max, Blake, Beaux, Kaysin, Marleigh, Leah and Cannon.

Wendell was preceded in death by his parents; two wives; one brother and two sister

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



Sandra Winchester

Funeral service for Sandra Winchester, age 74 of Brashear, Texas will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Brashear Cemetery with Charlie Winchester, Grady Winchester, Bryton Wood, Coby Hutchings, Nathan Winchester, Denton Winchester, and Cody Winchester serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Dustin Winchester and Kolton Winchester. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Winchester passed away on July 29, 2023 at Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab.

Sandra was born on March 20, 1949 in Hopkins County, Texas to Billy Ray and Joyce (Hatley) Woodard. She married Charlie Winchester in 1965. Sandra was an avid shopper and loved taking care of her flowers. She was a member of the Trinity Harvest Church.

She is survived by her sons, Grady Winchester and wife, Kimberly, Charlie Winchester and wife, Karen, Dustin Winchester; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; sister, Linda Deas.

Sandra was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Charlie.

Patsy Rhodes

A graveside service for Patsy Rhodes, age 84 of Tyler, Texas was held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 28, 2023 at Restlawn Memorial Park. There was no formal visitation. Mrs. Rhodes passed away on July 24, 2023 at Brookdale Tyler South.

Patsy was born on November 1, 1939 in Tupelo, MS to Bill and Clara (Robinson) Sanders. She married Pat Wayne Rhodes on February 25, 1966 in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Patsy worked as a legal secretary most of her life.

She is survived by her husband, Pat Wayne; sons, Jay R. Rhodes, James D Rhodes and Clint W. Rhodes and wife, Kimberly; grandchildren, Elizabeth Rhodes, Jayce Rhodes, Kaitlyn Rhodes and Kaleigh Hawkins; great grandchildren, Kyler Rhodes and Trey Hawkins; sister, Bobbie Mills.

Patsy was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Jim Sanders. Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

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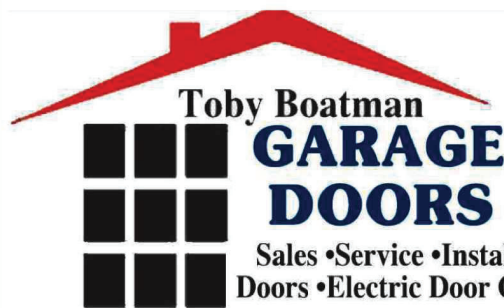
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