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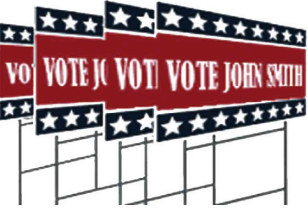
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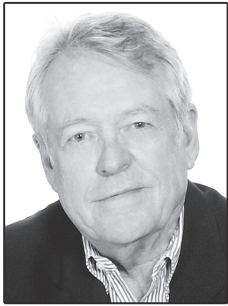
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STUCK IN A BATHTUB FOUR DAYS

Tumbleweed Smith



Dene Sheppard of Big Spring fell in her bathtub and was in it four days before being rescued. She got in the tub on a Friday afternoon. She was having trouble with a shoulder muscle that made it difficult to maneuver. Her phone was in another room and her grown children were out of town. She lived alone. Dene is a woman of deep faith.

“My back was where the faucet is,” says Dene, who was in her late 70’s at the time. “I couldn’t believe where I was and it took a few minutes to figure out what was happening. The pain was so excruciating from my shoulder and I couldn’t use my right arm at all. I couldn’t lift myself out of the bathtub. I tried every way possible. Even though I realized I needed to get out of here and get some help, I finally settled down and thought OK, I am Dene Sheppard. I’m a child of God. I’m a strong woman and will figure out a way to get out of this. I relaxed, prayed, sang hymns and thought good thoughts.

“In my bathroom I have a skylight. I went into the bathroom around one o’clock that afternoon and didn’t turn on a light because there was plenty of light in the room. But as night came, the room got very dark. Saturday morning came and some light started coming through the skylight, so I just sat there and talked to the angels. All during this episode I never thought about being hungry but over the next few days I felt myself getting weaker. I just refused to focus on it.

“I was able to turn on the water to get a drink or wash away the urine. When our kids were young and had to have a bowel movement in the tub, they would pile the stuff on a bench outside the tub. This is so gross but this is what I did. When I got chilled I was able to retrieve a bathmat and cover my upper body with it. “All through this I could hear my cell phone and house phone ringing but of course there was no way I could answer either one. Saturday night came, then Sunday morning. That’s when I really got serious about praying and singing hymns and thinking about all the good times we had traveling with the kids to Six Flags and other vacation spots. I must have dozed off a few times, but I can’t recall sleeping for very long. Sunday night came, then Monday.

“About one o’clock Monday afternoon my grandson Tyler Shepard came in the house. I heard him open the back door and call out Na Na. I said Tyler I’m in here and I need help. And that’s when I broke down and really cried.”

Her grandson called 911 and she entered the hospital for a short stay. Doctors were amazed at her sound physical and mental states.

“They didn’t know what a determined person I am. I knew this, too would pass.”

Dene has made a fifty-minute recording of her ordeal in hopes that it might give someone ideas on how to survive an unexpected bad situation.

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M.L. Kendricks Jr.

M. L. Kendricks Jr. was born March 19, 1942 to Lawyer Kendricks and Mary Ann Alexander in Hopkins County, Sulphur Springs, Texas. He graduated from Douglas High School of Sulphur Springs, Texas. M. L. passed away on August 14, 2023. He leaves behind his loving and devoted wife of 58 years, Darlene Wright Kendricks.

M.L. worked at Longhorn Steel for many years as a welder and later worked for Rockwell International (now FlowServe) retiring after 30 years. He accepted Christ at a young age and joined Independent Baptist Church. He generously supported financial endeavors for the church and was well known in the community. He also served on the Cemetery Committee. His favorite hobbies were hunting, fishing, and raising cattle.

He is survived by his wife Darlene Wright Kendricks, daughters: Shandra Kendricks Spady and Michelle Kendricks Garrett, 2 sons: Tony Kendricks and Mike Kendricks. He is also survived by 2 sisters: Ida

Mae Kendricks Harper and Clarine Kendricks.

In addition, he is survived by 12 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents: Lawyer Kendricks and Mary Ann Alexander Kendricks, brothers: L.K. Kendricks, Willie (Bill) Kendricks, and Floyd Kendricks.

Funeral services were held at 12 noon, Saturday, August 19, 2023 at Independent Baptist Church in Como. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the Church beginning at 11:00 a.m. Interment was at Independent Sandfield Cemetery following the service. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Marie Casey

A memorial service for Marie Casey, age 84, of Sulphur Springs, Texas was held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, August 21, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Mike Powell officiating. There was no formal visitation. Mrs. Casey passed away on August 14, 2023 at her residence. Marie was born on January 27, 1939 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to James Henry "Shorty" and Frances (Nordin) Britton. She married BobbyGene Casey on October 12, 1963. Marie worked as a bookkeeper and office manager.

She is survived by her daughters, Nina Belcher, Donna Hudson, and Melissa Skierski; son, Troy Casey; grandchildren, Mary Phillips, Dottie Tapley, Troy Dale, Casey Cassidy, Chase Hudson, Brandon Hudson, Carissa Casey, Leif Skierski and Zach Skierski; sisters, Martha Person and Pat Vaughan and husband, Jacky Cupit; brother, Charles Britton and wife, Joy; numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Marie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Bobby and sister, Betty Sue Britton Clark.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com

Tammy Matlock

October 13, 1969 — August 20, 2023

Memorial service for Tammy Matlock, age 53, of Saltillo, Texas will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Danny Christenberry officiating. There will be no formal visitation. Mrs. Matlock passed away on August 20, 2023 at Christus Mother Frances — Sulphur Springs.

Tammy was born on October 13, 1969 in Hopkins County, Texas to Ibra Mitchell "I.M" and Melba Ann (Green) Mills. She married Larry Grayson "Matt" Matlock on July 20, 1991 in Weaver, Texas. Tammy worked as a delivery driver for UPS. Tammy was beautiful and kind. She loved to fish, play pool and go out to the lake. Most importantly she loved her family more than anything.

She is survived by her son, Payton Matlock; daughter, Shelby Matlock and boyfriend, Mason Higginbotham; sister, Teresa Minick; brother, David Mills and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tammy was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Jackie Mills and nephew, Kenny Minick.



Earthquakes Happening In California!!!

Probabilistic seismic hazard map shows

The earliest known earthquake in the U.S. state of California was documented in 1769 by the Spanish explorers and Catholic missionaries of the Portolá expedition as they traveled northward from San Diego along the Santa Ana River near the present site of Los Angeles. Ship captains and other explorers also documented earthquakes. As Spanish missions were constructed beginning in the late 18th century, earthquakes records were kept. After the missions were secularized in 1834, records were sparse until the California Gold Rush in the 1840s. From 1850–2004, there was about one potentially damaging event per year on average, though many of these did not cause serious consequences or loss of life.

Since the three damaging earthquakes that occurred in the American Midwest and the East Coast (1755 Cape Ann, 1811–12 New Madrid, 1886 Charleston) were well known, it became apparent to settlers that the earthquake hazard was different in California. While the 1812 San Juan Capistrano, 1857 Fort Tejon, and 1872 Owens Valley shocks were in mostly unpopulated areas and only moderately destructive, the 1868 Hayward event affected the thriving financial hub of the San Francisco Bay Area, with damage from Santa Rosa in the north to Santa Cruz in the south. By this time, scientists were well aware of the threat, but seismology was still in its infancy. Following destructive earthquakes in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, real estate developers, press, and boosters minimized and downplayed the risk of earthquakes out of fear that the ongoing economic boom would be negatively affected.

California Earthquakes (1769–2000)

According to seismologist Charles Richter, the 1906 San Francisco earthquake moved the United States Government into acknowledging the problem. Prior to that, no agency was specifically focused on researching earthquake activity. The United States Weather Bureau did record when they happened and several United States Geological Survey scientists had briefly disengaged from their regular duties of mapping mineral resources to write reports on the New Madrid and Charleston events, but no trained geologists were working on the problem until after 1906 when the Coast and Geodetic Survey was made responsible. The outlook improved when Professor Andrew Lawson brought the state's first monitoring program online at the University of California, Berkeley in 1910 with seismologist Harry Wood, who was later instrumental in getting the Caltech Seismological Laboratory in Pasadena operational in the 1920s.

Early developments at the Caltech lab included an earthquake observation network using their own custom-built short-period seismometers, the Richter magnitude scale, and the Modified Mercalli intensity scale (an updated version of the Mercalli intensity scale). In 1933, the Long Beach earthquake occurred in a populated area and damaged or destroyed many public school buildings in Long Beach and Los Angeles. Some decades later, the San Fernando earthquake affected the San Fernando Valley north of Los Angeles with heavy damage to several hospitals. In both cases, the perception of California policy makers changed, and state laws and building codes were modified (with much debate) to require commercial and residential properties to be built to withstand earthquakes. Higher standards were established for fire stations, hospitals, and schools, and construction of dwellings was also restricted near active faults.

Tectonic setting

See also: Los Angeles Basin, Mendocino Fracture Zone, and Salton Trough

During the last 66 million years, nearly the entire west coast of North America was dominated by a subduction zone, with the Farallon Plate subducting beneath the North American Plate. Presently, the Juan de Fuca Plate (with its Explorer and Gorda satellite plates) and the Rivera and Cocos Plates are the only remnants of the once much larger Farallon Plate. The plate margin that remains in California is that of the strike-slip San Andreas Fault (SAF), the diffuse Pacific–North American plate boundary that extends east into the Basin and Range Province of eastern California and western Nevada (a seismically active area called Walker Lane) and southwest into the California Continental Borderland region off the central and southern coasts. This system of faults terminates in the north at the Mendocino Triple Junction, one of the most seismically active regions in the state, where earthquakes are occasionally the result of intraplate deformation within the Gorda Plate. It terminates in the south at the Salton Sea where displacement transitions to a series of spreading centers and transform faults, beginning with the Brawley Seismic Zone in the Imperial Valley. In the San Francisco Bay Area, the San Andreas system of faults spans offshore and into the East Bay area, with the bulk of the faults lying to the east of the main SAF. There is a 70% probability that one of these faults will generate a 6.7 Mw or greater earthquake before 2030, including the Hayward Fault Zone, which has gone beyond its average return period of 130 years (154 years ago as of August 2023). While the SAF is quiet north of San Francisco, the central SAF segment near San Juan Bautista is where aseismic creep was first studied, and to the south is where the recurring Parkfield earthquakes occur. The secondary faults lay to the west of the main SAF at the extreme southern portion, including the active and young San Jacinto Fault Zone, which may be taking over as the primary boundary south of Cajon Pass. A paleoseismic investigation using Lidar revealed that more than 16 feet of slip has accumulated since the 1857 event on the southern SAF, which borders the Mojave Desert to the north and east of the Greater Los Angeles Area. Near the Transverse Ranges, reverse and thrust faults have produced damaging earthquakes in Santa Barbara and the San Fernando Valley.



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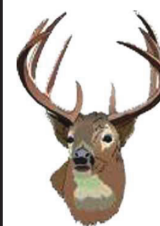
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