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**Tumbleweed Smith** Karolyn loves to dress up, even when she’s at home. “I just can’t get used to people wearing jeans and a t-shirt and thinking it’s OK to go to public places dressed like that.”

Karolyn also has a love of Bloody Marys, fine foods and cars with caramel-colored interiors. “They don’t show dirt and are easy to keep clean. They just look nice all the time.”

Once a friend suggested she buy a fancy foreign car. “I said are you kidding? I grew up in the oil patch. Where we go we need to have a car that’s easy to work on.”

Karolyn has amazing patience and has used it several times in Las Vegas. She has won the \$10,000 jackpot many times playing the two and five dollar slot machines. “I don’t know how many times. I’ve been playing them a long time. I work at it and stay with it until it’s going to give. That’s what I do. If I think it’s about to hit I won’t quit. I guess when you play long enough you get a sense of when it’s about to hit.”

A prime example of her patience is her effort to discover how her father died during World War Two. Karolyn was five years old at the time. Her father died on April 22, 1945, just two weeks before the end of the war. About the only thing the US Army told her mother was that he died in combat. No further details.

For fifty years Karolyn struggled with not knowing what happened. Finally at age 62 she went to work to find out. She went through stacks of letters her father had sent home. She learned that his outfit, the 12th Armored Division held reunions every year and she went to many of them, making new friends and meeting her father’s fellow soldiers. At one reunion she met the doctor who treated him after he was wounded.

“I found out he was driving a half track and it got blown up going up an embankment leading to a bridge they were going to take.”

In 2013 Kathryn wrote a book about her family and what it’s like to lose a dad. It’s titled WHEN DADDY COMES HOME and has gone through four printings. She says writing the book has given her a sense of peace and even some joy.

Her husband Jerry has a restored 1942 Ford pickup.

“I found out it’s called the Fighting Ford because it was in World War Two. It’s pretty cute. Real Sharp. Inside on the dashboard, as a surprise to me, Jerry had them paint the 12th Armored Division insignia.

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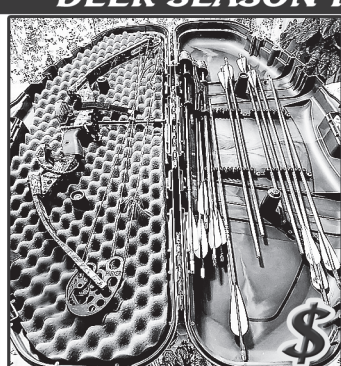
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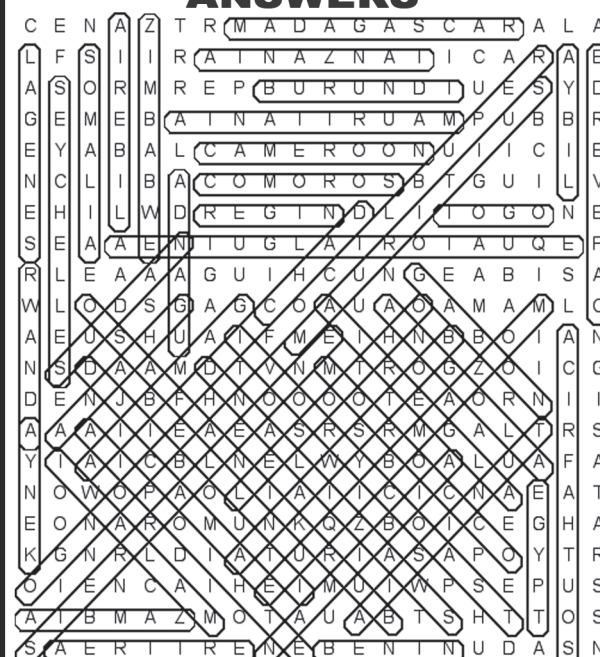
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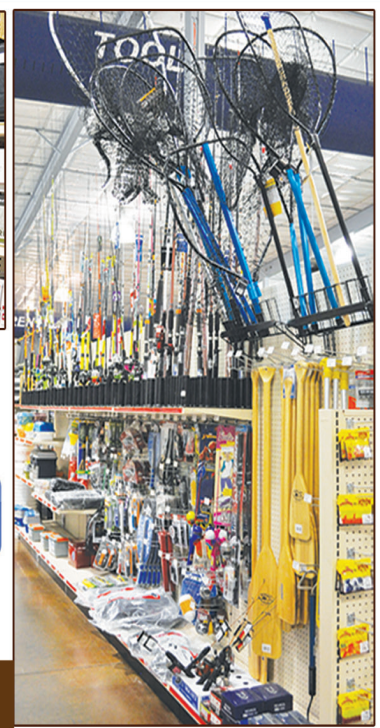
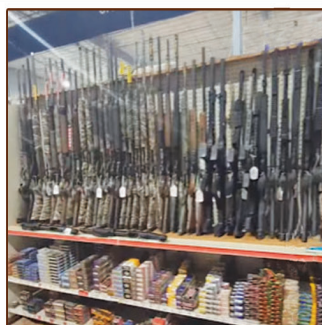
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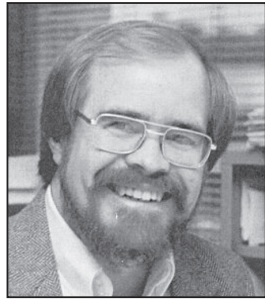
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**Dwight Cecil Smith** October 13, 1949 - October 25, 2023

A funeral services for Dwight Cecil Smith, age 74, of Sulphur Springs was conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 27, 2023 at West Oaks Funeral Home with Bro. Kirk Reams officiating. Interment followed at Brigham Cemetery with Drew Smith, Chantry Rayl, Brent Shut, Robert Smith, Gus Ransom and Jackie Pool serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Walker Lackey and Justin Conaster. Visitation was held 1 hour prior to the service at 10:00 a.m. Dwight passed away on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Sunny Springs Nursing Home. He was born on October 13, 1949 in Alamogordo, New Mexico, the son of Dwight Lloyd Smith and Evelyn Margaret Cheek Smith. He married Barbara Carol Hawkins on June 1, 1968 in Cleburne, TX. Dwight worked as an estimator on road constructions. He was a member of Kiwanis and a long time member of League Street Church of Christ. He loved riding motorcycles and especially spending time with his family. In addition to his

wife Barbara he is survived by one son, Doug Smith and wife Kristi of Temple, one daughter, Laura Smith and husband Robert of Sulphur Springs, brother, David Smith of Watauga, sisters, Shirley Thomas and husband Leroy of Ft. Smith, AR and Marilyn Cope of Grapevine, TX, grandchildren, Chantry Rayl and wife Betsy of Vernon, TX, Ryann Lackey of Sulphur Springs, Taylor Cathey of Sulphur Springs, Drew Smith of Temple, TX, and Addison Smith of Temple, TX, great-grandchildren, Walker, Justin, Beckett, Nora Jean, Oakley and Phoenix. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brother's and one sister. In lieu of flowers family request donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to Medical City Hospital for Children in Dallas, TX. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com)



**Norman Ray Ross** November 21, 1933 - October 28, 2023

Norman Ray Ross, 89, of Miller Grove, Texas passed away on October 28, 2023. Norman was born on November 21, 1933 to Thurman and Lula Ross in Nashville, Arkansas. The family moved to Dallas when he was nine. He was a graduate of Adamson High School in Dallas, Texas. Norman served in the United States Air Force from 1954 - 1956 as an airplane mechanic in Korea. Following his time in the service, Norman married Ruby Ann Bishop of Miller Grove and raised three daughters in Dallas, Texas. He worked at Jorgensen Steel Company in Dallas for 38 years, retiring in 1995. After retirement, Norman and Ruby made Miller Grove their home.

Norman is predeceased by his parents and eight brothers and sisters. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Ruby Bishop Ross; his daughters Kay Gaudin (Louis Gaudin), Lisa Ross, Judi Caldwell (Ken Caldwell); grandchildren Eric Gaudin (Delaina Gaudin), Kyle Caldwell (Jennifer), Katelyn Caldwell; great grandchildren Logan Gaudin, Addie Gaudin, Aaden Gaudin and Kase Caldwell; niece Jana Bishop (Tracy Blankenship) and great nephew Andrew Bishop and other nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Miller Grove Community Church located at 7819 FM 275, Cumby, TX 75433. Visitation will be prior to the service at 1:00 p.m. Graveside will follow at the Miller Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Tracy Blankenship, Ken Caldwell, Kyle Caldwell, Eric Gaudin, Logan Gaudin and Louis Gaudin.

The family extends a heartfelt thanks to the staffs of Hospice+ and Sunny Springs Nursing Home for their kind and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Miller Grove Community Church or the Miller Grove Cemetery Association in c/o Carol Dunn, 14280 FM 1567 West, Cumby, TX 75433.



**Carolyn Ruth Johnson** December 29, 1947 - October 25, 2023

Carolyn R. Johnson was born December 29, 1947, to Clifford and Libbie Johnson in Greenville, Texas.

Carolyn accepted Christ at an early age. Carolyn had several employees during her work history. She was employed at Pilgrim Pride in Pittsburg, Texas; she was also a Barber and worked at Grocery Supply in Sulphur Springs, Texas for many years.

Carolyn entered eternal Life on October 25, 2023. She was proceeded in death by both parents, Clifford and Libbie Johnson. Five brothers, Melvin Robinson, Willie B. Johnson, Doniece (Butch) Johnson, Billy Polite and Bobby Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memories three brothers, Clifford Johnson and Roy Johnson of Dallas, Texas, Larry Johnson of Overton, Texas. Three sisters, Paula Lerma (Joe), Donna Linwood and Annette Washington all of Dallas, Texas. Along with a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 11:00 a.m. at West Oaks Funeral Home, Sulphur Springs, Tx.

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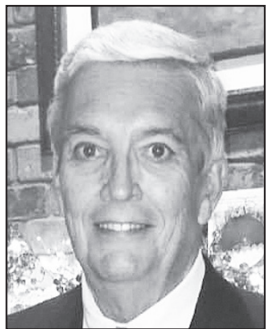
**Kenton "Kent" Kirkpatrick** April 17, 1961 — October 24, 2023

A graveside service for Kenton "Kent" Kirkpatrick, age 62, of Sulphur Springs, was held at 2:30 P.M on Monday, October 30, 2023 at Greenpond Cemetery with Bro. Paul Ray Vititow officiating and Kerry Coker, Jerry Coker, Justin Blount, Deryl Leewright, Ronnie Reneau and Jacob Lively serving as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Mark Collins, Buddy Morehead, Wes Carswell and Larry Walls. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Kirkpatrick passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

Kenton Gerald Kirkpatrick was born on April 17, 1961 in Ruston, LA to Gerald Kirkpatrick and Yvonne C. Spencer. He was a karate instructor and practitioner of which he had won many awards. He was a skilled photographer and he had many other talents.

He is survived by his sons, Kenton Kirkpatrick Jr, and wife, Amanda of Justin TX, Brandon Kirkpatrick and wife, Lauren of Wylie, TX; mother, Yvonne Spencer, of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Chloe, Kenton, Jenson, Alicent, Lily, Henryk; sister, Keitha Walls and husband, Larry of Sulphur Springs.

Kent was preceded in death by his father and brothers, Tommy Boyd, Kerry Kirkpatrick, Kelly Kirkpatrick Blount.



**Jonathan Joseph Dalzell** November 29, 1948 - October 19, 2023

Jon graduated from Sunset High School in 1967 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A & M University in 1971. He was a master at his trade and had a successful 28 year career as Vice President of Construction for Methodist Health System.

He volunteered for the Dallas County Sheriff's Reserve for 9 years. He loved travels to New Mexico, cooking, any activity with Matt and Meredith, gardening, and FOX News.

After retirement, Jon moved to Yantis, Texas and became a Texas Master Gardener and was active in the Hopkins County Master Gardeners. He really enjoyed "Ag in the Classroom " program. He was also a member of the Hopkins County Beekeepers Association and Ark-Tex Council of Governments.

Jon is preceded in death by his wife, Sophie Dalzell and his parents Joe and Judie Dalzell. A loving brother and devoted uncle, he is survived by his sister Diane Miller (Brad), his favorite nephew Matt High, his favorite niece Meredith Foster (Andrew), and his precious great nephew and niece Cohen High and Mackenzie Foster. He will be forever missed.

A private family burial will be in Reilly Springs Cemetery. Memorials in Jon's memory may be made to The Mechanical Engineering Department at Texas A & M University and to the Methodist Health System Foundation (NICU). Arrangements are under the direction of West Oak Funeral Home. [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com)



**Deloras Ruth Ritz** November 14, 1946 - October 20, 2023

Deloras Ruth Ritz passed away on Friday, October 20, 2023 in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Deloras was born in Sulphur Springs, Texas on November 14, 1946 to Wallace and Opal (Pryor) Young. She graduated from Douglas High School in 1965. Deloras married Kenneth Ritz on July 7, 1977. She worked in the dietary department at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital for many years and later with a private caterer before retiring.

Deloras was preceded in death by her father, Wallace Young; her grandmother, Vada Pryor; sister, Patricia Boyd; brother, James Young; and daughter Rebecca Kugler.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her devoted husband, Kenneth Ritz; her mother, Opal Young, children, Christopher Young, Myshoni Crook (Lawson), Robbin Vaughn (Bryan) Kenneth Ritz Jr. (Carolyn), Stuart Ritz (Karen), and Lucy Ritz. Also mourning her passing are her siblings, Sandra Scott, Janice Murray (Homer), Wanda Scurlark (Edward), Gerald Young (Paula), Barbara Hawkins (Herbert), Ricky Young (Tina), Creshel Bishop (Antoine), Felecia Young, and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephew, and friends.



**Alvaro Cuarenta Zavala** November 24, 1968 - October 20, 2023

A funeral Mass for Alvaro Cuarenta Zavala, age 54, of Sulphur Springs was conducted at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at St. James Catholic Church. Alvaro passed away in Lamar County on Friday, October 20, 2023. He is the son of Ciro Cuarenta Juarez and Elia Zavala Lopez. He is survived by his wife, Maria Casas Palacio, his mother, daughters, Ana Cuarenta Casas, Maribel Cuarenta Casas and Joanna Cuarenta Casas, 9 brothers and 4 sisters and 2 grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oak Funeral Home.

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