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Tumbleweed Smith

A little over twenty years ago Dewey Young was a supervisor for some McDonald's restau-The manager of one of rants in Kerrville. them was a girl named Aja (pronounced Asia). They were attracted to each other, dated and got married. "She saw me and just couldn't resist," says Dewey. Aja says it was the other way around. For her, marriage to Dewey was

Tumbleweed Smith a big leap because he had four young children from a previous marriage. "Everybody I talked to thought I was crazy," says Aja. "He's older than I am." They've been married nineteen years. "She told me she loved my kids and would like to have some of her own. They produced four daughters, bringing the total number of children to eight.

Dewey had a jewelry repair business in Dallas for twenty years. He grew up in the jewelry business in Brady. They thought it best to raise the eight youngsters in Brady so they moved into a rent house Dewey owned. One afternoon there was an electrical fire and the house burned. "We lost everything but we didn't lose any of us," says Dewey. "We're lucky the fire happened while nobody was home."

The residents of Brady were responsive to the needs of the family. "Every time I looked up someone was bringing food or clothing, furniture, just all kinds of things we needed," says Aja. Heather Miles, who owns a hotel in Brady, gave them free rooms for sixty days and took the family to Disneyland.

Soon after the fire Dewey was in his truck with his daughters and they were in tears. Dewey told them not to cry. "I told them to think of the positive things, that they were going to get new clothes and toys, a new bed. They quit crying and my little seven year old said 'dad, I don't have to clean my bedroom.""

The fire was in March of this year. In June, Dewey was in a terrible car wreck. "A sixteen year old girl was coming in the opposite direction and pulled right out in front of me and I swerved to avoid a head-on but she knocked me into a truck that was coming on to the highway."

When Aja got the call that her husband and two daughters and one of their best friends had been in a wreck she immediately went to the accident scene near Comanche. "My thoughts were just a jumble. I couldn't image all this happening within a threemonth period. I wasn't going to ask what's next because I was afraid some other horrible thing would happen." They were blessed again because they all walked away from the accident.

Again the people of Brady poured out their hearts. Dewey had grown up there and people knew his family, but Aja was new. She was from out of town and rode racehorses. But the people of Brady accepted her like they had known her all her life. She proudly calls Brady home. Both Dewey and Aja came from families that had five children.



WORD SEARCH (US)

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Rusty Mannon

September 24, 1976 - November 9, 2023 (age 47)

A memorial services for Russell "Rusty" Wayne Mannon, age 47, was conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 18, 2023 at West Oaks Funeral Home with Bro. Mike Eason officiating. Visitation was held 1 hour prior to the service beginning at 10:00 a.m. Honorary pallbearers were the East Texas Cowboys, the Texas Bombers, Class of 1995, Ryan Ruthart, Heath Horton, and Billy Raxter. Rusty passed away on November 9, 2023 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born to Walt Mannon and Denise Leewright Agee on September 24, 1976 in Greenville, TX. Rusty grew up on a ranch and dairy farm and was excited to return to Sulphur Springs and go in the Cattle business with his dad after Adley graduated. Rusty was named All State in baseball in 1994 and 1995. Baseball was a large part of his life where he went on a full baseball scholarship to North Central College. Rusty is survived by his children, Mason Mannon, Adley Mannon, Kase Mannon and Rhett Mannon, parents, Walt Mannon and wife Cindy, Denise Leewright Agee, brother, Shane Mannon and wife Wendee, special brother, Sheldon Beard, sisters, Brandy

Fisher and husband Stan, Jennifer Bratton and husband Bo, Meredith Dial and husband Asher, grandmother, Edee White, along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Russell and Lou Mannon, grandfather, Durwayne Leewright and grandmother, Hazell Skeen.

Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



A.G. Sandifeer

May 6, 1942 — November 19, 2023

A funeral service for A.G Sandifeer, age 81, of Dike, Texas, was held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, November 27, 2023, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Interment followed at Connor Cemetery. Visitation was held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 26, 2023. Mr. Sandifeer passed away in his home on November 19, 2023.



Brian Bert McAllister

We announce with the deepest sorrow, Brian Bert McAllister, age 41, of Altoona, Iowa (formerly of Mount Vernon, Texas) passed away on Thursday, October 26, 2023.

A Celebration of Life Service was held at Sam B. Harvey Funeral Home on November 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Visitation was held one hour prior to service from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. with Mother Ethel Channon officiating.

Brian was born to Charles Wayne and Bonnie (Anspon) McAllister in Dallas, Texas on April 5, 1982.

Brian lived in Mount Vernon half of his life. He was very active in sports, band, and the One Act Play. During his time at Mount Vernon school, he received numerous awards including the State One Act Play and the Presidential Scholar. Brian attended the University of Oklahoma and majored in Broadcasting and was a part of the OU rugby team. He moved to Altoona, Iowa and worked alongside of his brother at Fireside Grille for 20 plus years. Brian was a member of the King David Masonic Lodge #407 in Altoona, Iowa.

His niece Bailey said it best, Brian had a heart of gold and the love he had for his daughter, Rowyn, and everyone else was unmatched. I could go on all day how he was an amazing Uncle. He would drop anything he was doing for anyone and welcome everyone with open arms. Brian was the type to put other needs before his own. He had such a gentle and sweet soul that everyone will always remember. He was preceded in death by his father, Wayne McAllister; and a sister, Leslie McAllister.

Brian is survived by his daughter, Rowyn McAllister; his mother, Bonnie McAllister; brother, Brett McAllister; sisters, Tiffany Crump and husband Jason and Michelle Forehand; nieces and nephews, Andrew Forehand, Pyper, Bailey, Dallas, Addalyn McAllister, Cooper, Kaylee, and Caden, and Chandler Crump; Three great nieces, Alyssa, Carah, and Yana Forehand.

In lieu of flowers, you may send donations for Rowyn's scholarship to: https://account.venmo.com/u/Tiff-Rowyn or you may mail scholarship donations to the Alliance Bank – Attn: Frankie Cooper – P.O. Box 909 – Mount Vernon, TX 75457.

Services were entrusted to Sam B. Harvey Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.samharveyfuneralhome.com



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