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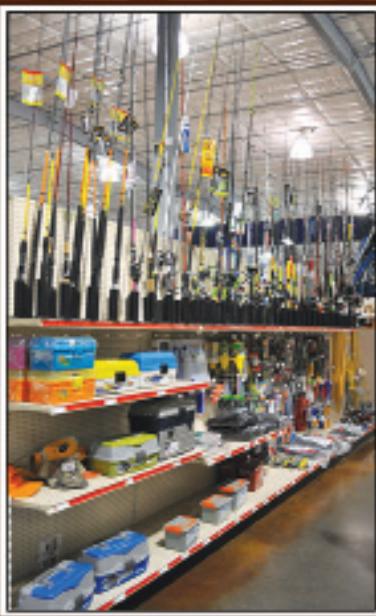
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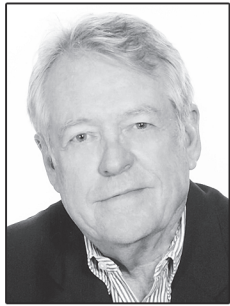
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## Tumbleweed Smith



"I used to live in Alan Reed and old Route 66 went through there, so I was playing on that road a lot," says Charla Smith, who works at the Devil's Rope Museum in the panhandle town of McLean. The museum has all sorts of barbed wire "That's what the Indians called barbed wire because it tore up the men, the cows and hoses."

**Tumbleweed Smith** She has worked at the museum four years and got that job after working at another museum in McLean, a city with a population of less than 800.

"I learned about barbed wire pretty quick. We have a lot of it."

The museum is a popular stop for people traveling along the old Route 66.

"We don't say so much that it's a barbed wire museum because people just yawn and go on," says Mike Oldham, museum president. "We tell them it's a western heritage and Route 66 museum and that kind of encompasses what we do and brings in a lot more general interest. There's no admission but we appreciate a donation. We have a gift shop that has some great t-shirts and similar items that brings in a little income."

His folks, Ruth and Delbert True started the museum in 1991. They both are in their nineties and last year turned the museum over to Mike.

I was there on a Saturday around noon. That morning, two different groups, totaling 120 people had gone through the museum. One was from a car rally. The other was a large number of motorcycle riders.

"They were lined up all the way to the highway," says Charla. "They were here a long time and had fun seeing all the stuff we have here. I had them sign in. We have a whole lot of books with names of people who have been here."

Then a busload of people from Central Iowa came in. It was a busy place.

"It sure was this morning," says Mike. Then on some days there might be two people come in all day."

Millions of people have traveled Route 66. Mike says he's surprised at the popularity of the famous highway.

"About a third of our visitors are from overseas. We hear all sorts of languages. They're fascinated with all the western displays we have. They can learn a lot about cowboys and ranching here."

The museum has some interesting barbed wire sculptures. One is a cowboy hat. Another is a brassiere. Mike's brother made them.

"That barbed wire brassiere gets more comment than anything else in here. This building was a brassiere factory that once employed a hundred women at one time. The name was Marie's Foundations. It was a pretty big deal. They used to call McLean the uplift town."

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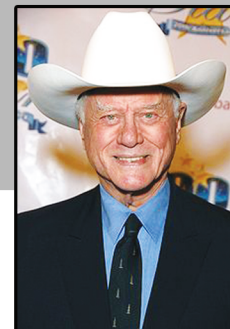
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# FAMOUS TEXANS

## Larry Hagman

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Larry Martin Hagman (September 21, 1931–November 23, 2012) was an American film and television actor, director, and producer, best known for playing ruthless oil baron J. R. Ewing in the television soap opera *Dallas* and the befuddled astronaut Major Anthony Nelson in the 1965–1970 sitcom *I Dream of Jeannie*. Hagman also worked as a television producer and director. He was the son of actress Mary Martin. He died on November 23, 2012, from complications of acute myeloid leukemia. Hagman was born on September 21, 1931, in Fort Worth, Texas. His mother, Mary Martin, became a Broadway actress and musical comedy star after his birth. His father, Benjamin Jackson Hagman, who was of Swedish descent, was an accountant and lawyer who worked as a district attorney. Hagman's parents divorced in 1936 when he was five years old. He lived with his maternal grandmother, Juanita Presley Martin, in Texas and California, while his mother became a contract player with Paramount in 1938. Hagman attended a strict academy, Black-Foxe Military Institute and briefly Woodstock Country School. When his mother moved to New York City to resume her Broadway career, Hagman again lived with his grandmother in California. A few years later, his grandmother died, so Hagman joined his mother in New York City. In 1946, Hagman moved back to his hometown of Weatherford, and attended Weatherford High School, from which he graduated. His father wanted Hagman to become a lawyer and join his practice, but he was drawn to drama classes and reportedly fell in love with the stage. He graduated from high school in 1949, and decided to pursue acting. In 1954, Hagman married Swedish-born Maj Axelsson; they had two children, Heidi Kristina, and Preston. Longtime residents of Malibu, California, they then moved to Ojai.

In 1969, Hagman's friend, musician David Crosby, supplied him with LSD after a concert. Hagman was introduced to marijuana by Jack Nicholson as a safer alternative to Hagman's heavy drinking. In 1995, Hagman underwent a life-saving liver transplant after he was diagnosed with liver cancer, which was most likely brought on by roughly 40 years of heavy drinking. His clinical picture was further complicated by cirrhosis of the liver, which had been diagnosed three years earlier in 1992. He was also a heavy smoker as a young man before quitting at age 34. He was the chairman of the American Cancer Society's annual Great American Smokeout for many years. In 2001, Hagman wrote his autobiography titled *Hello Darlin'*. In a 2007 interview, Hagman discussed his support for alternative energy. On a 2008 episode of *Living With Ed*, Hagman and his wife showed actor Ed Begley Jr. their solar-powered, super-energy efficient home named "Heaven" and talked about their green lifestyle. Maj Hagman was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2008 and Hagman at first took the lead in caring for her, but her condition deteriorated. By 2010, she required 24-hour nursing care.

### Friendship with Carroll O'Connor

Hagman had a long friendship with actor Carroll O'Connor, beginning in 1959 when Hagman was starring in the Broadway play *God and Kate* and O'Connor was working as an assistant stage manager. Later, as the two struggled as young actors, they rented apartments near each other in New York. Over the years, they had much in common. O'Connor renegotiated his contract over his salary on *All in the Family* in 1974, causing him to miss two episodes and Hagman did the same during his tenure with *Dallas*, with similar results. Hagman's daughter Heidi, whom O'Connor had known since her childhood, joined the cast for one season of *Archie Bunker's Place*. Hagman directed several episodes of O'Connor's later series *In the Heat of the Night*. They both endured serious health issues: O'Connor underwent heart bypass surgery and Hagman received a liver transplant.



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### ***Patty Jo Osborn***

Patty Jo (Schasteen) Osborn passed away on January 25, 2024, at home, surrounded by family. She was born December 11, 1945, in Fort Scott Kansas. She was the daughter of Doris and William Schasteen.

Following high school graduation, she attended Pittsburg State, Kansas State, Emporia State, El Centro, Richland, Brookhaven, and Eastfield Community Colleges, culminating in a Bachelor's and Master's degree in social work from East Texas State University.

Patty was preceded in death by her parents, William and Doris Schasteen. Surviving are her brother, David Schasteen; her husband of nearly 57 years, Charles Osborn; her sons, Todd and wife Meredith of Austin, Michael and Natalie of Austin, Casey and Kelly of McKinney, and Christopher of Taylor, TX; grandchildren, Hayden, Olivia, Will, Owen, Ethan, Charlie, Ella, Weston, and Griffin.

She was very active in local service organizations and causes for children. These included: Founded Texas Adoption Services – with over 100 placements (60+ from Romania) over three years. Volunteer counselor for abused women and children Helping establish CASA in Sulphur Springs. Investigator and rescuer of abused children for CPS. Certifying foster parents and helping to place foster children in loving homes. Helping create “a Gift of Love” on KLTV of Tyler – showcasing available foster children. Helping implement Stephen Ministries at FUMC of Sulphur Springs and later volunteering to help care receivers cope with illness, death of a loved one, and personal set backs. After her career at CPS, she became an Adjunct Professor of Social Work at Texas A&M – Commerce, helping those entering the profession she loved so much.

Funeral services were held at First United Methodist Church in Sulphur Springs, at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2024 followed by private interment at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery. Pallbearers were her grandsons. Honorary Pallbearers were Vali and Bill Brannon, David and Barbara Gordon, Boyd and Lynn Graves, Mary and Chad Cable, Phil Morgan, and Keith Bland. The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Lake Country CASA (<https://lakecountrycasa.org/donate/>) or St. Jude's Children's Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/>). The family would like to say a special thank you to Choice Hospice. Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



### ***Tommy And Brenda Williams***

A visitation for Tommy Charles Williams, age, 83, and Brenda Sue Williams, age 82 of Sulphur Springs was held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, January 27, 2024 at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Tommy passed away on Monday, January 22, 2024 in Greenville, TX and Brenda passed away on Friday, January 26, 2024 in Sulphur Springs. Tommy was born on March 13, 1940 in Mesquite, TX the son of Herman and Maude Tanner Williams and Brenda was born on November 17, 1941 in Hopkins County, the daughter of Lewel Henry Ragan and Annie Jane Ward Ragan. Tommy and Brenda had been married for almost 60 years. They owned and operated Tommy Williams Pipe and Steel, other than working all the time, loved spending time with their family especially his grandkids and Brenda was an avid reader.

They are survived by their son, Tommy D. Williams (Jennifer) of Sulphur Springs, TX; daughter, Tammy Williams Emerson (Troy) of Paris, TX; Tommy's sister, Mayree Turnbow of Haskell, TX, and Brenda's brother, J. W. Ragan (Elaine), grandchildren, Kason Humphries, Adrian Williams, and London Williams.

They were preceded in death by their parents, Herman and Maude Williams, and Brenda's brother, Truman Ragan (Jackie) and sister, Oleta Potts.



### ***Christie Fyke***

The funeral service for Christie Fyke, age 51, of Cumby, Texas, will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Pastor Norman Carson officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be Cory Bowen, Joey Gammons, David Fyke, Richard Pennington, Garrett Jackson, and Jeremy Burton. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 30, 2024. Christie Fyke passed away on January 25, 2024, at Christus Mother Frances Hospital of Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Christie was born to Richard Fyke and Wanda (Burton) Clampitt on July 28, 1972, in Commerce, Texas. She was a devoted member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church where she worked as a church secretary and ran the children's nursery.

She is survived by her spouse, Jason Oxford of Cumby, Texas; daughters, Mackenzie Fyke and Jacelyn Oxford of Cumby, Texas; parents, Wanda and Charlie Clampitt of Cumby, Texas; sister, Mistie Colfax of Cumby, Texas; brothers, David Fyke of Cumby, Texas, Chuck Clampitt of Duncan, Oklahoma, Kenny Clampitt of Duncan, Oklahoma; grandmother, Yvonne Fyke of Cumby, Texas; grandchildren, Ryder Fyke and Gracelyn Goff; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Fyke was preceded in death by her father, Richard Fyke; and brother, Chad Clampitt.

# Obits

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## **Roger Fouse**

A graveside Service for Roger Fouse, age 80, of Sulphur Springs, TX was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Posey Cemetery, Posey, TX. Jerry Dean McCoy officiated. Visitation was held at 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home, Sulphur Springs, TX. Mr. Fouse passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

Roger Deal Fouse was born on March 6, 1943 in Posey, TX to Cary and Ellen (Campbell) Fouse. He married the love of his life Joann Ball in Sulphur Springs, TX on September 9, 1967. Roger worked as a concrete contractor for many years. He loved to travel and play Bingo. Roger enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest.

He is survived by wife, Joann Fouse; daughter, Tammy Ballard (John); grandchildren, Ashley Scroggins (Kason), Tia Ballard, and Timmy Ballard; great grandchildren, Brantley Scroggins and Baylee Scroggins.

Roger is preceded in death by his parents, Cary and Ellen Fouse; brother, H.C. Fouse; sisters, Joyce Ann Wyatt and Ella Jean Johns.

Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. The online register can be signed at [www.murrayorwosky.com](http://www.murrayorwosky.com)



## **Netha Joy Hoover**

Netha Joy Hoover of Como, TX went to her eternal home on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at the age of 83. She was born on July 31, 1940 in Sulphur Springs, TX to Jim and Naomi (Davis) Bain. She married the love of her life, Mel Hoover, on November 13, 1965. Netha retired from the Hopkins County District Clerks Office. She loved taking trips and spending time with her family. She was a faithful woman who loved the Lord, her family and church. She was a member of the Resurrection Morning Church in Lone Oak, TX. She was loved by so many and will be dearly missed.

She was the "Mother" to Angie Bevill (Bryan Thomas), Keisha Wilcher (Norman), "Netha" to Sherry Booher, Shelly Hoover. She was "Mommy" to Biondi Spencer, Breona Brown (Jobey), Cherish Schepp, Lexi Schepp, Lindsay Herbert, Amanda Beohle, Jake Busted, Kaylon Hoover, Cody Hoover, Waylon Hoover, Hannah Hoover. She was "Mommy 2" to Kamri Spencer, Kylie Spencer, Adley Mannon, Brennon Smith, Reese Ashworth, Madilyn Brown, Brilyn Sands, Brinlyn Schepp, Brantli Schepp, Byntli Simmons, Lenny Seiler, Rome Pickens. She was "Mom" to Scarlett Black and Caroline Black. Special Sister to Pat Ross and Bill Bain.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Naomi Bain; husband, Mel Hoover; son, Steve Hoover; son-in-law, Gaylon Booher; grandson, Justin Busted.

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



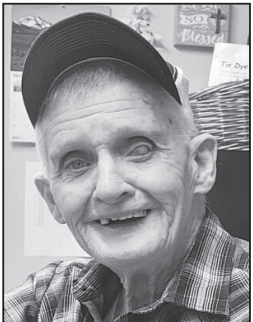
## **Kenneth Maynarad Ritz**

Born August 30, 1932 died January 28, 2024 at the age of 91.

VISITATION: Friday February 2, 2024 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM West Oaks Funeral Home

FUNERAL SERVICE: Friday February 2, 2024 11:00 AM West Oaks Funeral Home

INTERMENT: Friday February 2, 2024 12:00 PM Pleasant Hill Cemetery



## **Ronnie Randolph**

July 27, 1943 — January 24, 2024

Sulphur Springs

A graveside Service for Ronnie Randolph, age 80, of Sulphur Springs, TX was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 26, 2024 at Shooks Chapel Cemetery. Mr. Randolph passed away Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

Ronnie Randolph was born on July 27, 1943 in Sulphur Spring, TX to Harry and Hazel Faye (Scott) Randolph. Ronnie worked as a painter and was a truck driver for many years.

Ronnie is survived by numerous cousins and long-time friends in the community.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Hazel Randolph and sister, Rvonne Randolph. The family would like to give a special Thank You to the staff of Sunny Springs Health and Rehab for taking extra special care of Ronnie during his stay there and during his final days. Also, a big Thank You to Gentiva Hospice for their support and care. Ronnie

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