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## THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE VIETNAM WAR



### **Tumbleweed Smith**

I have seen The National Vietnam War Museum grow from a vacant lot with a mobile home on it to an impressive complex of weapons, vehicles and artifacts from the Viet Nam War. The museum is located between Mineral Wells and Weatherford near Fort Wolters where helicopter pilots trained. The war was known as the helicopter war. A

**Tumbleweed Smith** 20,000 square feet building is full of exhibits and a similar structure is planned for the future. Ean Tillett is the museum's first full time curator. He brings years of experience with some outstanding museums. A hiking trail surrounds the museum.

Dr. Jim Messinger, a former helicopter pilot during the war, has guided the museum's growth. He says new exhibits in the works include major events during the war such as the Space Race, the Great Society, the civil rights movement, Women's Liberation, the assassinations of JFK, RFK and MLK, antiwar protests and hippies, yippies and 1968.

The museum was incorporated in 1997 (the board has met every month since then) and had its formal opening in 2007. An annual fundraiser helps provide funds for the museum. This year's event takes place March 25 at the Parker County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds and Event Center in Weatherford.

When visitors walk into the museum they see an amazing display of patches, ribbons, awards. medals and other items that cover the entire history of the US Military. A Vietnam Veteran donated the items. Other veterans have generously donated many of the major exhibits. A library has books about the war and there is a replica of the oval office during LBJ's presidency. A broadcast booth is where DJs on Armed Forces Radio greeted each day with the phrase Good Morning Vietnam.

"It's amazing," says Dr. Jim. "When we need something it shows up. All the guys who started this were helicopter pilots in Vietnam and we learned to fly right across the street at Fort Wolters. We trained about 40,000 helicopter pilots in 10 years and sent them to Viet Nam. Our first board of directors was a girlfriend of a helicopter pilot, and guys who had flown helicopters. We wanted to put up a museum, knowing what needed to be done but we didn't know how, we didn't have any money or leadership. We just started one day at a time and we've got this far."

One of the displays honors women. "There were women in Vietnam who were not nurses. There were women who were POWs. Some were tortured. Some were executed."

Some Vietnam veterans visit the museum and say they have never mentioned a thing to their wives about the war. "They come here and see a piece of equipment, an aircraft or weapon and just start babbling about their experiences. We know that there's a trigger for these guys' memories and everybody has a different trigger."

Jim says his first job in Vietnam was to fly around and get shot at.

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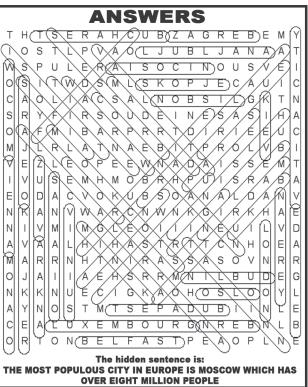
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## Rev. Tommy Noble and Peggy Noble

Funeral Service for Rev. Tommy Noble, age 86, and Peggy Noble, age 82 of Pickton, TX will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at Full Gospel House of Prayer, Sulphur Springs, TX with Rev. Todd Turner officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at 10:00 a.m. Serving as pallbearers will be Mark Johnson, Johnathon Noble, Joshua Noble, Levi, Noble, Ricky Hurt, and Tyler Aaron. Honorary pallbearers are Paul Noble, Andrew Soto, Eli Soto, Waylon Noble, Billy Noble, and Braxton Aaron.

Rev. Noble passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at his home in Pickton, TX and Mrs. Noble passed the following day Sunday, March 3, 2024 at Christus Mother of Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs, TX. Tommy was born on March 24, 1937 in Tyler, TX the son of Clayton Albert Noble and Sarah Magdalene (McCoy) Noble. Peggy was born on March 29, 1941 in Gilmer, TX the daughter of Robert Daniel and Frances Viola (Davis) Roman. They were married on December 10, 1963 in Plainview, TX and enjoyed 60 happy years together. Tommy was in the Ministry for 52 years and Peggy worked in several hospitals and nursing homes over the years.

They are survived by their children, Harold Gene Noble, Allen Dewayne Noble and wife Lena, Carolyn Jean Noble, Carla Darlene Glossup and husband Dewayne, Clayton Daniel Noble and wife Deanna, Mary Lynn Johnson, Monte Glynne Noble; bonus daughter, Sandy Matthews; thirty-six grandchildren and forty-eight great-grandchildren; Tommy is also survived by his sister, Patricia White. Peggy is also survived by sisters, Patricia Whiteington, Nelwyn Finnigan, and brother, Robert Roman.

They are both preceded in death by their parents; children, Tommy Glynne Noble, Jr., Hallie Ann Noble, and Glendon Albert Noble. Tommy is also preceded in death by his brothers, Bill Noble and Jim Noble, and sister, Wanda White.

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



## Janie Burns Palmer Born February 26, 1926 died February 27, 2024 at the age of 98.

Services for Janie Burns Palmer who passed away in Rockport, TX February 27, 2024, a day after her 98th birthday, will be held Friday, March 8th at Spence Chapel, First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs. Visitation will be at 1:00 PM and service at 2:00 PM. She was born February 26, 1926 to Babe and Lola Burns in Pickton. She married Morris Palmer in 1944 in Sulphur Springs.

She was loved by so many for her service to God in First Baptist Church, where she served as teacher for Junior Girls, her 20 years employment in Sulphur Springs ISD, and service work in the community. The Palmers traveled almost all 50 states over the years. Her love for God, family, friends, and community were very evident throughout her life.

Janie was preceded in death by her loving husband, Morris Palmer, son Rick Palmer, and grandsons Bryan Palmer, Spencer Reid, and Joshua Palmer.

Survivors include her son/daughter in law, Donny and Patty Palmer of Georgetown, daughter/son in law Marsha and David Reid of Rockport, Ruth Palmer, and Barbara Palmer. Grandchildren/great grandchildren include Jason, Monique, Noah, Will, and Kate Palmer; Clint, Mandy and Avery Palmer; Nathan and Ira Palmer; Cydney, Sammi, Xuma and Rowdy Rana; Kendall, JC, Kyrie, and Eli Campodonico; Ann Palmer; Sarah, Josh, Olivia and Samuel McMullen; and Lauren Wade.

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren: Jason Palmer, Clint Palmer, Nathan Palmer, Cydney Palmer, Kendall Campodonico, and JC Campodonico. Burial will be at Pleasant Grove Cemetery at the conclusion of the service.



### Andrew Jennings Born December 30, 1944 died March 1, 2024 at the age of 79.

Funeral services for Claude "Andy" Andrew Jennings, Jr. age 79, of Rowlett, TX will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rusty Jennings officiating and Ricky Jennings assisting. Interment will follow at Greenview Cemetery with Justin Gibson, Brennan Gibson, Colton Gibson, Brandon Gibson, Dawson Alt, Connor Cook, Mason Mock, Josh Barnes and Shannon Jennings serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Andy passed away on Friday, March 1, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on December 30, 1944 in Lubbock, TX, the son of Claude Atkins Jennings and Buena D. McLeroy Jennings. He married Sherry Elaine Harris on September 27, 1986 in Rockwall, TX. Andy worked for Texas Aluminum for over 22 years and Tyson Quick to Fix for over 21 years. He was a member of Chapel Hill Baptist Church. Andy was a gun enthusiast and an avid hunter and knife collector.

In addition to his wife, Sherry, he is survived by sons, Christopher Jennings of Bonham, Michael Foster and wife Annette of Garland, daughters, Jana Gibson of Wylie, Cecilia Mock and husband Ross of Caddo Mills, Misty Cook of Cooper and Betsy Alt and husband Jon of Rowlett, brothers, Cecil Jennings, Bobby Jennings and wife Cindy and Phillip Jennings, 18 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.



# April 8, Total Eclipse Of The Sun Event Sulphur Springs, Texas - 2024!!

## **Dubbed "The Great American Eclipse"**



A total solar eclipse will take place at the Moon's ascending node on Monday, April 8, 2024, visible across North America and dubbed the Great North American Eclipse (also Great American Total Solar Eclipse and Great American Eclipse) by some of the media. A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun, thereby obscuring the image of the Sun for a viewer on Earth. A total solar eclipse occurs when the Moon's apparent diameter is larger than the Sun's, blocking all direct sunlight, turning day into darkness. Totality occurs only in a narrow path across Earth's surface, with the partial solar eclipse visible over a surrounding region thousands of kilometres wide.

Occurring only one day after perigee (perigee on Sunday, April 7, 2024), the Moon's apparent diameter will be 5.5% larger than average. With a magnitude of 1.0566, its longest duration of totality will be of four minutes and 28.13 seconds near the Mexican town of Nazas, Durango, and the nearby city of Torreón, Coahuila.

This eclipse will be the first total solar eclipse to be visible in the provinces of Canada since February 26, 1979, the first in Mexico since July 11, 1991, and the first in the U.S. since August 21, 2017. It will be the only total solar eclipse in the 21st century where totality will be visible in Mexico, the United States, and Canada. It will also be the last total solar eclipse visible in the Contiguous United States until August 23, 2044.

## **United States**

In the United States, totality will be visible through the states of Texas (including parts of San Antonio, Austin, and Fort Worth and all of Arlington, Dallas, Killeen, Temple, Texarkana, Tyler, Sulphur Springs and Waco), Oklahoma, Arkansas (including Morrilton/Petit Jean, Hot Springs, Searcy, Jonesboro, and Little Rock), Missouri, Illinois (including Carbondale, where it intersects the path of the 2017 eclipse), Kentucky, Indiana (including Bloomington, Evansville, Indianapolis, Anderson, Muncie, Terre Haute, and Vincennes), Ohio (including Akron, Dayton, Lima, Roundhead, Toledo, Oak Harbor, Cleveland, Warren, Newton Falls and Austintown), Michigan (extreme southeastern corner of Monroe County), Pennsylvania (including Erie), Upstate New York (including Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Rochester, Syracuse, the Adirondacks, Potsdam, and Plattsburgh), and northern Vermont (including Burlington), New Hampshire, and Maine, with the line of totality going almost directly over the state's highest point Mount Katahdin. The largest city entirely in the path will be Dallas, Texas. It will be the second total eclipse visible from the central United States in just 7 years, after the eclipse of August 21, 2017 ). Totality will pass through the town of Wapakoneta, Ohio, home of Neil Armstrong, the first man on the Moon. This will be the last total solar eclipse visible in the contiguous United States until August 23, 2044.

## Canada

In Canada, the path of totality will pass over parts of Southern Ontario (including Learnington, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Kingston, Prince Edward County, and Cornwall), parts of southern Quebec (including Montreal, Sherbrooke, Saint-Georges and Lac-Mégantic), central New Brunswick (including Fredericton and Miramichi), western Prince Edward Island (including Tignish and Summerside), the northern tip of Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, and central Newfoundland (including Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor). Then, it will vanish on the eastern Atlantic coast of Newfoundland. Some of the Canadian cities listed, such as Hamilton and Montreal, are on an edge of the path of totality. Windsor, London, Toronto and Ottawa lie just north of the path of totality, and Moncton lies just south of it. cent.

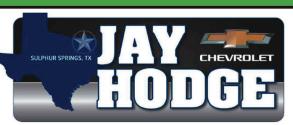
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