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Ruth Ann Hattori, marketing director of the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg says the enclosed Japanese garden there is a lovely place to contemplate anything in your life you wish to think about. The museum is named for Admiral Chester A. Nimitz who commanded the US Navy during World war Two.

Tumbleweed Smith The official name of the Museum is National Museum of the Pacific War. The museum houses a library, exhibits and artifacts that attract visitors as well as students and scholars of World War Two from all over the world.

The Japanese garden is located behind the museum. "This garden is a gift from the people of Japan and one of their gestures of friendship with the United States post war was to create this garden for us."

The garden is genuinely authentic.

"It has Koi ponds and we do have Koi fish here in the pond. All of the different plants and trees are authentic. The types of rocks and arrangements of all the elements follow in the tradition of Japanese gardens. We have a gardener here who is trained in maintaining Japanese gardens. She rakes the gravel or the sand every day in a particular pattern prescribed for that form of garden."

The garden has audio commentary, which explains some history of the garden. This is a sample: "The Peace Garden incorporates two classic Japanese designs. The first is a waterfall, pond, trees and a stream representing the river of life. The second is a stone garden with small rocks to represent the infinite ocean. The large rocks represent islands. In his last message to the Japanese people, Admiral Nimitz said the damage received by both sides was great, but with the passage of years, the wounds of war have healed and today, our countries have joined their hands in cooperation." The commentary is also in German and Spanish.

"It takes only a few minutes to wander around it," says Ruth Ann "but it's also a very reflective space." Before World War Two, Admiral Nimitz was a friend with the famous Admiral Togo of the Japanese Imperial Navy. After the war, because of the friendship, Admiral Nimitz was instrumental in preserving the Mikasa, the flagship of Togo's time in the Navy. It was going to be destroyed after the war and Nimitz was able to help raise funds to make sure it would be restored. It is now a museum.

The Japanese garden at the Nimitz Museum also contains a replica of Admiral Togo's study, a gift from the people of Japan. Materials were brought to Fredericksburg from Japan and the structure was built on site.

In 2016, the great-great granddaughter of Admiral Togo came over to rededicate the museum.



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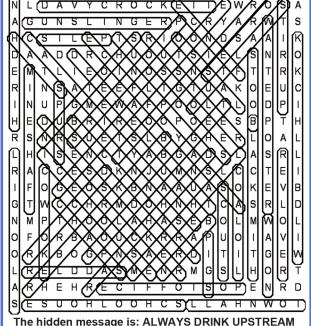


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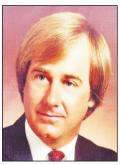
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# James Dennis Worsham

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Jimmy was born to James Milton Worsham and Valera Worsham on October 7, 1948, in Mt. Vernon, Texas. He married Virginia Davidson on November 21, 1972, in Dallas, Texas. Jimmy was a member of First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Serving 6 Sunday School Class. Jimmy was a hard worker and worked from an early age until his death. He worked 36 years at Alliance Bank and was an Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer. He came to work at the

bank 6 months after Tom Sellers who he shared a special friendship with. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1999. He was truly loved by all his bank friends and will be so missed.

Jimmy loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He spent many weekends hunting and taking his family and friends to Hico in hopes they would enjoy it as much as he did. He was an expert fly fisherman and spent summers in Colorado fly fishing with his family. He is survived by: his daughter Tamara Worsham; his son James Worsham and wife Roxanne; his grandchildren Gunnar Livingston and wife Ali, Braden Livingston, and Jordyn Worsham who all live in McKinney, Texas. He is also survived by his sister Kathy Worsham Reeves, husband Wayne, Allison Jurskis, Ashley Jones, Tripp Reeves and families.

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# Retta Murphy

September 23, 1953 — May 29, 2024

Memorial service for Retta Murphy, age 70, of Yantis, Texas will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with CJ Duffey officiating. Mrs. Murphy passed away at her home in Yantis on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 after a prolonged bout with cancer.

Retta Ann Murphy was born on September 23, 1953 in Hopkins County, Texas to Billy Jack and Lauretta (Ashby) Martin. She married Dwavne Murphy in Las Vegas, Nevada on August 28, 2000.

Retta is survived by her husband, Dwayne Murphy; daughters, Micah Fouse and husband Josh, Karla Payne and husband Matt; six grandchildren, Cody Dodd, Caden Dodd, Daci Darling, Kolbie Fouse, Lane Fouse, Anndi Jones; and aunt, Brenda Ashby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Billy Jack and Lauretta Ashby; and daughter, Melissa McVay.



# James Ray Moore

James Ray Moore was born on January 29, 1937 in Delta County to John and Louise Moore. He was raised on a cotton farm in Fairlie, Texas, working and playing with his older brother, Jerrold. James attended Commerce High and went to work for Mr. Larry Booker at his Super Handy store. He attended East Texas State University in Commerce, TX and was a member of the Artema social club. It was there that he met his wife of 65 years, Molly Mitchell. They were married Thanksgiving day on November 27, 1958 at the First Methodist Church in Sulphur Springs, where they remain members. A year later they had their first daughter, Melony. After boot camp in the Army, James went to work for McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Manufacturing Corporation as an Engineer. He moved the family to St. Louis, MO to work on a special project for the company. A pilot himself, he helped build airplanes including the F4 Phantom II Jet and the Gemini Space Capsule. In 1963 while in St. Louis, their second daughter, Terry, was born. In 1969 after returning to East Texas, James began architectural design and construction with his friend, Joe Ardis. He built homes throughout the 70's, and then developed much of Mount Pleasant and Sulphur Springs through residential housing and subdivisions,

and apartment buildings. He later built assisted living facilities. His partners in these business ventures were also great friends — more like family. In 1982, James became a grandfather — he was proudly referred to as "Daddoo" (nicknamed'Doo-dad' by his friends) by his five granddaughters, one grandson, and ten greatgrandchildren. James had many hobbies; he was a golfer, a fisherman, and a bird hunter. He loved to train and adored his hunting dogs. He and Molly were also avid water/alpine skiers. James loved to play

golf. He and Molly were members and residents of the Sulphur Springs Country Club. He spent many days of his last years on the coast fishing on his boat "The Other Woman." He had a quick wit and was a great friend to many. His smile and laugh were infectious. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He will be sorely missed.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Johnand Louise Moore, brother, Jerrold Moore, and great-granddaughter Harper Howard. James is survived by his wife Molly Moore, daughter Melony Pennington and husband Tony Pennington, daughter Terry Morris and husband Brad Morris, granddaughters Penny Howard and husband Dustin Howard, Holly Ragan and husband Tanner Ragan, Jennifer Heitman and husband Cole Heitman, Ryan Rackley, Briana Pennington, and grandson Cameron Morris. Great-grandchildren Reese, Ramsey, and Ryan Ragan, Henry and Max Heitman, Lily and Seth Howard, and Kennedy and Knox Rackley.

Funeral arrangements were arranged through West Oaks Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs. Services for James Moore were Friday, May 31, 2024. Visitation began at 9:30am, funeral at 11am, followed by burial service at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery. Pallbearers were Brad Morris, Tony Pennington, Cameron Morris, Tanner Ragan, Cole Heitman, and Dustin Howard. Honorary pallbearers were: John Kenny Smith, Bill Gant, Brent Chaney, Ricky Conway, Gary Duncan, Bryan Burney, Larry Barnes, Dr. Dhawal Ram, Eddie Jones, Chad Cable, Frank Long, David Graves, Turk Morgan, and Tony Hughes.



# Nelda Doss

A funeral Service for Nelda Doss, age 70, of Arbala was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Interment followed at Arbala Cemetery with Darrel Watkins, Bryan Sells, Garrett Landers, Wesley Winstead, Alex Hammac, and Darrel Gentry serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Jaden Goldsmith Jake Armstrong, Andy Fouse, Brady Potts, and Laeton Potts. Visitation was one hour prior to the service from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Nelda passed away at her home on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

Nelda Kay Doss was born on October 10, 1953 in Yantis, Texas to Orville and Virginia (Gilbreath) Blalock. She married James Doss on June 27, 1992 in Winnsboro, Texas. Nelda owned a Subway sandwich shop in Sulphur Springs since 1992. She also owned Subway shops in Yantis, Winnsboro, and Bonham, Texas. She was a member of the Cross Country Cowboy Church. She was a Mom, Wife, and known as "Mamaw" to her grandkids. She will be missed dearly by all.

Nelda is survived by her husband, James Doss of Arbala; son, Mark Friddle and wife Jennifer of Arbala; daughter, Amy Landers and husband Jon of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Schylar Fouse (Andy), Casey Potts (Brady), Makensie Friddle, Kinley Friddle, Riley Friddle, Garrett Landers, Morgan Goldsmith (Jaden); great-grandchildren, Laeton Potts, Brantley Fouse; sisters, Barbara Deaton of Winnsboro, Carolyn Peterson (Dale) of Lindale; brother, Michael Blalock of Winnsboro; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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