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## Tumbleweed Smith

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Tumbleweed Smith

He's been doing magic tricks a long time. His grandmother encouraged his magic.

"She was living in New York when I was younger and would send me magic tricks in the mail. I would work on them and by fifth grade; I was performing for my brother's friends. It became a lifelong hobby."

He saw kids in hospitals.

"I'd walk into the room and they're not smiling and looking sad. They may have cancer with multiple IV's in them. When I'd leave, they'd be happy, laughing and excited. It's rewarding to see that."

He's in several organizations having to do with magic. He says it's good to be a part of that fraternity, that's where he has learned some new tricks. Dr. Penn also put together a seminar for doctors to be presented in a course that he calls continuing medical education with magic.

"I teach them how to use magic tricks in their practice to make their patients comfortable so they would want to stay and not run away."

He performs for non-profit groups and schools and doesn't get paid for it. He does it just for fun. Dr. Penn's parents were Holocaust survivors.

"They didn't talk much about it when we were young, but everybody knew my mother was a survivor because she had a number tattoo on her left forearm. She was in nine different death camps. People knew her story. She was not ashamed to talk about it when people asked about her number. She never hid it from anybody. As we got older, they started talking more and more and I think they finally realized that if they don't talk about it, nobody's going to know their story and what happened during that terrible time in history. Even though they went through terrible times, they taught us it was important to not to look back, to continually move forward and do the right thing in life."

Dr. Penn is a docent at the Houston Holocaust Museum.

"In the world today, it's important not to forget the past. That's how things repeat themselves if you don't remember what happened."

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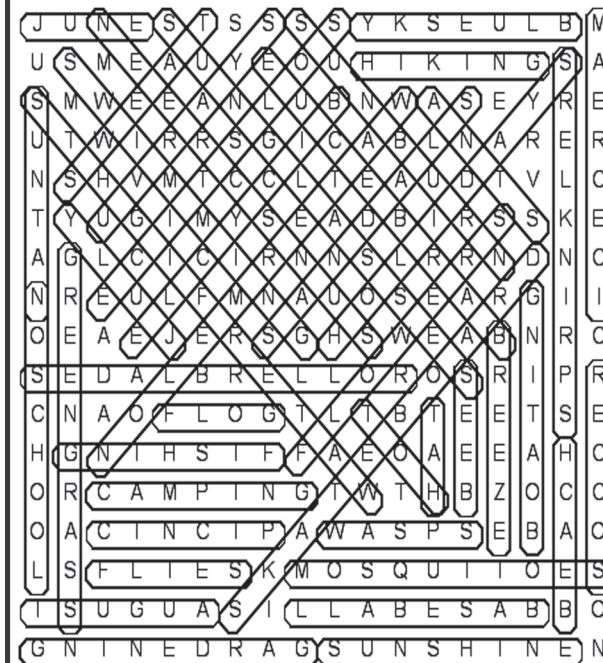


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### **Lucy Pearl "Spencer" Vaden**

Lucy Pearl "Spencer" Vaden, 92, of Sulphur Springs, Texas passed away Thursday, June 13, 2024.

A celebration of life was held at 11 A.M. Saturday, June 15, 2024, at The Savannah, 246 CR 4778, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482.

Lucy was born in Birthright, Texas on February 2, 1932, to Arlin Lee and Macie Beatrice (Butler) Spencer. They preceded her in death as well as her husband Roy Leewright Vaden in 2002, grandson, Scott Price, and grandson-in-law, Scotty Thompson.

Lucy loved the Lord with all her heart and believed that Jesus Christ died for her. Her faith leaves behind a lasting legacy. She exemplified Jeremiah 31:3. "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness."

She was a graduate of Sulphur Springs High School class of 1949. She married Leewright Vaden in 1950. Lucy was dedicated to serving her community in Hopkins County. She worked at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital for 18 years. She was the Director of The Community Chest in Sulphur Springs, Texas, for 32 years. She was honored as the Beta Sigma Phi's Woman of the year and the MLK Woman of the year. She was also the recipient of the MLK Humanitarian of the year award, MLK Social Change award,

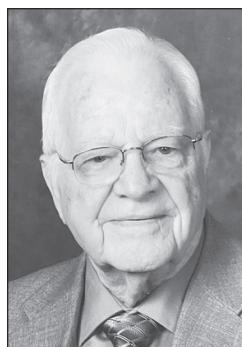
MLK Leadership of the year award. She also served as the Director of Red Cross for 12 years, and President of Mother's Culture Club.

Survivors include two daughters: Vicki Nugent of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Janet Price and husband Billy of Sulphur Springs, Texas, five grandchildren Kristi Brewer and husband Brandon, Paige Trollinger and husband Jeff, Kacie Thompson, John Nugent and wife Yeeun, Josh Nugent and wife Nikki, nine great-grandchildren Spencer, Braylea and Benjamin Brewer, Karis and Kaden Trollinger, Colton Price, Ethan and Emma Thompson, Aileen Pearl Nugent Pallbearers: Spencer Brewer, Benjamin Brewer, Kaden Trollinger, Ethan Thompson, Colton Price, Ryan Kramer.

Honorary Pallbearers: John Nugent, Josh Nugent, Brandon Brewer, Jeff Trollinger, Roger Thompson Ranger Thompson and John Gilreath.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hopkins County Community Chest in memory of Lucy Vaden.

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### **Dr. Donald Julian Brown**

A funeral Service for Dr. Donald Julian Brown, age 93 of Greenville, Tx was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 16, 2024 at West Oaks Funeral Home with Bro. Fred Lewis officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service and interment followed the service at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery.

Donald was born on October 7, 1930 to Solon and Betsy Brown in Watson, Ok. He became a minister and by the age of 19 had his first church as well as churches in New Mexico, Texas and Maryland. From there he became Director of Missions with The North American Mission Board in Maryland, then retired and moved back to Texas. Donald adored spending time with his family, especially his grandkids and great-grandkids.

He is survived by his son, Gary Donald Brown and his wife, Coralia Pastrana Brown; daughter, Jeannette Hickey and her husband, Ronnie; grandchildren, Joshua Dale Hickey and Jessica Lynn Miller and her husband, Kent, and one great-granddaughter, Isabella Adaline Hickey. As well as a host of loving relatives and friends.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Nora Ann Brown, his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com)



### **Marianne Elisabeth Lindsey**

A celebration of life service in honor of Marianne Elisabeth Lindsey, age 78, will be held on June 22, 2024, starting at 10:00 AM at Wilson - Orwosky Funeral Home.

Marianne Elisabeth Lindsey, a beloved member of the Dallas area and Neosho, Missouri communities, passed away on June 6, 2024 in Sulphur Springs, TX. Marianne was born on October 12, 1945, in Vohrenbach, Germany, and later made her mark in the world through an impactful career in advertising.

Known for her culinary skills, Marianne's memory will live on through the pastries and German cuisine she lovingly prepared for others and the recipes immortalized in her cookbooks for the State Fair of Texas and Bruton Road Baptist Church. A woman of faith and service, Marianne dedicated herself to God and was an active member of the Baptist community. Her vibrant personality shone through her love for sports and outdoor activities. She was a true athlete at heart, finding joy in playing field hockey, softball, fishing, and horseback riding. Her Western spirit exuded through her cowboy attire, and being called a cowgirl brought a sparkle to her eyes.

Aside from her professional achievements in advertising and entrepreneurship, Marianne found fulfillment as a Sunday School teacher assistant for 4th through 6th graders for an impressive total of 48 years. She also served for many years in church as an interpreter for the deaf. Her contributions impacted the hearts of both young and old and will be remembered fondly by generations to come.

Her beauty as a blonde was only surpassed by the warmth and kindness she exuded towards others. Described as the perfect wife and "help mate," Marianne's devotion to her loved ones knew no bounds.

Marianne is survived by her loving family and friends who will forever cherish the memories created with this remarkable woman whose life was a tapestry woven with love, faith, adventure, and dedication. Husband of 57 years, Roy L. Lindsey; children, Diana Michelle and Nathan Thomas; grandchildren, Luke and Harmony Lindsey, and Jonathon and Aubree Saenz.

Let us come together to remember a soul who touched our lives with grace and compassion. May her legacy inspire us to lead lives filled with love and service just as she did.

# June 19th "Juneteenth"

*End of slavery in Texas*



Juneteenth, officially Juneteenth National Independence Day, is a federal holiday in the United States. It is celebrated annually on June 19 to commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States. The holiday's name is a portmanteau of the words "June" and "nineteenth", as it was on June 19, 1865, when Major General Gordon Granger ordered the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas at the end of the American Civil War. Although this date commemorates enslaved people learning of their freedom under the Emancipation Proclamation, this only applied to former Confederate states. There remained legally enslaved people in states that never seceded from the Union. These people did not gain their freedom until the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution on December 6, 1865.

Early celebrations date back to 1866, at first involving church-centered community gatherings in Texas. They spread across the South amongst newly freed African American slaves and their descendants and became more commercialized in the 1920s and 1930s, often centering on a food festival. Participants in the Great Migration brought these celebrations to the rest of the country. During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, these celebrations were eclipsed by the nonviolent determination to achieve civil rights, but grew in popularity again in the 1970s with a focus on African-American freedom and African-American arts. Beginning with Texas by proclamation in 1938, and by legislation in 1979, every U.S. state and the District of Columbia has formally recognized the holiday in some way. Juneteenth is also celebrated by the Mascogos, descendants of Black Seminoles who escaped from slavery in 1852.

## **Further information: Emancipation Proclamation**

Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation in the midst of the Civil War on September 22, 1862, declaring that if the rebels did not end the fighting and rejoin the Union, all enslaved people in the Confederacy would be freed on the first day of the year. On January 1, 1863, Lincoln issued the final Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that all enslaved people in the Confederate States of America in rebellion and not in Union hands were freed.

Planters and other slaveholders from eastern states had migrated into Texas to escape the fighting, and many brought enslaved people with them, increasing by the thousands the enslaved population in the state at the end of the Civil War.[9] Although most lived in rural areas, more than 1,000 resided in Galveston or Houston by 1860, with several hundred in other large towns. By 1865, there were an estimated 250,000 enslaved people in Texas.

Despite the surrender of Confederate General-in-Chief Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865, the western Confederate Army of the Trans-Mississippi did not formally surrender until June 2. On the morning of June 19, 1865, Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived on the island of Galveston to take command of the more than 2,000 federal troops recently landed in the department of Texas to enforce the emancipation of its enslaved population and oversee Reconstruction, nullifying all laws passed within Texas during the war by Confederate lawmakers. The order informed all Texans that, in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all enslaved people were free:

The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.

Longstanding urban legend places a historic reading of General Order No. 3 at Ashton Villa; however, no historical evidence supports such claims. There is no evidence that Granger or any of his troops proclaimed the Ordinance by reading it aloud. All indications are that copies of the Ordinance were posted in public places, including the Negro Church on Broadway, since renamed Reedy Chapel A.M.E. Church.

On June 21, 2014, the Galveston Historical Foundation and Texas Historical Commission erected a Juneteenth plaque where the Osterman Building once stood signifying the location of Major General Granger's Union Headquarters believed to be where he issued his general orders.

Although this event commemorates the end of slavery, emancipation for the remaining enslaved in two Union border states, Delaware and Kentucky, would not come until December 6, 1865, when the Thirteenth Amendment was ratified; furthermore, thousands of black slaves were not freed until after the Reconstruction Treaties of late 1866, when tribes such as the Cherokee, Creek, Chickasaw, and others were forced to sign new treaties that required them to free their slaves.

The freedom of formerly enslaved people in Texas was given state law status in a series of Texas Supreme Court decisions between 1868 and 1874.



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