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"A meteor is still in the sky and a meteorite has landed," he quickly answered.

A meteor streaked across the sky and landed near Odessa 63 thousand years ago



Tumbleweed Smith

and formed a crater.

"It wasn't discovered until the late 40s. It's essentially just a space rock. It's just a body formed in space."

Douglas is curator of the state of the art museum at the crater. "From what I understand it's anywhere from Saturn to the asteroid belt is where this meteorite came from. It came from west to east when it fell. We don't know how fast it was coming in or how steep the angle was when it landed. There are five distinct craters because it exploded in the atmosphere and broke again when it hit the ground."

At the time the meteor fell, the Odessa area was submerged under 600 feet of water that acted as a buffer before the meteor hit the ground.

"So our crater is not as deep as what it would have been due to the fact that a bunch of water rushed back in and brought all the sediment in to fill the crater quite rapidly. It's believed that it was initially about 115 feet deep."

Two of the five craters are on the museum complex. The other three are on private property. The museum has a large crater that's 450 feet wide and approximately 6 to 8 feet deep. The small crater is 20 feet wide and around 8 feet deep. The visitor center has samples of meteorites from all over the world including some from the Odessa crater. The largest piece is the size of a football.

"It's iron, nickel, copper, cobalt and a few other trace materials, so it's a bunch of heavy metals." The museum gets about 3,000 visitors a year.

"We have guests from all over the world that come and visit. Apparently we have been in a few movies from overseas because we have people that want to come see this place and the Rio Grande from watching westerns and things of that nature. This is a national natural landmark that belongs to the department of the interior and maintained by Ector County.

For years, a marker on the highway was about the only indication that something significant was just off the interstate. Tom Rodman of Odessa was responsible for getting an historical marker, and the grant that built the museum building that was completed in 2002.

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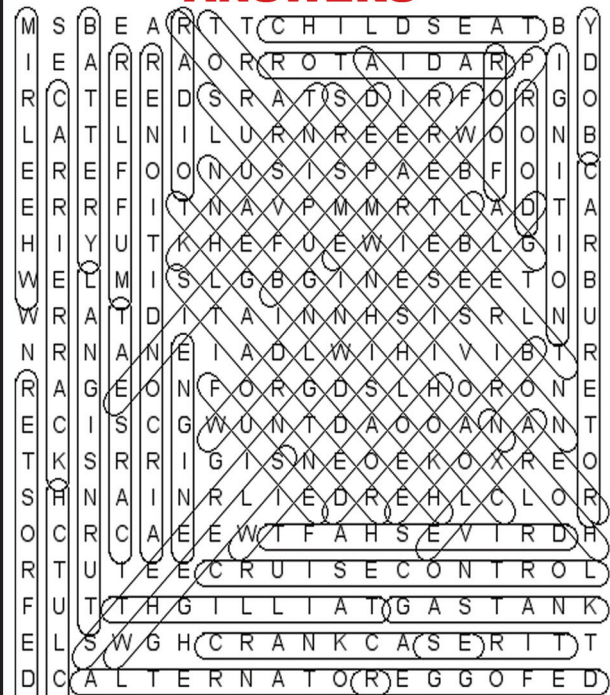
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**Rickey Roberts** January 15, 1956 — October 26, 2024

A private family service for Rickey Roberts, age 68, of Caddo Mills, Texas, will be held at a later date. Mr. Roberts passed away at Rock Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation on Saturday, October 26, 2024.

Rickey Roberts was born on January 15, 1956, in Clarksville, Texas, to Jones W. and Cecile F. (Sweeden) Roberts. Rickey was known to everyone to be a very kind, helpful, and selfless person who will be missed. Nothing was more important to Rickey than his family. He was the best Dad & PawPaw! Rickey was very passionate about his job in law enforcement and worked for both Hopkins County Sheriff's and Sulphur Springs Police Departments with over 30 years of service. He found joy in making others smile and laugh, even at his own expense. To know him, was to truly love him.

Rickey is survived by his son, Lane Roberts and wife Britney, of Caddo Mills, Texas; daughter, Whitney Waller and husband Glen, of Sulphur Springs, Texas; grandchildren, Lexi Roberts, Draydn Roberts, Ashlyn Waller, and Kaylin Waller; brother, Bruce Roberts of Sulphur Springs, Texas; sister, Karen McCormack of Sulphur Springs, Texas; nieces, Morgan Hind of Grapevine, Texas and Lindsey

McCarthy of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee; nephew, Brooks Roberts of Sulphur Springs, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jones and Cecile Roberts.

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**Jim Scott**

Celebration of life for Jim Scott, age 60, of Longview, Texas will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Mr. Scott passed away at his home in Longview, Texas on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Jimmy Gene Scott was born on December 24, 1963 in Dallas, Texas to W.D. "Skeeter" and Judy (McIntire) Scott. He married Tina Ann O'Brien in Sulphur Springs, Texas on May 12, 1984. Jim was a truck driver for Frito Lay for many years.

Jim is survived by his wife, Tina Scott of Longview, Texas; daughter, Jessica Scott of Longview, Texas; brothers, David Scott (Kayla) of Garland, Texas; Danny Scott (Gary Chitwood) of Dallas, Texas; and Tim Scott of Sulphur Springs, Texas; and mother and father-in-law, Bill and Patsy O'Brien of Sulphur Springs, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.D. "Skeeter" and Judy Scott and brother, Donny Scott.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to your local SPCA.

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



**Connie Briggs** May 19, 1950 — October 23, 2024

A funeral service for Connie Briggs, age 74, of Cumby, Texas was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024 at County Line Baptist Church in Miller Grove, Texas. Interment followed at Miller Grove Cemetery. Visitation was held one hour prior from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at County Line Baptist Church. Ms. Briggs passed away at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs, Texas on Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

Connie Tipps Briggs was born on May 19, 1950 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Buster and Faye (Wren) Tipps. She was married to Jimmy Briggs until his passing. Connie worked in a wood factory and was a teacher's aide for many years. She was a Christian and attended the Baptist Church.

Connie is survived by her daughter, Misty Smallwood (Undray) of Emory, Texas; granddaughters, Sky Smallwood of Emory, Texas and Kinslei Smallwood of Sulphur Springs, Texas; brothers, Stevie Tipps (Cheri) of Miller Grove, Texas and Monty Tipps (Venessa) of Sulphur Springs, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Buster and Faye Tipps; and husband, Jimmy Briggs.



**Donald Dodd** October 12, 1943 — October 20, 2024

Memorial service for Donald Dodd, age 81, of Sulphur Springs, Texas will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Dodd passed away at his home on Sunday, October 20, 2024.

Donald Lee Dodd was born on October 12, 1943 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Elton and Nina (Herod) Dodd. He married Pamela Burns in Ardmore, Oklahoma on September 10, 1966. Donald drove an ice cream truck for many years for Johnson's Ice Cream. After retiring he worked in the lawn care business. Donald was a member of the Hopkins County Coon Hunters Association. He dearly loved coon hunting. He was also a member of the Professional Kennel Club and the First Church Sulphur Springs.

Donald is survived by his wife, Pam Dodd of Sulphur Springs; son, Donald Brian Dodd (fiancé Mindy Mitchell) of Brashear, Texas; daughter, Shelley Denise Keller (Nathaniel) of Sulphur Springs, Texas; son, Landon Keith Dodd (Cindy) of Sulphur Springs, Texas; fourteen grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; sister, Bonnie Rubarts of McKinney, Texas; brothers, Richard Dodd and Glenn

Dodd both of Sulphur Springs, Texas.

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