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He not only provided the food, he provided the entertainment, too. He plays fiddle and guitar and sings old cowboy songs. But Glenn's first love is old wagons. If you want to know anything about them, just ask Glenn. "Peter Schuttler was the Cadillac of the wagons. They were based in Chicago. Studebaker was the only company that made actual chuckwagons."

Glenn has been working on wagons for more than fifty years and the wagons he has worked on are all over the United States and beyond. "Arizona, Oklahoma among other places, they're all over Texas," he says. "I built one from scratch that went to Australia. I show off my wagons in October at the Fort Worth Stockyards for a western event. There's a bunch of wagons there."

This past year he opened Moreland's Wagon Barn near his home in Fort Davis. Eight authentic wagons in pristine condition are on display.

"I try to get the paint schemes right, like they were originally. I make sure the hardware is correct. I have a lot of antique hardware. I've done some museum work building and restoring stage coaches."

Glenn works by himself, a common practice among people who are in that line of work.

"There's a lot of small one-man shops like mine that do restoration work. Some of them don't do their own wheels so I do a bunch of work on wheels for other people."

He started working on wagons while he was a cattle inspector in the Houston area.

"I'd see these wagons rotting away in yards or barns and I'd ask the owner if they were for sale. I bought my first John Deere wagon for twenty-five dollars. I paid fifteen for another one."

His talents don't stop with wagons, cooking performing and shooting black powder rifles. He does wood carvings of cowboys. A glass cabinet is full of his work. Some items are miniature authentic wagons that he made from scratch.

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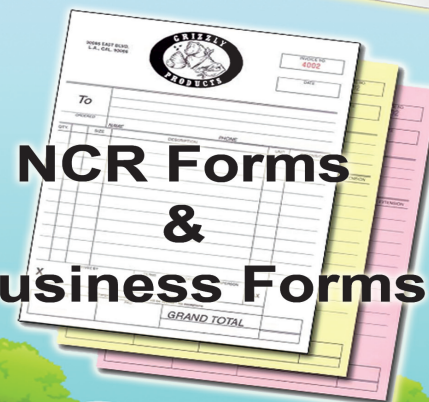
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Helen Sapaugh August 24, 1938 — February 17, 2025

A funeral service for Helen Sapaugh, age 86, of Sulphur Springs, Texas was held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at First Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs with Dr. Jeff Gravens, Tommy Johnston, Brit Fisher, and Brady Fisher officiating. Interment followed at Restlawn Memorial Park with Dwayne McMeans, James Litzler, Brit Fisher, Tim Glenn, James VanWinkle, and Chris Clement serving as pallbearers. The Busy Men's Bible Class, Children's Sunday School Workers, and Encouragers Anonymous were Honorary pallbearers. Visitation was held prior to the service from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the church.

On February 17, 2025, Mom finally got her wish and is now present with the Lord and walking the streets of Heaven.

Helen Ruth Shelton was born in Reilly Springs, TX on August 24, 1938, the daughter of George Porter Shelton and Edith Jo Wells Shelton. She married Wendell Don Sapaugh on March 8, 1963. She was a lifelong resident of Hopkins County and Sulphur Springs, TX and invested her life in serving others.

It's hard to sum up our mother in a brief obituary, but if allowed one word to accurately describe her, it would be "grit".

Born in 1938, she was the oldest of 6 siblings (3 girls and 3 boys). Her father and mother worked very hard to provide for their family and mom earned her keep working at Duke & Ayres at an early age to lend her support. Though college was not on her resume, she was by far the most intelligent person in our family. "Grit".

First, she loved God and demanded a high standard of everyone. She found great joy in praying for others, maybe even you. Second, she loved her family, all of them, and no matter what. Thirdly, she loved First Baptist Church where she gave her heart to Jesus as a young girl attending Vacation Bible School and where she spent over 50 years serving in the children's ministry. She also cherished her involvement in Encouragers Anonymous, Woman's Missionary Union, and Girls in Action over her years at FBC. Her greatest act of love (and most times display of penance) was a rum cake with extra rum or a chocolate pie with a tall meringue.

She was the workhorse behind many of Dad's speculative investments, from managing the Spring Meadow Apartments to the Royal Inn and Greyhound Bus Station to their rental properties. She also stepped up to assist with the care of Aunt Jackie when duty called. Whatever was thrown at her, she would straighten it out and real soon. She worked tirelessly at cooking for friends and events and gardening. She loved her husband, children, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter with that same kind of "grit". Demanding, and at times coarse, but fiercely defensive of us to any foe. Later in life she always bragged of her favorite daughter, favorite son, favorite daughter-in-law, and favorite granddaughter. Of course, she only had one of each. Most of all she bragged on Anna and was proud of the man she chose to marry, and as a friend wrote, Mom will now have the best seat of all for the wedding.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Tommy Shelton, sister-in-laws; Penny Shelton and Jackie McGlamery, and her in-laws; Cowboy and Jesse Sapaugh. She is survived by her children, Julie Anne Sapaugh of Waco and Don Sapaugh (wife Jill) of Sulphur Springs; granddaughter, Anna Kate Sapaugh (fiancé Dylan Silcox) of Dallas; siblings, Lynn Shelton, Joe Kenneth Shelton (wife Sheila), Ann Clement (husband Carlisle), and Debbie Shelton Roberts; nieces and nephews, Tommy Kent Shelton, Robin Shelton Fanning, Tonya Shelton, Brent Shelton, Kenneth Shelton, Natalie Clement, Chris Clement, and Loyd Lennon and loved them all.

Thank you to all the caregivers over the last few years including Carriage House, Christus Mother Frances Hospital, and Sunny Springs. And especially to Julie for being her favorite caregiver, advocate, and bus driver and ensuring the highest quality of life possible for mother in her last years.



Roy Oliver Reeves May 24, 1944 - February 21, 2025 (age 80)

A visitation for Roy Oliver Reeves will be from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Funeral Service be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025 also at West Oaks Funeral Home. Interment will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at DFW National Cemetery.

Roy passed away on February 21, 2025. Services are pending.

Full obituary forthcoming

Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Frances Skelton February 12, 1946 — February 17, 2025

Funeral service for Frances Skelton, age 79, of Sulphur Springs, Texas will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs with Bro. Garry Jordan officiating. Interment will follow at Martin Springs Cemetery with Wayne Gooding, Gerald Gooding, Davin Gooding, Tony Tanton, Anthony Tanton, and Butch Adams serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mrs. Skelton passed away at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Frances Skelton was born on February 12, 1946 in Mt. Vernon, Texas to Pete and Annie (Gaines) Jones. She married Jimmy Ray Skelton in Sulphur Springs on August 24, 1966. Frances worked for 23 years at the Sulphur Springs ISD where she started as a cook and eventually became a teacher's aide. Frances was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoyed caring for her grandkids and sightseeing as much as she could.

Frances is survived by her husband, Jimmy Ray Skelton; children, Pamela Ann Mannis (Jeff) and Michael Skelton both of Sulphur Springs; five grandchildren, Jake Mannis (Cassidy), Kara Mannis, Jessica Hofstetter (Randy), Cody Skelton (Chandice), and Allie Skelton; and eight great-grandchildren, Hayden, Saydee, Uriah, Adilyn, Carter, Wesson, Emery, and Greyson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Pete and Annie Jones; brother, Junior Jones; sister, Ruby Hathcoat, and great-grandchild, Owen Newman.

St. Patrick's Day: Remembering The Death Of Saint Patrick Since Early 17th Century

Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick (Irish: 'the Day of the Festival of Patrick'), is a religious and cultural holiday held on the 17th of March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and, by extension, celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, céilíthe, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks. Christians who belong to denominations also attend church services. Historically, the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of mass alcohol consumption.

Saint Patrick's Day is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador (for provincial government employees), and the British Overseas Territory of Montserrat. It is also widely celebrated in the United Kingdom, Canada, United States,

Argentina, Australia, South Africa, and New Zealand, especially amongst Irish diaspora. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival. Modern celebrations have been greatly influenced by those of the Irish diaspora, particularly those that developed in North America. However, there has been criticism of Saint Patrick's Day celebrations for having become too commercialised and for fostering negative stereotypes of the Irish people.

Saint Patrick **Main article: Saint Patrick**

Saint Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and Bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the Declaration, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. According to the Declaration, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he found God. The Declaration says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home,

Patrick went on to become a priest.

According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. The Declaration says that he spent many years evangelising in the northern half of Ireland and converted thousands.

Patrick's efforts were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes", heathen practices, out of Ireland, despite the fact that actual snakes were not known to inhabit the region.

Tradition holds that he died on 17 March and was buried at Downpatrick. Over the following centuries, many legends grew up around Patrick and he became Ireland's foremost saint.

Celebration and traditions

Traditional Saint Patrick's Day badges from the early 20th century, Museum of Country Life in County Mayo.

According to legend, Saint Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Holy Trin-

ity to Irish pagans.

Sydney Opera House lit up green in honour of Saint Patrick in Sydney, Australia

Present day Saint Patrick's Day celebrations have been greatly influenced by those that developed among the Irish diaspora, especially in North America. Until the late 20th century, Saint Patrick's Day was often a bigger celebration among the diaspora than it was in Ireland.

Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, Irish

traditional music sessions, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks. There are also formal gatherings such as banquets and dances, although these were more common in the past. Saint Patrick's Day parades began in North America in the 18th century but did not spread to Ireland until the 20th century. The participants generally include marching bands, the military, fire brigades, cultural organisations, charitable organisations, voluntary associations, youth groups, fraternities, and so on.

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