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Until he started making movies eight years ago, Sam had no background in film. He is in oil and real estate. In 2016 he heard about friends of his in Fort Stockton driving down a small road Tumbleweed Smith with a chicken in the bed of their pickup. That lead to some outrageous events and Sam thought it would make a

good story. He stood at his drawing table in his office and wrote a movie script. He found a young woman in Georgetown who had done a

documentary on a hospital and Sam hired her to direct the movie and create the music. The movie, titled BLANCHE came out a vear later.

"The movie has been streamed more than a million times and won forty-two laurels. It won film festivals in London, Barcelona, Florence, Rome and in Sweden and Poland." Sam's second movie which came out during the panedmic was titled TEN IN TEXAS about ten Texas women smuggling vaccine into a Mexican border town. "That movie has won 24 laurels and is being streamed all over the country. It won film festivals in Sweden and Poland."

Sam's films are on Amazon Prime. "My movies are uplifting and have no sex, no cussing, no violence. They have happy endings. That's a far cry from what you get on tv or in movies made in Hollywood."

Sam has lost money on all his movies but keeps making them in the hopes that some professional movie makers will start making good movies with a G rating.

He was staying at the Settles Hotel in Big Spring when he heard someone playing the piano on the mezzanine. Sam went up there, introduced himself and asked the pianist to play Gershwin's EMBRACEABLE YOU. The pianist started playing the song and then drifted into RHAPSODY IN BLUE. Sam was impressed. The pianist was Sergio Solani who immigrated to the US from Caracas, Venezuela and performs with symphony orchestras all over the world. He was in Big Spring because he had bought three hundred acres of land north of the city sight unseen. It is now producing many barrels of oil a day. Sergio told Sam, "America offered me three things: security, freedom and opportunity."

Sam thought Sergio's story was fascinating and began thinking about so many immigrants he has met who are more pro-America then many people who were born here. "They realize what America is all about." Sam went back to his drawing table and wrote a movie about immigration titled TEXAS RHAPSODY. It is now being filmed at the Settles Hotel. The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra. With Sergio at the piano, will be featured in the movie. Sam has hired professionals to direct and film the story. Segio will compose the music.

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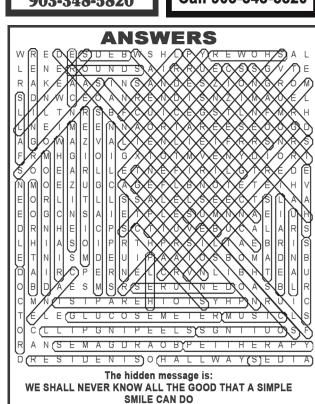
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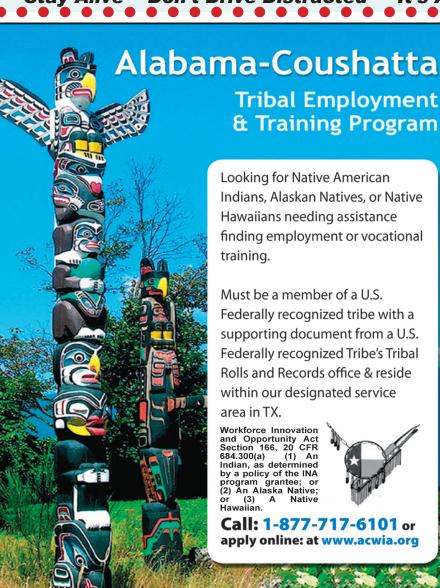
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| Gloria Kathryn (Jenkins) Matthews

Gloria Kathryn (Jenkins) Matthews passed away Saturday, March 22, 2025.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2025, at Cooper Methodist Church. Pastor Brenda Williams will officiate. Visitation is scheduled for 1-2 p.m. also at Cooper Methodist Church.

Gloria was born in Cooper, TX on February 19, 1936, to Owen Yowell "Buddy" and Evelyn Allene (Allsip) Jenkins. They preceded her in death as well as her husband Jerry Matthews, and daughter Melinda Coffman.

Gloria graduated from East Texas State Teachers College in May 1957. She won numerous awards in college such as Most Popular Coed, Locust Beauty, and Homecoming Duchess in 1956. She married Jerry Holmes Matthews in Cooper, TX on January 22, 1957, and had three children: Michael, Melinda and Mitzi. She taught school for over 30 years and was a tireless proponent for her students. She also obtained her real estate license and was a successful real estate agent in San

Antonio, TX, during her teaching tenure. After she retired from teaching, she became the owner and operator of Cooper Marble and Granite in Cooper, TX, also known as Pioneer Memorials in Sulphur Springs, TX. She was president of the Monument Builders of the Southwest from 2002-2003, and she donated the cornerstones for the Sulphur Springs Middle School in addition to making donations to the Northeast Texas Children's Museum in Commerce, TX. She was an avid bridge player and was active in several clubs including Psychology Club. Gloria was loyal, hardworking, kind, and a pillar of the community. Above all, she adored her husband, Jerry, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. For her, her family was her greatest achievement.

Survivors include her son: Michael Matthews, daughter: Mitzi Cramer, ten grandchildren: McLane Matthews, Abby Matthews, Addison Matthews, Mason Coffman, Chaney Coffman, Madeline Coffman, Kennedy Coffman, Quinn Patterson, Connor Patterson, Sydney Patterson. She also had eight great grandchildren: Bradan Patterson, Maddox Patterson, Annabel Patterson, Eleanor Patterson, Claire Matthews, James Coffman, Alice Coffman and JB Coffman.

Online condolences may be made at www.deltafuneralhome.com. Services entrusted to Delta Funeral Home



Rodney Lane Crist

Rodney Lane Crist, age 59 of Yantis, Texas, passed away in Tyler, Texas, on March 21, 2025.

Rodney was born on August 10, 1965, in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to William and Mrya Shirley Crist.

He joined the United States Army upon completion of High School. He became a Police Office in Sulphur Springs, Texas, after serving in the Army. He had been Fire Chief of Yantis Fire Department. Rodney was a Master Mason and had been the pastor at County Line Baptist Church in Yantis. Rodney counted his grandchildren being in church with him, his greatest joy. He always enjoyed cooking stew for the Hopkins County Stew Cook-off every year.

Those left to cherish his memory is his wife of 17 years, Debbie; daughter, Cassie (David) Giesecke; sons, Daniel (Erica) Wyatt, Shawn (Kim) Wyatt; grandchildren, Raylin Wyatt, Caely Wyatt, Addilyn Wyatt, Holton Giesecke, Ricky Crocker,

and Cory Crocker; a great granddaughter, Violet Crocker; his brothers, Wesley (Debra) Crist, Nathan (Tina) Crist, and Rudy (Tammy) Crist; his mother in law, Shirley Carden; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Rodney was preceded in death by his parents, William and Myra Crist, and a nephew, Gus Henry Crist.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Brewers Missions at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Pickton, Texas.

Services entrusted to Sam B. Harvey Funeral home and online condolences maybe made at www.samharveyfuneralhome.com



Tim Heddens

Tim Heddens, age 68, of Sulphur Springs, Texas passed away at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, Texas on Saturday, March 15, 2025.

Timothy Scott Heddens was born on December 15, 1956 in Laport, Indiana to Dale Edgar and Fay Marie (Hicks) Heddens. He married Mary Kizer in Sulphur Springs, Texas on August 16, 1978. Tim was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was deployed during wartime. He worked in general construction for Wayne Cooper for over 35 years. Tim is survived by his wife, Mary Heddens; sons, Jason Scott Heddens and David Mario Cervantez; daughter, Jessica Marie Heddens Reynolds; daughter-in-law, Christon Denise Dabney Heddens; brothers, Mike Heddens and Dawayne Heddens; sister, Irma Heddens Rice; grandchildren, Christopher Foley, Jr., Zachary Dale Reynolds, Adan

Drake Reynolds, Kayla Marie Farmer, and Michael Williams; great-grandchildren, Kinsley Blake Farmer, Layla Brook Farmer, Lynee Mae Farmer, and Marlee LaMay Cervantez.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Faye Heddens, and sister, Debbie Heddens.



Carrell Crouch August 9, 1937 — March 23, 2025

Memorial service for Carrell Crouch, age 87, of Sulphur Springs, Texas will be held at a later date. Mr. Crouch passed away at his home on Sunday, March 23, 2025.

Carrell Clinton Crouch was born on August 9, 1937 in Roxton, Texas to Jimmy and Rosie Lee (Carrell) Crouch. He married Nada Holmes in Commerce, Texas on July 27, 1956. Carrell attended school in Cooper, Texas and graduated in 1955. Carrell served in the U.S. Army during the Berlin Crisis and obtained the rank of Seargent. He also served 17 years in the National Guard. Carrell retired after 17 years with Rockwell Valves, 3 years at Winzen, worked in the Dairy business for over 23 years, drove a truck for 7 years, worked at Longview Machine, worked at Farm Country for 3 years as well as baled hay and was a carpenter. Carrell was a deacon at the Peerless Baptist Church and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Carrell is survived by his wife, Nada Crouch of Sulphur Springs; daughter, Cindy Parkinson (Chris) of Rockwall; son, Andy Crouch (Linda) of Sulphur Springs; son, Richard Crouch (Sandy) of Sulphur Springs; daughter, Rhonda Orren (Joe) of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Holly Steward, Mindy Torres (Timo), Brandi Crouch, Leslie Crouch, Jace Orren (Chanda), Cody Crouch (Hannah Tredway), Chelsey Torres (Daniel), and Emily Orren; great-grandchildren, Landon Burkett, Maverick Torres, Rhyin Torres, Tessa Torres, Whitley Torres Cephis Torres, Jackson Orren, Ashton Steward, August Steward, Charlie Landers, and Paisley Landers; one brother; and one sister.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jimmy and Rosie Crouch and three brothers.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741 or online at www.cancer.org/donate.



A memorial service for Roy Singleton, age 61, of Sulphur Springs, Texas was held on Monday, March 24, 2025 at the Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. Singleton passed away at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Roy Allen Singleton was born on May 15, 1963 in Camp Pendleton, California to George and Emma Lee (Heath) Singleton. He married Cathy Newsome in Sulphur Springs, Texas on April 10, 1982. Roy owned and operated an Office Supply Repair store. He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, traveling to tropical areas, and enjoying his pets. He was an avid NASCAR fan and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Roy was of the Baptist faith.

Roy is survived by his wife, Cathy Singleton of Sulphur Springs, Texas; father, George Singleton; sons, Lance Singleton (Emma Krauss) of Austin, Texas and Heath Singleton (Cass) of Waynesville, Missouri; grandchildren, Makenna, Amelia, and Noah Singleton; brother, Art Singleton of Austin, Texas; sister, Jackie Carter (Curtis) of Wentworth, Missouri; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Emma Lee Singleton.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the Tunnel to Towers, P.O. Box 70719, Philadelphia, PA 19176. Arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Kendrick "Daddy" Polk, born August 22, 1965, in Sulphur Springs. He is the son of Elizabeth Polk and Michael Don Lewis. He is the grandson of Audrey and Gladys Johnson and George and Bethona Lewis, the latter of whom have passed away. Kendrick graduated from Sulphur Springs High School as part of the Class of 1983.

Kendrick was a remarkable individual whose joyful spirit, honesty, and selflessness shone through in every aspect of his life. His deep love for family and friends was evident in the way he devoted time to them, whether it was fishing, tinkering with his truck, binge-watching "Swamp Thing," or enjoying family outings. Truly one of a kind, Kendrick's genuine nature and passion for life will be remembered and cherished by all who knew him.

Kendrick's legacy of love and cherished memories will live on through his devoted wife, Jacqueline Jackson Polk, their three children Daeleon Moore, Jada Foster, and Ibn Muhammad (Nadia) as well as his grandchildren, Jayliee, Delaney, Jameson Foster, and Nylah Muhammad, who will forever hold him in their hearts.

The family includes siblings Lester Henley (married to Janice), Mary Johnson (Earl), Johnna Clayton, Octus Polk, Michael Syjuan Lewis, Marrian B. Lewis, Mirion D. Lewis, Michelle Lewis, and Marlon D. Lewis, along with a number of nieces and nephews: Derrick Henley (married to Shae), Chester Henley (married to Rachel), and others including Arin Henley, Demarcus Johnson, Kaneisha Johnson, Jacqueline Clayton, Brian Clayton, and Roderick Clayton. One living Aunt, Bettye Walker of New Boston, Texas.

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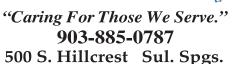


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