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Tumbleweed Smith



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Tony's art has been compared to some of Andy Warhol's work. "It's pretty much the imagination of a kid who grew up in America in the 1950s. All those wonderful, beautiful images pop up in my paintings. These include The Lone Ranger, Roy Rogers. Those were the days. It was a time of innocence when people knew their neighbors, ran into friends at the grocery store, went to church and did good things in their communities. Movies were wholesome and had happy endings. No explosions or rapid- fire rifles. Unfortunately, it might be a time that won't get repeated. The fifties were good years."

Tony has made his living in art for most of his adult life except or the four years he spent in the Air Force. "The year was 1966 and I was at Ellington Air Force Base and I painted my Volkswagen absolutely phychedelic. The neat part about my VW was I had stained glass rear windows on it."

He went to California after the Air Force. "My girlfriend has a VW van. That one I painted Popeye's girlfriend Olive Oyl on the front, the Marx Brothers at the circus on the side and the Virginia Slim lady on the back. I've painted a lot of things: swimming pools, buildings, just everything. Of course, my paintings of the frivolous fifties are all over the country. I sell some in my studio and every once in a while I show at a gallery."

He spent some time in Sun Valley, Idaho. I had a successful show there and a guy traded me a 1940 Chrysler New Yorker for two paintings and bought fourteen more, so I took home a big wad of cash and this old car. I really had a time. Everywhere I went across America I'd go in a hamburger stand and park there and the waitress and other people would come out and tell me about their uncle or grandfather driving a car like this. It was just a terrific time."

Tony lived in Houston for awhile painting murals in expensive homes and upscale restaurants. "I got tired of Houston, a city way too big and started visiting my friends on South Padre Island. They seemed so happy and relaxed and were having fun. A couple of years ago I decided I had it. No more big city. This wonderful building opened up for me and I got moved in and am very happy in Harlingen. It suits me fine."

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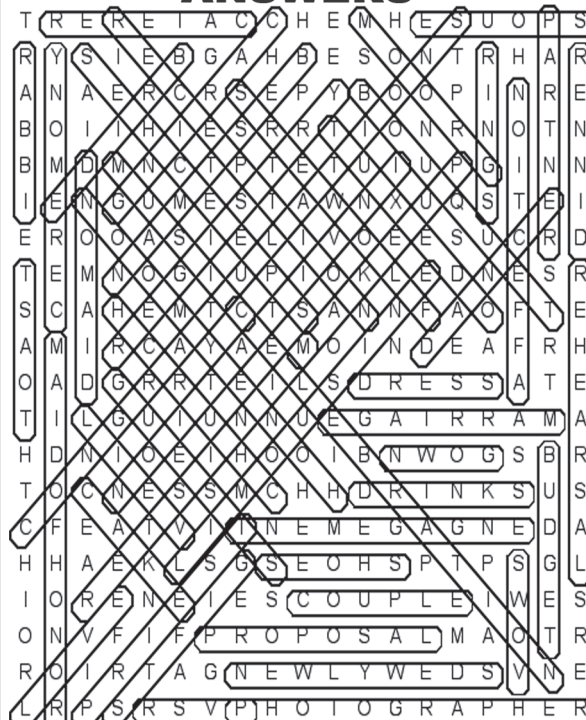
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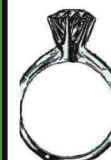


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Pat Deaton

Patrician Ann Bauman Deaton (Pat), age 86, died peacefully on March 22, 2025 at Carriage House Manor in Sulphur Springs, Texas, with her children and her husband by her side. Her memorial service will be held on April 28, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home with visitation preceding the service beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Pat was born on September 2, 1938 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to William and Faye Simmons Bauman. Her childhood and high school years were spent in the El Paso, Texas area. She attended El Paso High School until her parents moved to Denver, Colorado where she spent her senior year and graduated from high school in 1956. To all that know her, it should be no surprise that she was crowned homecoming queen after attending there for only a few months. After graduating, she returned with her parents to Sulphur Springs and attended East Texas State University. She met and began dating Don Deaton and they married on November 26, 1957. After Don's draft into the U.S. Army, they moved to Lawton, Oklahoma and Pat gave birth to their daughter, Gina. They

returned to Sulphur Springs and Pat gave birth to their son, Ricky. Pat was a stay-at-home mom until she returned to work as an aide for intellectually and physically disabled children which gave her much joy and satisfaction. She later worked for several years as a teacher's aide in the North Hopkins School District. She also spent many years and enjoyed working in the Hopkins County Appraisal Office. She also loved being a grandmother to her three grandchildren and she relished being able to meet and spend time with her three great-grandchildren. Pat had an extremely open and loving heart and always brought fun with her quick and irreverent sense of humor.

Pat is survived by her husband of 67 years, Don Deaton of Sulphur Springs; her sister, Dr. Margaret Bauman of San Luis Obispo, California; her daughter, Gina Deaton Law and her husband, James Law of Sulphur Springs; her son, Dr. Rick Deaton and his husband, Gary Niro of Los Angeles, California; grandson, Ryan Senior and his wife, Jordan Senior of Houston, Texas; granddaughter, Megan Senior and her husband, Ryan Bocskay of Los Angeles, California; and grandson, Michael Law of Tacoma, Washington; her great-grandchildren Smith and Hayes Senior and Charlotte Bocskay. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Finally, she is survived by her Carriage House roommate, Sue Miller, with whom she spent over two years and shared much joy, friendship and laughter.



Sandy Smith

Sandra Dell Smith passed away on Sunday, March 30, 2025. "Sandy" was born on August 3, 1943 to Robert Thomas Mayo and Wilemenia Patricia Hawkins Mayo in San Angelo, Texas. She married the "Love of Her Life," Lowell "Smitty" Duane Smith on May 28, 1959. They were married 36 years before he preceded her in death.

She is survived by 4 of her 5 children, Cindy Bain and husband Mike of Sulphur Springs, Duane Smith of Sulphur Springs, Robert Smith and wife Laura of Sulphur Springs, and Jay Duane Smith. She is also the proud Granny of 13 grandchildren, Kristi Hayes, Bo Dustin, Aaron Dyer, Amanda Gilmore, Chantry Rawl, Kyle Smith, Kaitlyn Sachs, Diana Philbert, Ryann Lackey, Patricia Smith, Taylor Rawsom, Tucker Smith and a total of 31 great-grandchildren. Sandy is also survived by her sister, Patsy Suriff and husband Jerry of San Angelo, Texas, and bonus family members, the Nickersons.

She absolutely LOVED her kids, grands, and great-grands, and she continued to follow school and sports activities until she was no longer able. Sandy was in the nursing field, and had worked in several nursing homes and hospitals both in Wild Rose, Wisconsin and Sulphur Springs, Texas, but by far her favorite job she ever held was the 27 years she worked for Dr. Joe Longino in his private practice. She chose to retire when Dr. Joe retired.

Of Christian faith, she was a long-time member of Black Oak Baptist Church, raising her children in that church and later years, the Greenpond Baptist Church. She was very involved in the youth activities and social activities of the church.

Sandy was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lowell "Smitty" Smith; daughter, Dianna Lynn Smith; brother, Robert Mayo; sister, Beth Kavolak; grandson, Brody Dyer, and great-grandson, Eddie Nickerson.

Visitation will be held at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, Texas from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 with a private family graveside service held at Black Oak Baptist Church with Bro. Terry Bolton officiating.

Pallbearers will be Bo Dyer, Aaron Dyer, Kyle Smith, Kenny Hayes with longtime "chosen friends/family" members, Butch & Robert Bowen.



Annie Mearl Wilkerson

Annie Mearl Wilkerson was born on September 26, 1942, to parents – Sammie Harris, Sr. and Pearl Lee Kelly Harris in Sulphur Springs, Texas. She departed this life at the age of 82 on March 23, 2025.

She joined Morning Chapel Baptist Church at an early age. She participated in Youth and Adult Choirs, BTU, Vacation Bible School, Season Saints, and various other activities in the church, and continued as a faithful member until her death.

Annie graduated from Douglas High School in 1960. She was the Child Care Director for Velma R. Minter Kindergarten & Play School from 1968 – 1975. Later in her career she was a public service worker as a Certified Dietitian and Certified Nurses Aid from 1975-2018.

She married Jerry Wilkerson in Sulphur Springs, Texas, in 1984. Mr. Wilkerson preceded her in death November 27, 2019.

Annie leaves to cherish her memory, her two siblings: a sister, Jane Harris Clayton and a brother, Sammie Harris, Jr., her loving stepdaughter, Lela M. Hill, special friend Peggy Dial, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Annie was preceded in death by her parents, Sammie, and Pearl Lee Harris: Sisters, Thelma L. Williams, Dorothy N. Peace, Wanda R. Whitmore, Alice F. Williams and Emma J. Delcambre; Two nieces, Vikiesha Williams and Melissa Johnson and one nephew, Sandy Williams.

Commissioners recognize groups that assist, advocate for abused children

Staff Report by Sulphur Springs News Telegram

Hopkins County Commissioners designated April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

At the regular March 25 court meeting, Precinct 4 Commissioner Joe Price, serving as judge pro tem while County Judge Robert Newsom was away at a conference, read into the court record a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

"It is our duty and responsibility to ensure the well-being of the children and families in our community, and when we work together, children can have a safe, happy and healthy future."

Commissioners thanked

from Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center and Lake Country Court Appointed Special Advocates for their dedication to advocate on behalf of abused children in Hopkins, Rains and Franklin counties.

In 2024, NETCAC served 114 children who "were victims, or possible victims, of child abuse or neglect in Hopkins County," the proclamation stated. "The organization has served more than 11,800 child victims since 1998."

Commissioners also recognized one of NETCAC's partner organizations, Lake Country CASA, whose volunteers "advocated for the safety and well-being of 82 abused and neglected children in 2024."

NETCAC Executive

Director Lauren Zastany explained that, while NETCAC is based in Winnsboro, the organization covers Hopkins County, as well as Camp, Delta, Franklin, Rains, Titus and Wood counties.

"I want to express our deep gratitude and thanks to this court for the years of support for all of us in this mission," Zastany said. "NETCAC has served almost 12,000 children in 27 years' time. Prior to child advocacy centers, the model was, if a child made an outcry of abuse, they might be interviewed under varying circumstances by varying agencies of entities - maybe their school principal or their teacher - making the prosecution of those cases very difficult. With child advocacy centers, if a



Hopkins County Commissioners designated April 2025 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month and recognized volunteers and staff members from both Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center in Winnsboro and Lake Country Court Appointed Special Advocates. In 2024, NETCAC served 114 Hopkins County children referred to them as possible victims of child abuse or neglect, and Lake Country CASA advocated on behalf of 82 abused and neglected children. Photo courtesy of Sulphur Springs News Telegram

child makes an outcry of abuse, they come to our center, in a child friendly environment, and they receive a forensic interview from a trained forensic interviewer who's trained to work with child victims. Our law enforcement partners and CPS observe the interview from a separate room so they can co-ordinate their cases together. From there, for every child. We do that free of charge. Our family advocates work with Lake County Welfare Board and all in whatever way they need - housing assistance, financial assistance, transportation. Then, from there, they receive trauma-focused therapy at our center. The cost per child is about \$2,200, and we do that free of charge. We have the support of our partners to ensure that these families have the support they need, and these children go on to have successful and happy futures."



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