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She is married to Big Bend Photographer James Evans and designed a gallery for him on Marathon's Main Street. The community has had a marathon race since 2003. It's known as M2M. Marci got involved with that and when the director quit in 2011, Marci took it over. It has become Marathon's biggest event.

"I took it on as my own business and grew it from a hundred racers to 500 racers. Last year we had seven countries and twenty-six states represented. And I don't do any marketing. It's all word of mouth. I don't know how it happened. My idea was to give racers the best experience they ever had at a race. And I wanted our little town of 400 people to all come together for this one race. My idea was to disperse all the money back into the community. Because at that time we would have fund raisers but it was really bake-sales and small events. Local ranchers helped but I wanted outside money to come in and help us. That was the whole impetus for that."

Racers pay a fee to enter. For the full 26.2 miles race, the entry fee is \$130. The half marathon, 13.1 miles, is \$120. The 10K is \$70, the 5K is \$60. Racers register at marathon2marathon.com.

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This year the race is Saturday October 25, it's really a celebration that starts the Wednesday before. A famous chef prepares meals and there are all sorts of things going on.

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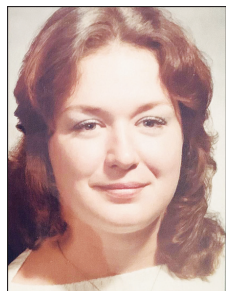
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Jane Brown

January 6, 1954 — September 28, 2025

A memorial service for Jane Brown, age 71, of Sulphur Springs, Texas was held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Trinity Harvest Church of God in Sulphur Springs. Ms. Brown passed away at Rock Creek Health and Rehabilitation in Sulphur Springs on Sunday, September 28, 2025.

Jane Nanette Brown was born in St. Louis, Missouri to Donald and Marge (Radosevich) Greenhaw. She married Earl "Junior" Brown in Hugo, Oklahoma on May 20, 1977. Jane attended high school in Fort Worth, Texas and worked at the Post Office for many years until her retirement.

Jane is survived by her daughter, Jill Major (Aaron); son, Jeff Brown (Naja); daughter, Shelly Pool (James); daughter, Debbie Scarborough (Ronnie); 10 grandchildren all of Hopkins County; brothers, Randy Greenhaw of Kaufman, Texas and Roy Greenhaw (Carrie) of Fort Worth, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Betty Jean (Bartlett) Smith

April 11, 1934 — September 28, 2025

Memorial service for Betty Jean (Bartlett) Smith, age 91, of Sulphur Springs, Texas will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, October 13, 2025 at Mount Olivet Chapel, 2301 N Sylvania Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76111 with Graveside service to follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Ms. Smith passed away at Carriage House Manor in Sulphur Springs on Sunday, September 28, 2025.

Betty Jean Smith was born on April 11, 1934 in Plainview, Texas to Hilton and Annie Lee (Stark) Bartlett. She married Gayle Edward Smith in Groves, Texas on September 9, 1955. Betty Jean graduated from Lubbock High School and attended college at Texas Tech. She was the owner of B.J.'s Classy Glass. Betty Jean was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs.

Betty Jean is survived by sons, Daniel Smith of Sulphur Springs, Texas, Clayton Smith (Kathy) of Southlake, Texas, Steve Smith (Donna) of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Thomas Smith (Greg Parsons) of Arlington, Texas; grandchildren, Danielle Berry (John), Whitney Hitchcock (Travis), Hayden Smith (Courtney), Scott Smith, Cole Smith, Brittany Smith, Luke Smith (Taelor), and Drake Smith; 5 great-grandchildren; sister, Kay Yarbrough (Dwight) of Lubbock, Texas; and sister-in law, Nancy Guthery of Buda, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Gayle Edward Smith; parents, Hilton and Annie Bartlett; sister, Margaret Robinson; and brother-in-law, Carlton Robinson of Plainview, Texas.



Reba Nichols

Reba Nichols, age 99, of Sulphur Springs, Texas passed away on October 5, 2025. She was born on September 15, 1926, in the Morris Grove Community of Winnsboro, Texas, to Roy Young and Ara Reeves Young. It was there that she met the love of her life and husband of 62 years, Jim Matt Nichols. She moved to Port Neches, Texas, during World War II, and after the war, that is where she and Jim made their home. Reba was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Port Neches for many years as a Sunday School teacher, Director of Youth Training Union, Vacation Bible School teacher, and church Director of Hospitality.

Her professional career included working as a seamstress in the business she and Jim owned, as a florist, medical microfilm archivist, and medical office manager. She studied art at Lamar Tech, Louisiana Tech, and in Rome, Italy, which led to many first-place ribbons at art shows. Reba was a very gifted and talented person who raised prize-winning roses and won

many awards for floral arranging, was a milliner well-known for her creative designs, was known to be the "hostess with the mostest," a 200 bowler, an outstanding golfer, and an excellent bridge player. She and Jim traveled extensively, both in the United States and abroad. After retiring in 1993, Reba and Jim moved to Sulphur Springs, Texas, where they became active in the First Baptist Church as members of the Joy Sunday School Class, the Silvertone Choir, and the Diamond Set. Reba was an active member of TOPS and The Red Hat Society. Perhaps one of her greatest joys in life came when, at the age of 92, she began making fabric bags for the children of CASA.

Her devotion to God, family, and friends was at the center of her world. She never lost her zest for life! Survivors include daughter Sandra Hill of Sulphur Springs, son-in-law John Clayton and friend Mary Nye of San Marcos, grandson Chris Clayton and wife Priscilla, great-grandchildren Grace and William Clayton of Houston, Kathy Zeglin of Highlands, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jim Nichols, daughter, Lynda Clayton, and sister, Ila Dunavant.

Services are scheduled at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2025, at West Oaks Funeral Home. Interment will follow the service at Lee Cemetery in Winnsboro, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

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