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### Tumbleweed Smith



**Tumbleweed Smith**

In the early 1970s, seniors at Big Spring High School had end of school annual signing parties in our front yard. It was shady, had decorative boulders and lush green grass that was like carpet. The lawn was the pride of the neighborhood. It is not like that today.

Our house is on a septic system dating back to 1959 when the house was built. We have city water but no sewer service. A couple of years emptying more frequently than in the past. The leach lines stretching out from the tank were buried in a side yard on the same level as the tank.

We realized we needed to do something drastic. We spent months dealing with this or that company and had out of town people come over and confer with us, all at an exorbitant price. Advice is expensive. The company we had been dealing with for nearly two years finally admitted they couldn't do it because they would have to hire too many outsiders to do the electrical work, gas and water, but recommended a company that could. We finally got some help.

All three companies we had dealt with told us the leach lines couldn't go into the side yard but had to go to the front yard. Our house is below street level and our front yard is about 8 feet above the level where the house sits. They would have to pump the septic tank water uphill, which required an electric pump. We reluctantly asked when they could get started and they said as soon as they got all the permits, inspections, site information and other things. It is a complicated project.

Juniper cedar lines our driveway leading to the house. Some of the healthiest, greenest, prettiest juniper would have to be removed to get the necessary pipes up to the front yard. So, they got started.

I guess about the biggest machinery that has been on our property is a service truck of some kind. The company we hired has a fleet of vehicles that rival a military motor pool. One of the vehicles was as big as a tank and had the metal tank bands designed to get through mud and sand. There were also bulldozers, front end loaders and other equipment unfamiliar to me that they used to remove the topsoil and dig trenches four feet deep for the tank's drain field. Huge mounds of dirt were piled in different parts of the yard. They did a good job and were very professional. Workers were around our house two nights until after eleven o'clock. Our front yard now is a bed of dirt and rocks. The gaping hole in the juniper will have to be filled and we'll have to re-sod the front yard. On addition to losing the juniper, we also lost a tree that we had been nurturing for more than twenty years. But we understood that it had to go. A brick sidewalk in the side yard was also torn up so some of the underground pipes could be attached. Do you get the idea it's a mess? The indentations of the metal tracks on the giant vehicle are still in our once beautiful yard. We parked our car in a neighbor's driveway during the construction. The job took 5 days and became quite a topic of conversation around the neighborhood.

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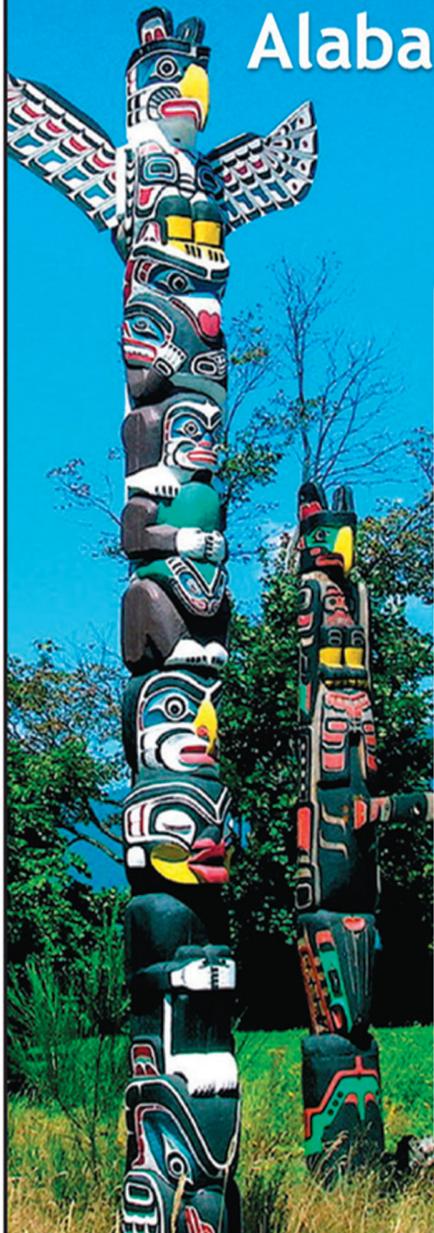
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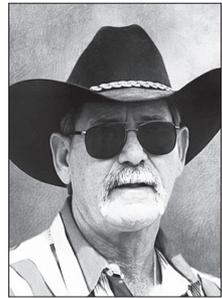


### **Toby Boatman**

A funeral service for Toby Boatman, age 63 of Sulphur Springs, Texas was held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with B.J. Teer officiating and Daryl Roach assisting. Interment followed at Weaver Cemetery with Will Smartt, Jeff Caldwell, Wendel Grimes, Monte Gibson, Jerry Riley, and Walt Gamblin serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Monday, January 12, 2026 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Toby was born on August 3, 1962 in Dallas, Texas to Tolbert Gene and Gwendolyn (Harris) Boatman. He graduated from Sulphur Springs High School where he was a member of the football team. Toby married Sandra Clark on September 23, 1983 in Sulphur Springs, Texas. He worked at the power plants. Toby was the owner and operator of Toby Boatman Garage Doors. His hobbies included hunting and fishing. Toby enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He was of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy; children, Josh Boatman and wife, Tye, Nathan Boatman and wife, Shayna, and Ethan Boatman and wife, Victoria; daughter-in-law, Ashten Boatman; grandchildren, Emma Boatman, Baylor Boatman, Brayden Boatman, Brett Boatman, Aubrey Boatman, Tobin Boatman, and Ruger Boatman; brother, Todd Boatman; stepmother, Julia Boatman; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Toby was preceded in death by son, Jacob Boatman; mother, Gwendolyn Boatman; father, Tolbert Gene Boatman; grandparents, Elmer Tolbert Boatman, Edna Boatman, Leta York, and Henry York.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



### **Larry Glenn Jones** June 16, 1947 - January 7, 2026 (age 78)

Larry Glenn Jones of Sulphur Springs passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. He was born in Commerce, Texas on June 16, 1947 to Emmett Ewing (Dutch) Jones and Lila Mae Thornhill Jones. He married Susan on July 23, 1975 in Greenville, Texas.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Jarrod Glenn Jones; brother, Emmett Wayne Jones and nephew, David Jones. He is survived by his sons; Terry Glenn (Malicia) Jones of Greenville, Jay Michael (Kaci) Jones of Sulphur Springs, Billy Watkins, Jr. (Lori) of Leonard; bonus sons, Dillon Broyles and Daniel Broyles; daughters, Amy Jones Boggs (Randy) of Leonard, Jennifer Jones Moody (Joel) of Caddo Mills; sister, Carolyn Jones Hines of Commerce; grandchildren, Cole Jones (Vanna), Perry Jones (Melinda), Hunter Jones, Baylee Jones, Trey Watkins (Megan), Kaylee Watkins Saucier (Alex), Macy Boggs Wright, Garrett Moody, and Braxton Moody. Larry is also survived by ten great-grandchildren with one on the way; six nieces, four nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Services are pending. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com)



### **Joe Schumacher** August 29, 1977 — January 7, 2026

Graveside service for Joe Schumacher, age 48 of Dallas, Texas will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at Arbala Cemetery with Buddy Wiggins officiating. Logan Schumacher, Nicholas Schumacher, Jackson Schumacher, James Schumacher, Daniel Schumacher, and Carson Voorheese will serve as honorary pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 12:00 to 1:45 P.M. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Schumacher passed away on January 7, 2026.

Joe was born on August 29, 1977, in Dallas, Texas, to David Alvin Schumacher and Kathryn Rebecca (Bezy) Schumacher. Joe was deeply loved and adored by his family and friends. His sense of humor was a defining part of his charm, and he would do almost anything to make someone laugh. He was endlessly entertaining, warm, and fun to be around, leaving a lasting impression on everyone he met.

Known to many as "Mid Century Joe", Joe turned his passion for design into a thriving career. He opened a modest vintage clothing and mid-century furnishings store in the Fair Park area, which later grew into Revolve Modern, a large mid-century art and furnishings store in the Dallas Design District. He loved searching online, at thrift stores, and at auctions for unique mid-century pieces. Joe also worked for Gulfstream Aerospace, where he built, repaired, and detailed custom interiors for private jets and other aircraft. His craftsmanship was flawless, and he was frequently called upon for his ability to create innovative solutions to complex fit-and-finish challenges. In addition to his professional talents, Joe was an exceptionally gifted, self-taught painter and pianist. His artwork, often abstract, reflected his creativity, depth, and unique perspective on the world.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, David Alvin Schumacher and his sister, Kathryn Lynn Schumacher.

He is survived by his mother, Kathryn Rebecca Oliphant; his stepfather, Ron Oliphant; his brothers, Daniel Schumacher of Sidney, Maine, and James Schumacher of Sulphur Springs, Texas; and his nephews and niece, Nicholas and Jackson Schumacher of Sidney, Maine, and Logan and Kaylee Schumacher of Sulphur Springs, Texas. Joe's creativity, humor, and kindness will be greatly missed forever.

# Peptides with Perspective, A Wellness Expert's Honest Take

Clients often sit across from me with two kinds of hopes. One wants her shoulder to stop nagging so she can sleep on her side again. Another wants her skin to look brighter in natural light. Peptides enter the conversation at both tables because they are small yet mighty messengers. They are short chains of amino acids that whisper instructions to cells. Repair here. Build there. Calm this. They are not magic, but they can be meaningful.

If you scroll wellness spaces you will see playful names. The Wolverine for recovery. The Glow for skin and sleep. Under the names is a simple idea. Use targeted signals to encourage the body to do what it already knows. Some peptides are aimed at soft tissue resilience and post training ease. Others focus on collagen support, nightly recovery, and a more even complexion. When people feel better on a peptide plan, they usually describe steadier mornings, less background ache, and small visible shifts that add up over weeks.

Here is the part that matters most. Peptides are helpers, not heroes. They work best inside a life that already supports healing. Think regular sleep, daily protein, resistance work, mobility, sun protection, and a skincare routine you actually use. When those foundations are strong, a peptide can feel like a fine tune. When those foundations are wobbly, a peptide often feels like a whisper in a loud room.

I encourage a simple process. Start with a clear goal you can measure in real life. Stairs without pain. Fewer wake ups at night. Skin that looks smoother in a bare face photo. Take a clean baseline and give your plan a fair window, often eight to twelve weeks. Keep notes like an athlete. How do you feel on day two after a hard session. Do you wake more refreshed. Does makeup sit differently on your skin. Small changes are easy to miss unless you look for them.

Quality and guidance matter. Work with a clinician who knows the landscape, sources from reputable pharmacies, and can explain why a given peptide fits your goal. You deserve to see labels, storage instructions, and a plan for when to adjust or stop. If you are pregnant or nursing, have active cancer, significant heart, liver, or kidney issues, or are a tested athlete, have a careful conversation before you start. Your context is the compass.

Cost and patience also belong in this discussion. Peptide cycles are an investment and progress is measured in weeks, not days. That reality helps you choose the path that serves you best. Sometimes the smartest next step is not a vial but a program of strength, sleep alignment, and a clinic treatment like microneedling with platelet rich plasma paired with a copper peptide serum. There are many doors into better.

My editorial take is steady and hopeful. Peptides are promising tools when used with intention and respect for fundamentals. Stay curious. Set clear goals. Choose quality. Give your body time. In that rhythm, these tiny messengers can help you feel more at home in your skin and more capable in your day. That is the heart of wellness.



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