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Van Bell

Funeral service for Van Newton Bell, age 88, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 17, 2017 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Pete Adrian officiating. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park with former Sheriff Butch Adams, Sheriff Lewis Tatum, Hopkins County Sheriff's Posse members Sam Tatum, Earl Martin, Roger 'Tex' Maynard, and Billy Wayne Orr serving as pallbearers. Other members of the Hopkins County Sheriff's Posse are honorary pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, June 16, 2017 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Bell passed away on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at Rock Creek Health and Rehab. He was born on September 29, 1928 in Rison, AR, the son of Otis

B. and Mae Reed Bell. He married Anna L. (Murdock) Bell on June 26, 1948 in Pine Bluff, AR. She preceded him in death on February 15, 1997. He later married Wanda Tully (Grayson) Bell on December 5, 1998 in Sulphur Springs, TX. She preceded him in death on December 26, 2003. He was also preceded in death by special friend Hettie Armistead of Mesquite on December 16, 2013. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Hopkins County Sheriff's Posse, and Hopkins County Rodeo Committee. He owned and operated Bell's Auto Glass and Trim for fifteen years then worked for Hopkins County Pct. 1 for ten years before retiring to follow his passion of horse trading. He is survived by daughters, Rita Edwards and Jan Chapman both of Sulphur Springs; grandsons, Cody Edwards, of Austin, and Technical Sargent Cale McClure USAF, of Wichita Falls; granddaughters, Casi Jones of Emory, Audrey Woodfin of McKinney, Victoria Boatman of Russellville, AR, and great-granddaughters, Paylen Jones, Aslynn McClure, and Davey Woodfin. In addition to his wives, he was also preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Hazel Bell Ollar, and brothers, Aubrey Faye Bell and Otis B. Bell Jr. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.

If desired memorials may be made to the Hopkins County Sheriff's Posse (298 Rosemont Street, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482) or to First United Methodist Church (301 Church Street, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482).



Cletius J. Brown

Funeral services for Cletius J. Brown, age 69, of Cumby will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Miller Grove United Methodist Church with Rev. Howard Strickland officiating. Military graveside honors by the Hopkins County Military Coalition will follow at Miller Grove Cemetery with Gerald Burnett, Tony Colley, Eddie Price, John Whitehead, Dave Holsey, David Hatcher and Joe Mosher serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearer will be Billy Wayne Wilks. Cletius passed away on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at his residence. He was born on March 27, 1948 in Sulphur Springs, the son of Earl Sterling Brown and Louise Watson Brown. He married Brenda Hatcher on May 5, 1977 in Hugo, OK. She survives. Cletius served in the United

States Army during the Vietnam war and was later a professional truck driver. In addition to his wife he is survived by his daughters, Nicole Brown Stewart of Brashear, Allison Brown Mosher and husband Joe of Spring, TX, Anne Bowen and husband William of Stillwater, OK, sisters, Glenda Burnett and husband Gerald, Cathy Colley and husband Tony and Neena Price and husband Eddie all of Sulphur Springs, grandchildren, Van Matthew Mosher, Olivia Nicole Mosher, Miranda Eaton and Gracelynn Bowen. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Earl Brown, Jr., and sister Sheena Parnell. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



Rickey Ray Vaughan

Graveside services for Rickey Ray Vaughan, age 62, of Cumby were conducted at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2017 with Rev. David Burns officiating. Visitation was held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., prior to services at West Oaks Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Rickey James Vaughan, Rusty Vaughan, Ryan Vaughan, Josh Weatherbee, Jason Bailey, Chase Vaughan, Brian Colbert and Charles Humphries. Honorary pallbearers were Monte Howard, Johnny Carter, Gene Foster, Howard Thompson, Ronny Strickland, Barry Stickland, Ronnie Bailey and Bob Vinson. Rickey passed away Saturday, June 10, 2017 at CHRISTUS Mother Frances hospital in Tyler. Rickey was born on January 6, 1955 in Commerce, TX, the son of Odis Henderson Vaughan and Velma Pauline Moore Vaughan. He married Carla Maxine Hall on November 21, 1986 in Hugo, OK. She Survives. Rickey worked on road construction for many years and was also a rancher. In addition to his wife he is

survived by sons, Rickey James Vaughan and wife Tammy of Klondike, Rusty Vaughan and wife Megan of Cumby and Ryan Vaughan and wife Brittany of Cumby, grandchildren, Chase, Erin, Chett, Chayton, and Chanler. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Larry Vaughan and grandson, Carson Vaughan. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



Esma E. Therwhanger

Funeral services for Esma E. Therwhanger, age 96, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. C. J. Duffy and Rev. Fred Lewis officiating. Interment followed at Rockdale Cemetery with nephews and friends serving as pallbearers. There was no formal visitation. Mrs. Therwhanger passed away Sunday, June 11, 2017 at Carriage House Manor. Mrs. Therwhanger was born on February 24, 1921 in Knox City, TX, the daughter of Calvin Brothers and Willie Mae Qualls Brothers. She married Truman Therwhanger on October 22, 1947 in Lovington, NM. He survives. Mrs. Therwhanger worked as a riveter in an aircraft factory during WWII. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church. In addition to her husband she is survived by sons, Dwight Therwhanger

and Phillip Therwhanger and wife Sherry of Sulphur Springs, grandson, David Therwhanger and wife Janlyn of Quitman, granddaughter-in-law, Beatrice Therwhanger of San Antonio, great-grandchildren, Abbi, Alexis, Drew and Brandon Therwhanger. She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 brothers, 2 sisters, and grandson, Marty Therwhanger. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www. westoaksfuneralhome.com



Kevin Dean Morgan

Kevin Dean Morgan, age 51, of Emory, passed away, unexpectedly, Monday afternoon, June 12, 2017 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs. He was born Feb. 25, 1966, in Duncan, OK, to Walter Claude and Kay Frances Sullivan Morgan. He graduated from Rains High School. Kevin married Betty Ann Hicks in Emory, on May 11, 1984. He was employed with Saputo Dairy Foods in Sulphur Springs. Also, Kevin was a member of First Assembly of Yahvah. Survivors include: Wife: Betty Morgan of Emory; Daughter: Faith Amanda Patton (Shane) of Bonham; Son: Forrest Duane Morgan of Emory; Grandchildren: Kayden Lane Morgan; and, Grayson Cayne Patton; Brothers: Walter Alan Morgan of Emory; Donald Dewayne Morgan (Jamie) of Emory; David Nunley (Annie) of Georgia Sister: Michele Dewyea (Mike) of

Rocklin, CA; Father: Walter Morgan (Deborah) of Rescue, CA; Step-great-grandmother: Dorothy Kuehnert of Vacaville, CA; Parents-in-law: Howard and Ann Hicks of Morrison, OK; Numerous brothers and sisters-in-law; and, special nieces and nephews; Faithful little companion: Sadie; Preceded in death by: Mother, Grandparents, William and Jewel Morgan, and, Ruth (Moose) and Cleo Holland; and, Daughter, Diane Michelle Morgan in 2008. Memorial service will be held 10:00 am, Friday, June 16, 2017, at First Assembly of Yahvah. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home.

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I found all nine contestants for the title of Ms Hopkins County Senior 2017/2018 delightful and charming to be with when we met for "tea" last week. It's easy to agree that the role of the senior woman is an evolving one...age doesn't keep us from being businesswomen, teachers, leaders, caregivers, wives, mothers, grandmothers and more! We have weathered a good measure of political and social change, physical challenges and the gains and losses of living. This pageant celebrates women age 60 and older, giving them an opportunity to step forward smiling for honor and recognition.

The old-fashioned tea I mentioned has become a pageant tradition. Tables dressed with colorful centerpieces and fancy place settings are fun to sit down at. Varieties of tea were poured, and there was a spread of festive luncheon items prepared by Leanetta Pryor of Hopkins House. I was glad to see that some of the ladies wore hats and a few even sported white gloves, making it almost like playing dress-up with friends! It was also a time for the girls to get to know one another better before their big night to come.





Current Ms. Hopkins County Senior Lavonne Elam and several former winners were present at the pageant which began at 6pm. The contestants presented talent, modeled evening wear, and took part in a "judges interview" question and answer session. Finally, the judges were finished and the scores tabulated to determine the winner. Of course, Lavonne had to crown the new "queen" who turned out to be Cumby resident Patsy Crist! Patsy's portrayal of Lucy in the I Love Lucy 'Vegameatavegamin' skit was hilarious! And she wrapped up her talent performance with a short song and dance that Lucille Ball would have been proud of. Patsy's energy, great smile and personality will be assets to her new place in local royalty as Ms. Hopkins County Senior.



The others who competed were recognized with certificates...Most Talented Linda Pickle Hill...Miss Congeniality Pam George...Best Interview Valerie Ross...Best Philosophy of Life Elizabeth Wilburn...Best Evening Gown Molly Shepard...and Best Personality Majel Reddick. Serving as co-emcees were Enola Gay Mathews and Chuck Roy.

Gray (right).

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