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Been looking at the photos of my most recent trip and starting to wonder where to next! But truthfully, tying up loose ends from the last excursion is not that rugged a chore. So, let's drag out a few photos and uncover an interesting story. Now, everybody knows the name of Jim Shoulders, and rightfully so! Jim was a legend, the only 16-time World Champion and a huge broncs-and-bulls icon in the rodeo world, also livestock producer and advertising genius. But did you know his brother, Marvin Shoulders or his famous wife, Norma? Well, saddle up and let's ride...to uncover some exciting and "true" Western family history, the best kind!

As the eldest of three boys, Marvin wanted to ride bulls instead of working in his dad's auto body shop in Henryetta, Oklahoma. He started sneaking out to ride at local rodeos on weekends and started earning extra money. His brothers admired this, and were influenced by his teen-aged hobby. Marvin continued to excel in bull riding and

steer wrestling. He married Norma Holmes in 1946, and they traveled the circuit together. He finally retired from bullriding in 1954 when he was in his early 30's, but continued working rodeos as arena announcer and judge. He watched as his brother Jim became the "Babe Ruth" of the rodeo world. Marvin passed away in recent years at the age of 89.



Marvin Shoulders

Let's look at Norma's career. She also grew up in Henryetta, and her dad was also in the automobile industry. After seeing Norma ride at an Ada rodeo, Bob Wills helped her get a trick riding performance slot at the Tulsa Stampede when she was 14. By age 17, the petite redhead was performing her vaults, cartwheels, shoulder stands and drags at some of the biggest shows in the nation. Her style was different



from other male and female riders, and she stood out. During the 20 years she was actively riding on the circuit, she graced the cover of Who's Who in American Championship Rodeo and postcards with her picture were sold nationwide. Before she was 20, however, she partnered with a bigger name than her own when she married Fritz Truann.

Norma Truann Shoulders

Fritz was a Californi-o who rode the tough broncs and won the big rodeos. In 1939, when he was 24 years old, he won the Madison Square Garden saddle bronc title, capped the year with the World Championship saddle bronc title and won the All-Around title in 1940.





Fritz Truann



In 1942, at the height of his career, Truann joined the Marine Corps and showed he was a top hand there too by competing while stationed in Oahu, Hawaii. On February 28, 1945, he was killed by machine gun fire while leading his men on an uphill charge during the Battle of Iwo Jima. He was age 29. His life and sacrifice was not forgotten, thanks in part to a personal friendship with John Wayne. The two had many mutual cowboy friends including Ben Johnson, Yakima Canutt and Harey Carey Jr. Truann's true story inspired the 1949 film "The Sands of Iwo Jima", in which John Wayne starred as a sergeant in a dramatization of the battle that claimed **I**



John Wayne, Sands of Iwo Jima Poster

Truann's life. His young widow, Norma, later became Mrs. Marvin Shoulders and they had two sons. She continued to work behind the scenes in hometown rodeos and carried out a life-long rodeo ministry. She passed away in 2000.



Norma and Marvin Shoulders

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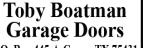
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I went to interview Deanna Foresyth in Big Spring because seven generations of her family have lived in Howard County.

"Come to the side door. Nobody uses the front one."

My wife Susan was with me. When she was curator of an air museum, Deanna worked with her. When we walked into the house, the first thing we noticed was a brightly colored table. It was striking. Deanna said it was a door. "My husband Jimmy

When I let her know I was en route to her house she said,

and I spent a lot of time going to lumber companies to find one with some prominent wood grain patterns. We painted the grains with colors of blue, yellow, orange, lime green and dark green. We spent about a month on it, putting on several coats of polyurethane." The table is a real showcase in her home. One of many.

Deanna worked for twenty years making fancy cakes for weddings and anniversaries, birthday and other celebrations. Before we sat down for the interview, Deanna said she wanted to give us a tour. Near the table were glassed in cabinets with shelves full of cups and saucers that she had collected. Among the cups and saucers were tiny ladies high heel shoes. One of the heels had an Eiffel towers inside it. The shoes were about three inches long and looked like jewelry.

Her living room had a display of little Christmas houses all lighted and arranged in perfect order. Just to the left of the Christmas village was a display case full of chicken and ostrich eggs. Some were cutaways with items inside them. Others were painted on the outside. Some are covered in tiny beads, put on one at a time. "I go to an egg workshop in Dallas that attracts people from all over the world who cut and paint eggs. My grandmother was an egger and I picked it up from her. I have about 200 stored in a closet."

Deanna has a huge collection of Barbie dolls, all in their original boxes. She still buys the holiday doll every year. She's been collecting Barbies since 1960. We walked through a room that had floor to ceiling shelves with rows and rows of notebooks. "Those are photos of some of our travels," says Deanna. "We've been to all 50 states and always get a souvenir from each one." A collection of lapel pins from towns and tourist attractions covers a closet door. She and Jimmy have played golf in a number of states including Hawaii and Alaska.

In the den we saw a wall full of little cars, all in their original packages. "I just started collecting model cars from the movie CARS. I think they're neat."

She is the official genealogist for her family and has photos and documents from seven generations all catalogued in neat notebooks. She has typed stories about her ancestors that she has heard or read. When we went back to the table for the interview, she brought out coffee and pie. "I can't sit still," she said. "I've got to be doing something all the time. I get up at six and walk the mall for a few laps, then come home and start doing arts and crafts. I'm retired now and have more time. I've just started a bead project that will take about a year and a half to complete. It's from Ukraine."

Tumbleweed Smith has traveled nearly 2 million miles on Texas highways finding all kinds of folks with all kinds of stories.

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Charley Frank Pride (born March 18, 1938) is an American country music singer, musician/guitarist, recording artist, performer, and business owner. His greatest musical success came in the early- to mid-1970s when he became the best-selling performer for RCA Records since Elvis Presley. In total, he has garnered 39 No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts.

Pride is one of the few African-Americans to have had considerable success in the country music industry and one of only three African-Americans (along with DeFord Bailey and Darius Rucker) to have been inducted as a member of the Grand Ole Opry.

In 2010, Pride became a special investor and minority owner of the Texas Rangers Major League Baseball club.

Pride was born in Sledge, Mississippi, one of eleven children of poor sharecroppers. His father intended to name him Charl Frank Pride, but owing to a clerical error on his birth certificate, his legal name is Charley Frank Pride. There were eight boys and three girls in the family. He married Rozene Cohan in 1956.

At the age of 14, Pride's mother purchased his first guitar and he taught himself to play. Though he also loved music, one of Pride's lifelong dreams was to become a professional baseball player. In 1952, he pitched for the Memphis Red Sox of the Negro American League. He pitched well, and in 1953, he signed a contract with the Boise Yankees, the Class C farm team of the New York Yankees. During that season, an injury caused him to lose the "mustard" on his fastball, and he was sent to the Yankees' Class D team in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Later that season, while in the Negro leagues with the Louisville Clippers, he and another player (Jesse Mitchell) were traded to the Birmingham Black Barons for a team bus. "Jesse and I may have the distinction of being the only players in history to be traded for a used motor vehicle," Pride mused in his 1994 autobiography.

He pitched for several other minor league teams, his hopes of making it to the big leagues still alive, but the Army derailed this. After serving two years in the military, he tried to return to baseball. Though hindered by an injury to his throwing arm, Pride played three games for the Missoula Timberjacks of the Pioneer League (a farm club of the Cincinnati Reds) in 1960, and had tryouts with the California Angels (1961) and the New York Mets (1962) organizations, but was not picked up by either team.

When he was laid off by the Timberjacks, he moved to work construction in Helena, Montana in 1960. He was recruited to pitch for the local semi-pro baseball team, the East Helena Smelterites, and the team manager helped him get a job at the local Asarco lead smelter.[8] The lead smelter kept 18 jobs open specifically for baseball players, and arranged their shifts so they could play as a team.[6] Pride batted a .444 his first year.

Pride's singing ability soon came to the attention of the team manager, who also paid him to sing for 15 minutes before each game, which increased attendance and earned Pride another \$10 on top of the \$10 he earned for each game. He also played gigs in the local area, both solo and with a band called the Night Hawks, and Aasarco asked him to sing at company picnics. His job at the smelter was dangerous and difficult. He once broke his ankle, and routinely unloaded coal from railroad cars and shoveled it into a 2,400 degree furnace, which he also had to keep clear of slag, a task which frequently gave him burns. In a 2014 interview, Pride explained, "I would work at the smelter, work the swing shift and then play music," said Pride. "I'd work 11-7. Drive. Play Friday. Punch in. Drive. Polson. Philipsburg."

Between his smelter job and his music, he made a good living in the Helena area. He moved his wife and son to join him and they lived in Helena until 1967, purchasing their first home there, and with their children Dion and Angela being born at the local hospital. The Pride family moved to Great Falls, Montana in 1967, because Pride's music career was taking off and he required quicker access to an airport. The family ultimately left Montana and moved to Texas in 1969. In a 1967 interview with the Helena Independent Record, Rozene commented that the family encountered minor racism in Montana, citing an incident where they were refused service in a restaurant and another time when a realtor refused to show them a home, but she felt that the family endured less racism than she saw leveled against local Native American people, whose treatment she compared to that given to black people in the south. Pride has generally spoken with fondness of the near-decade he spent there. "Montana is a very conservative state... I stood out like a neon. But once they let you in, you become a Montanan. When the rumor was that I was leaving. They kept saying, 'we will let you in, you can't leave.'"

On June 5, 2008, Pride and his brother Mack "The Knife" Pride and 28 other living former Negro league players were "drafted" by each of the 30 Major League Baseball teams in a recognition of the on-field achievements and historical relevance of 30 mostly-forgotten Negro-league stars. Pride was picked by the Texas Rangers, with whom he has had a long affiliation, and the Colorado Rockies took his brother.

The success of "Just Between You and Me" was enormous. He was nominated for a Grammy Award for the song the next year.

In 1967, he became the first black performer to appear at the Grand Ole Opry since harmonica player DeFord Bailey, who was a regular cast member of the Opry from 1925 through 1941, and made a final appearance in 1974.

Between 1969 and 1971, Pride had eight single records that simultaneously reached No. 1 on the US Country Hit Parade and also charted on the Billboard Hot 100: "All I Have to Offer You (Is Me)", "(I'm So) Afraid of Losing You Again", "I Can't Believe That You've Stopped Loving Me", "I'd Rather Love You", "Is Anybody Goin' to San Antone", "Wonder Could I Live There Anymore?", "I'm Just Me", and "Kiss an Angel Good Mornin". Ultimately, Elvis Presley was the only artist who sold more records for the RCA label than did Pride.

In 1971, he would release what would become his biggest hit "Kiss an Angel Good Mornin", a million-selling crossover single that helped Pride land the Country Music Association's prestigious Entertainer of the Year award, as well as Top Male Vocalist. He won CMA's Top Male Vocalist award again in 1972.

Pride met his wife Rozene while he was playing baseball in the southern states. They married in 1956 and have two sons, Kraig and Dion, and a daughter, Angela. They currently reside in Dallas, Texas. Kraig now goes by the name Carlton and has somewhat followed in his father's footsteps as a performing artist. His band, Carlton Pride and Zion started in San Marcos, Texas in 1995.

Obics



Lillian Gee Murray

Graveside service for Lillian Gee Murray, age 97, of Sulphur Springs were held 2 p. m. Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at Shooks Chapel Cemetery with Rev. James Diamond officiating. There was no formal visitation. Mrs. Murray passed away Saturday, January 16, 2016 at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital.

She was born September 14, 1918 in Como, TX to Lester Canady Byrd and Lovey Louise Mosley Byrd. She married Pat Murray on Feb. 9, 2003 in Sulphur Springs. He survives. Lillian was an owner of Gee Glass & Mirror for 32 years. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and a member of First Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is also survived by one sister, Bonnie Barton of Dallas, five nieces and three nephews. Mrs. Murray was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Harold L. Byrd, Billy P. Byrd, and Lester Byrd, Jr., sisters,

Sybil Kennedy, Francis Coker, and Earlene Davis.



Eula Pauline Carr Gunter

Eula Pauline Carr Gunter passed away on Sunday, January 17, 2016 in Hot Springs, Arkansas at the age of 92. Pauline as she was better known was born on October 24, 1923 in Blunt County, Alabama to Luther Filo and Dixie Teague Carr. She married Ralph Eugene Gunter on June 22, 1939 and he preceded her in death. She is survived by three of her four children, Lynn Kimbell, Laura Kelly, and Betty Jasper, as well as six grandchildren. Her second born child, Brenda Moredock passed away in 2006.

Mr. Gunter later moved from Blunt County, Alabama to Dangerfield, Texas where she resided for almost 35 years. During this time, she was a business owner and was active in civic affairs. After retiring and selling her business, she moved to Hunt County, Texas and later to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, January 25, 2016 in Omaha, Texas at the Omaha City Cemetery with Rev. Dan Gilliam officiating.

Loris Galloway, Sr.

Loris Galloway, Sr., age 90 of Winnsboro, passed away on Saturday, January 16th, 2016 in Plano, TX. He was born on July 26, 1925, in Winnsboro, TX to the late Jefferson Frank Galloway and Carrie Gilbreath Galloway.

He was preceded in death by parents; brothers, Edward Glen Galloway and Bonnie Frank Galloway; and sister, Norma Jo Turner.

He is survived by, sons, Mike Pittman and wife Kay, Fred Galloway and wife Pam; L.E. Galloway and wife Nancy, Frank Galloway and wife Michael; Tom Galloway and wife Linda and Richard Galloway and wife Mary Keith; daughters, Anne Hollywood and husband Mike and Jackie Yager and husband Fallon; thirteen grandchildren, Shannon, Michael, Melody, Libby, Candice, Loris, Jordyn, Morgan, Olivia, Abbi, Eli, Carrie and Greer; four great grandchildren, Hannah, Evan, Pieter, Ethan and Ruby.

Visitation was held on Sunday, January 17th, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494. Funeral Services were held on Monday, January 18th, 2016 at Pine Street Baptist Church 611 W. Pine St. Winnsboro, TX 75494 at 11:00 am, Rev. Charles Ethridge and Bro. Mike Pittman conducting. Interment followed at Rock Hill Cemetery, with Eli Galloway, L.E. Galloway, Frank Galloway, Tom Galloway, Richard Galloway, Loris Galloway, III. serving as pallbearers.



Claude Lawrence Milligan II

Memorial services for Claude Lawrence Milligan II, age 71, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 18, 2016 at the Myra Wilson Chapel with Rev. Charles Moore and Rev. H. P. Hosey officiating. Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, January 17, 2016 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers were Wanda Lair, Jim and Jo Beth Thompson, Chad Young, Bill Hodge, Danny Campbell, Betty Chapman, and David Dougan. Larry passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at Clements University Hospital, UT Southwestern in Dallas. When Larry died, Sulphur Springs lost a good friend and community builder.

Larry was born on August 30, 1944 in Dallas, TX, the son of Claude Lawrence Milligan and Lois Morris Milligan. He married Mary Frances Mead Milligan on September 19, 1971 in Dallas, TX. Larry had been a member of KSST' Radio Workshop prior to graduating from Sulphur Springs High School in 1962. He graduated from SMU where he received his degree in electrical engineering. He then worked for Texas Instruments as a Field Applications Engineer traveling the East Coast applying integrated circuits and logic designs to solve problems for corporations served by TI. His love of computers followed him through life.

He returned to Sulphur Springs in 1970. He followed the family business and was the owner of Milligan Electric for many years. He couldn't wait to purchase a computer for the business and wrote his own programs for the business. He loved math and design. He designed the beams and the electrical engineering for his own first house and for his parent's house as well. He also designed the circuitry for an oscillating switch used in a stage prop for the Dairy Festival in the late 70's. He loved Sulphur Springs and, according to Mary, one of his happiest memories was serving a Judge for the Sesquicentennial. His courtroom on the square, under the Magnolia Tree, "brought out the ham" in him as many have observed in the Channel 18 replay of Doug Haston's documentary. Knowing that a certain radio personality did not like to be touched, he made deputies wear white gloves to arrest Enola Gay.

He was a member of the Rotary Club where he served as president twice and was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Larry was passionate about Rotary projects, especially providing wheel chairs for disadvantaged individuals overseas and water wells for overseas communities that did not have save water sources. He was also involved in the last years of Rotary's worldwide polio drive.

Jessie Boyd

Jessie Boyd, age 81, of Emory, passed away at his home, Thursday, January 14, 2016. Services are pending with Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home in Emory.

Shelbi Rena Gleason

Funeral services for Shelbi Rena Gleason, age 22 of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Shelbi passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at Trinity Mother Frances in Winnsboro.































































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