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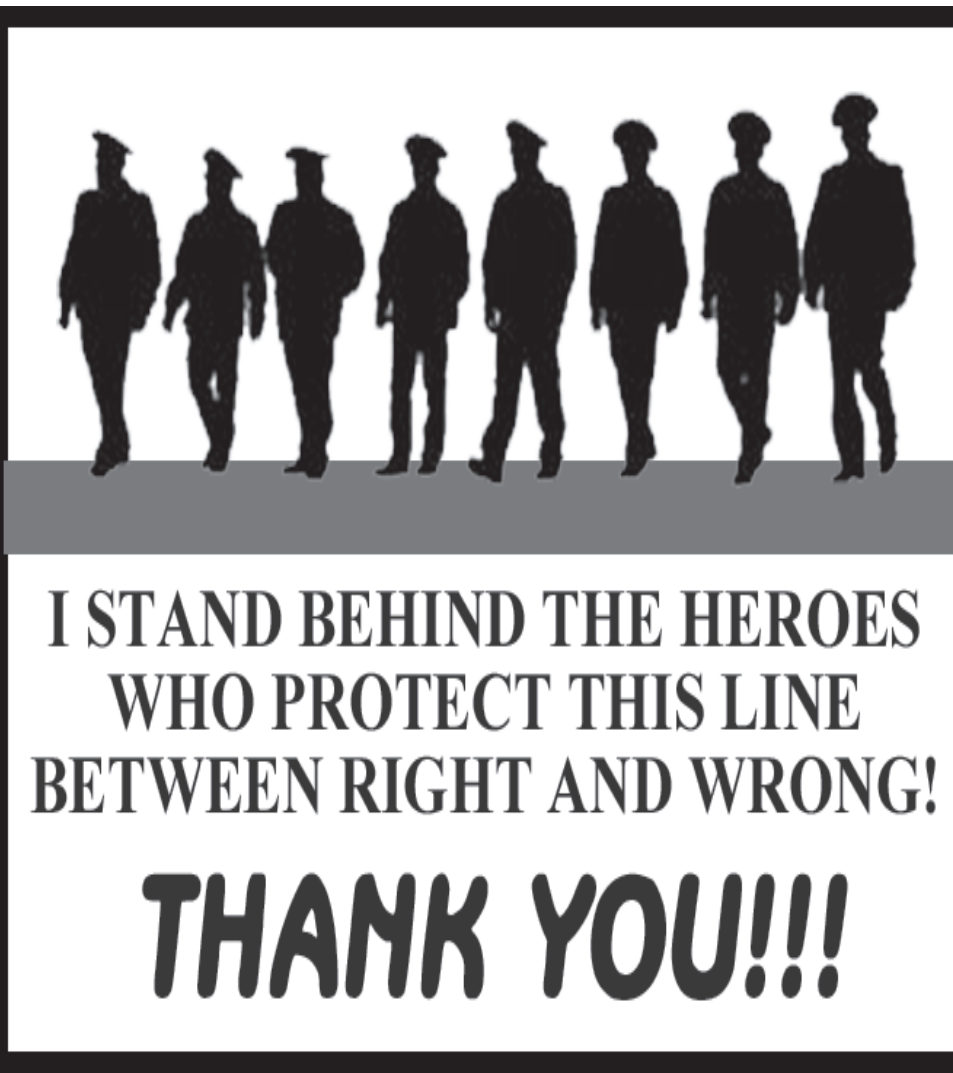


What does C.H.E.S.S. stand for? Christian Home Educators of Sulphur Springs, comprised of a few dozen families who educate their children at home and with the help of the CHES co-operative classes. Besides the basics, CHES students can take "electives" like journalism, computer skills, photography, writing and more in addition to a number of team sports. Theater/Drama is one of the most popular electives offered by CHES. Ariana Deterding, a Senior class homeschool student happens to also be a veteran of community theater. Ariana had the idea that the CHES theater class might put on a play for the public and her inquiry was rewarded with an invitation by the Sulphur Springs Community Players group to use their stage, Main Street Theater. In her first directing role, Ariana began seeking just the right script for the students who range in age from 4-18. Her mom suggested "Forgiven: A Fairy Tale" and it seemed the perfect fit. All 24 students who auditioned were cast in fairy-tale roles including Cinderella, Prince Midas and a couple of witches. The play is set to open on Friday April 6 at 7pm. There will be five performances total, including two Sunday matinees. Tickets are \$10 each. Plan to see this romp which teaches love and the value of forgiveness and of course, ends with "happily ever after".



Director Ariana Deterding, lower right

We had our Easter cold snap, and Spring is surely here.. Let's treasure the pre-humidity days, they are few and precious! Take time to stop and notice the blessings blooming all around us! Til next week, I'll watch for you at the corral gate!



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THE IDLE AMERICAN

A 'Go-To' Guy...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Every community needs a "go-to" guy. At the end of the day, however, there are far more "run-from" folks perfectly willing to let the "go-to'ers" lead the way for the common good.

One such man known for leadership is radio executive Rex Tackett. For a dozen years, he's been a corner post in Central Texans' fence row of life. Rex is counted on to show up, put up and play up projects and causes utilizing his unique talents.

He has an abundance of words, this man with more than 50 years in radio and owner of Wendlee Broadcasting. There are both AM and FM stations in both Brownwood and Coleman.

While many community leaders emcee events, few-if any--are also professional auctioneers. And, when pressed, this amicable, 74-year-old can officiate at weddings. He's conducted just one--for a longtime employee--but may do more if he develops auctioneering vows....

Tackett's first year in the radio industry was a struggle. What seemed to be impossible morphed into a career that resulted in his induction into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame in 2012.

Low slung, he's an incurable optimist, joking that he hoped for additional height, even in his 60s. Alas, he "topped out" a few inches over five feet, but still ran with the big boys in Cross Plains, TX, where the principal had a paddle with his name on it.

After finishing high school in 1961, he was off to Lubbock, holding down several jobs while attending Texas

Tech. Supporting a young family, he fell just short of graduation.

Following college, he learned that radio was his "thing." His leadership qualities were quickly obvious. His selling expertise--evident early on--led to management, with several stations turned from distressed operations to market leaders....

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Johnny Fred Dobson
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Funeral services for Johnny Fred Dobson, age 83, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at First Baptist Church with Dr. David Hardage and Dr. Charles Wade officiating. Interment followed at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery with Patsy Boshears, John Folmar, Wayne Galyean, Tommy Johnston, Lum Lumsden, Johnny Pearce, and David Rawson serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were the former athletes of Coach John. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Johnny passed away on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at his residence.

He was born on November 19, 1934 in Altus, OK, the son of Shelly Ivanhoe Dobson and Rosa OD Stevens Dobson. He married Martha Mae McFatrige Dobson on December 27, 1955 in Durant, OK. He took great care of his wife until she passed away in 2006. Johnny and Martha moved to Sulphur Springs in 1960 where he was a football coach. His twin brother, Jimmy Dobson, moved to Sulphur Springs in 1962 and they were co-head coaches for SSISD. In 1966, he became a principal at Austin School. He served as vice president at City National Bank from 1972 to 1976. In 1976, he became a full-time rancher and cattle buyer. In 2004 he received the first Caregiver of the Year award. Johnny was a very faithful and active member and leader at First Baptist Church.

He is survived by son, John Fred Dobson II of Sulphur Springs, daughters, Shara Dobson Collins and husband Mark of Sulphur Springs, Katie Dobson Martin and husband Donnie of Sulphur Springs, grandchildren, Jimmy Sullivan, Martha Kate Peckham Evans, Amanda Arneson, Don Martin, Chris Collins, and Kendall Dobson, 13 great-grandchildren, sister, Rosemary Dobson Wade and husband Dr. Charles Wade of Arlington, and sisters-in-law, Francis Dobson of Arlington, and Doris Dobson of Sulphur Springs.

In addition to his wife, he was also preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Buddy and Jimmy Dobson.

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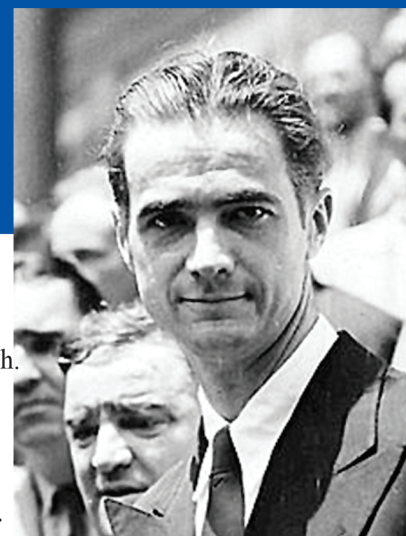
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Howard Hughes

American Businessman, investor, pilot, film director, and philanthropist



Howard Robard Hughes Jr. (December 24, 1905 – April 5, 1976) was an American businessman, investor, pilot, film director, and philanthropist, known during his lifetime as one of the most financially successful individuals in the world. He first made a name for himself as a film producer, and then became an influential figure in the aviation industry. Later in life, he became known for his eccentric behavior and reclusive lifestyle—oddsities that were caused in part by a worsening obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and chronic pain from a plane crash.

As a maverick film tycoon, Hughes gained prominence in Hollywood beginning in the late 1920s, when he produced big-budget and often controversial films like *The Racket* (1928), *Hell's Angels* (1930), and *Scarface* (1932). Later he controlled the RKO film studio.

Hughes formed the Hughes Aircraft Company in 1932, hiring numerous engineers and designers. He spent the rest of the 1930s setting multiple world air speed records and building the Hughes H-1 Racer and H-4 Hercules (the Spruce Goose). He acquired and expanded Trans World Airlines and later acquired Air West, renaming it Hughes Airwest. Hughes was included in *Flying Magazine's* list of the 51 Heroes of Aviation, ranked at No. 25. Today, his legacy is maintained through the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Early years

The birthplace of Howard Hughes is recorded as either Humble or Houston, Texas. The date remains uncertain due to conflicting dates from various sources. He repeatedly claimed that his birthday was on Christmas Eve. A 1941 affidavit birth certificate of Hughes that was signed by his aunt Annette Gano Lummis and Estelle Boughton Sharp states that he was born on December 24, 1905, in Harris County, Texas. However, his certificate of baptism recorded on October 7, 1906, in the parish register of St. John's Episcopal Church in Keokuk, Iowa, listed his birth as September 24, 1905 without any reference to the place of birth.

Hughes was the son of Allene Stone Gano and Howard R. Hughes Sr., a successful inventor and businessman from Missouri. He was of English, and some French Huguenot, ancestry, and was a descendant of John Gano, a minister who allegedly baptized George Washington. His father had patented the two-cone roller bit, which allowed rotary drilling for petroleum in previously inaccessible places. The senior Hughes made the shrewd and lucrative decision to commercialize the invention by leasing the bits instead of selling them, and founded the Hughes Tool Company in 1909. Hughes' uncle was the famed novelist, screenwriter, and film director Rupert Hughes.

At a young age, Hughes demonstrated interest in science and technology. In particular, he had great engineering aptitude and built Houston's first "wireless" radio transmitter at age 11. He went on to be one of the first licensed ham radio operators in Houston, having the assigned callsign W5CY (originally 5CY). [At 12, Hughes was photographed in the local newspaper, identified as being the first boy in Houston to have a "motorized" bicycle, which he had built from parts from his father's steam engine. He was an indifferent student, with a liking for mathematics, flying, and mechanics. He took his first flying lesson at 14, and later attended math and aeronautical engineering courses at Caltech. The red brick house where Hughes lived as a teenager at 3921 Yoakum St., Houston today serves as the headquarters of the Theology Department of the University of St. Thomas.

His mother Allene died in March 1922 from complications of an ectopic pregnancy. Howard Hughes Sr. died of a heart attack in 1924. Their deaths apparently inspired Hughes to include the creation of a medical research laboratory in the will that he signed in 1925 at age 19. Howard Sr.'s will had not been updated since Allene's death, and Hughes inherited 75% of the family fortune. On his 19th birthday, Hughes was declared an emancipated minor, enabling him to take full control of his life.

From a young age, Hughes was an excellent and enthusiastic golfer. He often scored near par figures and played the game to a three handicap during his twenties. He played frequently with top players, including Gene Sarazen. Hughes rarely played competitively and gradually gave up his passion for the sport to pursue other interests.

Hughes withdrew from Rice University shortly after his father's death. On June 1, 1925, he married Ella Botts Rice, daughter of David Rice and Martha Lawson Botts of Houston. They moved to Los Angeles, where he hoped to make a name for himself as a filmmaker.

Business Career

Hughes enjoyed a highly successful business career beyond engineering, aviation, and filmmaking, though many of his career endeavors involved varying entrepreneurial roles. The Summa Corporation was the name adopted for the business interests of Howard Hughes after he sold the tool division of Hughes Tool Company in 1972. The company serves as the principal holding company for Hughes' business ventures and investments. It is primarily involved in aerospace and defense, electronics, mass media, manufacturing, and hospitality industries, but has maintained a strong presence in a wide variety of industries including real estate, petroleum drilling and oilfield services, consulting, entertainment, and engineering. Much of his fortune was later used for philanthropic causes, notably towards health care and medical research. During the 1940s to the late 1950s, the Hughes Tool Company ventured into the film industry when it obtained partial ownership of the RKO companies which included RKO Pictures, RKO Studios, a chain of movie theaters known as RKO Theatres and a network of radio stations known as the RKO Radio Network.

Round-the-World Flight

On July 14, 1938, Hughes set another record by completing a flight around the world in just 91 hours (3 days, 19 hours, 17 minutes), beating the previous record set in 1933 by Wiley Post in a single engine Lockheed Vega by almost four days. Hughes returned home ahead of photographs of his flight. Taking off from New York City, Hughes continued to Paris, Moscow, Omsk, Yakutsk, Fairbanks, Minneapolis, then returning to New York City. For this flight he flew a Lockheed 14 Super Electra (NX18973, a twin-engine transport with a four-man crew) fitted with the latest radio and navigational equipment. Hughes wanted the flight to be a triumph of American aviation technology, illustrating that safe, long-distance air travel was possible. Albert Lodwick of Mystic, Iowa provided organizational skills as the flight operations manager. While he had previously been relatively obscure despite his wealth, being better known for dating Katharine Hepburn, New York City now gave Hughes a ticker-tape parade in the Canyon of Heroes. In 1938, the William P. Hobby Airport in Houston, Texas—known at the time as Houston Municipal Airport—was renamed after Hughes, but the name was changed back after people objected to naming the airport after a living person. Hughes also had a role in the design and financing of both the Boeing 307 Stratoliner and Lockheed L-049 Constellation.

He received many awards as an aviator, including the Harmon Trophy in 1936 and 1938, the Collier Trophy and the Bibesco Cup of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale in 1938, the Octave Chanute Award in 1940, and a special Congressional Gold Medal in 1939 "in recognition of the achievements of Howard Hughes in advancing the science of aviation and thus bringing great credit to his country throughout the world". According to his obituary in the *New York Times*, Hughes never bothered to come to Washington to pick up the Congressional Gold Medal, which was eventually mailed to him.

Death

Hughes was reported to have died on April 5, 1976, at 1:27 p.m. on board an aircraft owned by Robert Graf and piloted by Jeff Abrams. He was en route from his penthouse at the Acapulco Fairmont Princess Hotel in Mexico to the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. Other accounts indicate that he died on the flight from Freeport, Grand Bahama, to Houston.

After receiving a call, his senior counsel, Frank P. Morse, ordered his staff to get his body on a plane and return him to the United States. It was common that foreign countries would hold a corpse as ransom so that an estate could not be settled. Morse ordered the pilots to announce Hughes' death once they entered U.S. airspace.

His reclusiveness and possible drug use made him practically unrecognizable. His hair, beard, fingernails, and toenails were long—his tall 6 ft 4 in (193 cm) frame now weighed barely 90 pounds (41 kg), and the FBI had to use fingerprints to conclusively identify the body. Howard Hughes' alias, John T. Conover, was used when his body arrived at a morgue in Houston on the day of his death.

A subsequent autopsy recorded kidney failure as the cause of death. Hughes was in extremely poor physical condition at the time of his death. He suffered from malnutrition. While his kidneys were damaged, his other internal organs, including his brain, were deemed perfectly healthy. X-rays revealed five broken-off hypodermic needles in the flesh of his arms. To inject codeine into his muscles, Hughes had used glass syringes with metal needles that easily became detached.

Hughes is buried next to his parents at Glenwood Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

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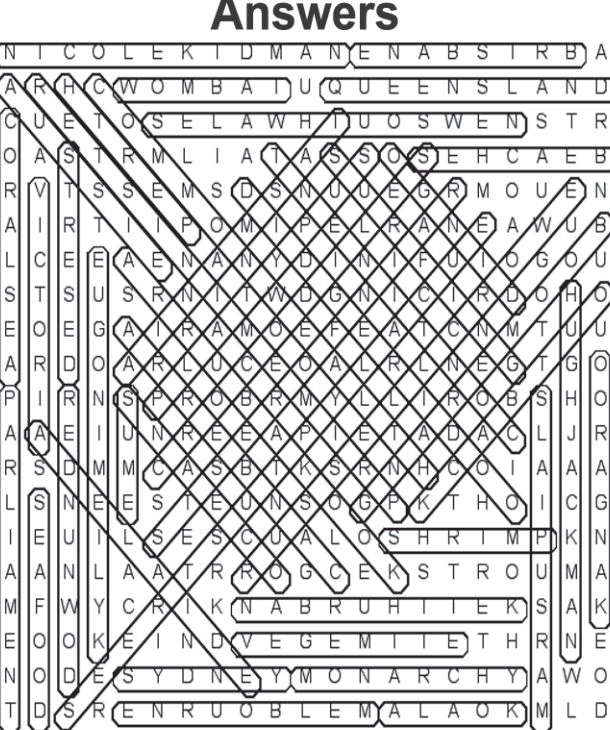

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NLHS student trombonist wins silver at nationals

North Lamar High School junior trombonist, Colton Wilson, earned the silver medal in the National Trombone Solo Competition held recently at Fort Meyer in Arlington, Virginia.

Colton Wilson

He was one of three selected from across the nation in the under 20 category to compete on March 8 in Brucker Hall, located next to Arlington National Cemetery and the practice hall of the U.S. Army Band.

The event was sponsored by the U.S. Army "Pershing's Own" Band during the American Trombone Workshop.

"We were very proud of his performance, and he was judged by five of the best trombone teachers in the country," said NLHS band director Jason R. Smith. "Truly an honor just to play for them. We were very proud of how he did, and he was by far the youngest competitor, which everyone was amazed to find out he was only a junior."


Smith traveled with Wilson and his parents for the event.

"I was blown away by the whole workshop," said Wilson. "I had the opportunity to hear some of the best trombone players in the country, meet almost all the makers of some of the best trombones from around the world, and compete with some really amazing musicians. I want to go back next year."

Grandparents are Peggy Wilson of Paris, Texas and Joy and Jim Wilson of Sulphur Springs, Texas.

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Tumbleweed Smith



Leland Hamilton of Andrews watches the Andrews Mustangs practice, no matter what the sport. It seems he's always on the sidelines, urging the young athletes to do their best. He is at the practices from start to finish.

"I go to volleyball practice, basketball practice, softball, baseball, and I watch track," says Leland. "Now golf, I'm out at the course some, but I can't be everywhere. I start going to football practices every August and stay with them 'til the end of the season. Summer's a pretty dull time for me 'cause there's no practice to go to."

Coaches appreciate Mr. Hamilton's giving the kids encouragement. He's been doing it so long that when the high school publishes its annual sports magazine it features a full-page color picture of him talking to players or coaches. One year the publication was dedicated to him. I visited with him during baseball season.

"I go to the ball field each evening and sit in the dugout with the players, just talk with them and visit with them as they come in and go out. If I'm in town and everything is going good, I'm up there. It's just a blessing to me to get to do it."

He doesn't miss many practices. He's 93 years old and is known as Pop Hamilton. Some people call him great grand because some of his great grandchildren are students at Andrews High School.

Mr. Hamilton had a television repair business, then sold cars. All of that came after his stint in the navy. He served on the battleship Pennsylvania during World War Two. He was a sailor from 1943 to 1946.

"We were all the way from the Aleutian Islands to Australia, New Zealand and all the islands in between. We were involved in landing troops, bombarding the shore before they went in. We'd bombard a day or two or three, depending on where it was, the Gilbert Islands, the Marshall Islands, Marianas, Peleliu or Palau. We were the only ship in the fleet that participated in every engagement from the Aleutian Islands to the Philippines."

When he was back in states stationed at Oakland, California, he met a girl that became like a sister to him. She was from Wichita Falls originally and her dad was working out there. Leland got familiar with her family. Leland and the girl were at a dance one night when a sailor, who was not 100% sober, went up the girl's little brother.

"He told the boy, 'get out of my way or I'll kick your butt.' I stepped up to that sailor and said you'll have to go through me if you do that, buddy. He said, 'if I can't I've got 5 buddies and we can do it.' I said bring 'em on. We went outside and I thought to myself what in the world did I say that for, I can't whip 5 or 6 guys. But I kept going at him and he kept backing away and backing away, then he turned and took off running. I figured he wasn't as brave as he thought he was. I looked around and that girl that I was with and some of her female friends had their shoes off, holding them in their hands, ready to fight with me. The guys' buddies left pretty quick."

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Obits

Johnny Fred Dobson

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Dawn Lee Fitzpatrick

Dawn Lee Fitzpatrick, age 18, of Winnsboro passed away during the early hours of Easter Sunday morning, April 01, 2018, in an automobile accident near Alba.

Dawn was born May 27, 1999 in Ruidoso, New Mexico, to Allen Lee and Misty Dawn Williams Fitzpatrick.

Survivors include her mother, Misty Fitzpatrick and fiance, Adam Williams of Neosho, MO; grandmothers, Cindy Williams of Winnsboro; and Susan Williams (Matt Flores) of Lancaster; grandparents James Fitzpatrick (Wafawn) of Nogal, New Mexico; grandmother, Bonnie Hobbs of New Mexico; Numerous other loving family and friends.

Her sister, Hailey, died along with her in the same automobile accident near Alba on Easter morning

She was proceeded in death by her father in 2001.

Memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home in Emory.

Haley Madison Fitzpatrick

Haley Madison Fitzpatrick, age 16, of Winnsboro passed away during the early hours of Easter Sunday morning, April 01, 2018, in an automobile accident near Alba.

Haley was born November 07, 2001 in Ruidoso, New Mexico, to Allen Lee and Misty Dawn Williams Fitzpatrick.

Survivors include her mother, Misty Fitzpatrick and fiance, Adam Williams of Neosho, MO; grandmothers, Cindy Williams of Winnsboro; and Susan Williams (Matt Flores) of Lancaster; grandparents James Fitzpatrick (Wafawn) of Nogal, New Mexico; grandmother, Bonnie Hobbs of New Mexico; Numerous other loving family and friends.

Her sister, Dawn, died along with her in the same automobile accident near Alba on Easter morning

She was proceeded in death by her father in 2001.

Memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home in Emory.

Stephen Glenn Butler

Graveside services for Stephen Glenn Butler, infant son of Daniel Glenn Butler and Rebekah Ridens was conducted at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Weaver Cemetery with Rev. Jason Wood and Rev. Denver Hines officiating. Baby Stephen passed away at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs.

In addition to his parents he is survived by his grandparents, Jonathan and Felicia Ridens of Como, Darrell and Pam Butler of Saltillo, aunts, Kaylee Butler, Gabrielle Ridens, Chassidy Ridens and Breeann Baze.

Preceded in death by one uncle, Stephen Martin.

Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



Tony Watson

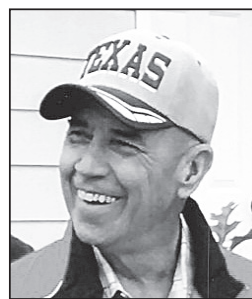
Tony Watson, age 45 of Winnsboro, passed away on Wednesday, March 28th, 2018 in Winnsboro. He was born on August 3rd, 1972. Tony was a Welder and Heavy Equipment Operator for Parfab and was an active member of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Winnsboro since 1998.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Watson and son, Adam Watson. Tony is survived by his loving and devoted wife Angie (Weems) Watson of Winnsboro; mother and stepfather, Meryl (Johnson) and Eugene Riley of Mt. Pleasant; daughter and son in law, Shelby and Caleb Watts of Winnsboro; son, Carson Watson of Winnsboro; granddaughter, Jonah Kate Watts; sister, Tina Bradley; brothers, Tracy Watson, Teddy Bradley, David Watson, Dan Watson and father-in-law and mother-in-law, David and Jolene Weems, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Friday, March 30th, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway Winnsboro, TX 75494. Funeral Services were Saturday, March 31st at Beaty Funeral Home at 2:00pm. Bro. David Taylor will be officiating, interment followed at Willard Cemetery in Winnsboro.

Tony loved his family and playing with his granddaughter above all else. He was an avid outdoorsman, loved fishing, working in his shop on many projects, and his beloved Texas Rangers. A friend to many and a stranger to no one, he greeted everyone with a smile and had a story ready for anyone lucky enough to spend time with him. Tony's unwavering faith in God and the support of his loving family enabled him to endure many challenges, secure in God's love.

John Stewart



John Stewart was born August 1, 1952 to Louis Edward (Leathereye) and Ernie Bell Stewart in Commerce, Texas. His childhood was spent living in Brashear with his family. He loved to play baseball and he was a graduate of Sulphur Springs High School in 1970 where he played golf, basketball, football, track and baseball. He was a dairyman and cattle trader for many years and he retired from Lowe's Distributing as a manager. John had fought Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma for almost 13 years, until he finally had to give up his battle. Beaten, weary and worn, he was anxious to see Jesus. He knew he could be healed in heaven, but it was not to happen here with us. John passed away at Baylor, T. Boone Pickens, Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

John is survived by his daughter Nikole Lamb and husband Mike, 2 grandchildren Isaac and Addyson Lamb and his fiancé Maria Becerra. Also surviving are his siblings, Peggy Fuller of Quitman, Phyllis Loyd and husband Rickey of Sulphur Springs,

David Stewart and wife Patricia of Haltom City and Elaine Schwartz and husband Irwin of Sulphur Springs, along with many nieces and nephews who have prayed fervently for a miracle. We finally got it – he is healed. We want to thank all our friends and church families who have prayed with us and for us, especially these last 2 years. We love you all.

John was preceded in death by his parents and son, Jeremy Shawn Stewart and nephew Jesse David Stewart. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org or a charity of your choice.

Memorial service were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 2, 2018 at Spence Chapel at First Baptist Church with Rev. Tim Mabe officiating. Visitation was held from 9:30 to 10:30, prior to service time at Spence Chapel. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



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