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<b>Friday 11th</b>	2:00pm: Booth/Vendors-Crafts, Business, Food 6:00pm: Karaoke with adult beverage area 6:30pm: Dogwood Pageant <i>Located at the Carroll Green Civic Center</i>
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## Fannon Garrett

Funeral service for Mr. Fannon Garrett, age 97, of Emory, will be on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Emory Baptist Church. The wake will be held at his home church, Prairie Grove Baptist Church. Mr. Fannon Garrett, passed away Thursday afternoon, April 12, 2018, in Dallas, in Rehab and Wellness of Dallas.

He was born November 28, 1920, to the parentage of Sidney "Cap" and Fannie Thomas Garrett. Mr. Fannon was a lifetime resident of Emory. He married Deora McMillan in Emory on May 30, 1946...and to this union was born 3 sons and 1 daughter. Mr. Garrett, for most of his working career was self-employed, owning his own sanitation company. He was a lifetime member of Prairie Grove Baptist Church. Also, he served as a deacon there for over 60 years. He was a member of Prairie Grove Lodge #185 before it dissolved, and moved to Quitman as the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.... and the name became Quitman Headlight Lodge# 124. Mr. Garrett served his country during WWII in the U.S. Army. Mr. Garrett will long be remembered by all who knew him.

Survivors include: Sons; Marcus Garrett and wife (Doris) of Greenville; J.W. Garrett and wife Laverne of Cedar Hill. Daughter; Fannie Brown and husband Ronnie of Rowlett, Daughter-in-law; Delores Garrett of Emory, Sister-in-laws; Mildred Garrett, and Modean Lane, Grandchildren; 15, Great-grandchildren; 27, Great-great-grandchildren; 9, Numerous other loving family and friends.

He was preceded in death by: Parents; Wife; and his youngest son, Leslie Garrett; also, numerous other siblings.

Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

## Margaret Elaine Briggs

Funeral service for Margaret Elaine Briggs, age 71, of Point, will be held 2:00 pm, on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at First Baptist Church of Point. Visitation was on Wednesday evening, 6-8:00 pm at the church.

Margaret Elaine Briggs passed away at her home in the wee early morning hours of Friday, April 13, 2018. She was born Feb. 19, 1947 in Greenville to the parentage of Arthur Raymond and Ollie Chester Dodson Jacks. She married Rayford Ray Briggs in Durant, OK on Jan. 2, 1962. To this marriage was born a beautiful baby girl, and, a handsome baby boy. They were not only a couple....but, now, a family of their own. By choice, Margaret chose to be a homemaker....keeping her own children, as well as neighboring children.

Her nurturing, giving, loving spirit was her gift to, not only her family, but, to other families and their children. Margaret was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Point.

Those left here on this earth to remember and cherish her sweet memory include: Daughter; Susan Elaine Roberts and husband Drew of Point, Son; Johnny Ray Briggs and wife Delinda of Emory, Sisters; Linda Franklin and husband Ray of Point and, Jannette Stanley of Arlington, Brothers; Joe Jacks and wife Brenda of Grand Saline, Jim Jacks and wife Bonnie of Emory and, Geary Jacks and wife Donna of Emory, Grandchildren; Charles Barrow, Franchesca Knight, Tiffani Davis, Andrew Roberts, Elaine Kelley, Katherine Hillis, and Jordan Briggs, Great-grandchildren; Trinity, Jayden, Aurora, Kyler, Jahret, Addysyen, Allei, Teagen, Allyson, and Edyn, Numerous other loving family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her Parents, Husband, and Brother, Randy Jacks



## Jewel Harris

Jewel Harris, age 78 of Winnsboro, passed away on Friday, April 13th, 2018 in Dallas. She was born on October 11th, 1939 in Vernon, Texas to the late Bennie and Ethel Farrens. She worked for many years at Dresser Industries .

She was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather Andrew Cantrell; and her husband Rayford Harris who died in 1990. She is survived by: sons; Danny and wife Cheryl Harris, Dennis Harris: daughter, Sandra and husband Nathan Owens; four grandchildren; sisters, Louise Wyatt, Lucille Bodecker, and Marie Kennedy.

Visitation was held on Monday, April 16th, 2018 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at Beaty Funeral Home-Winnsboro 816 W. Broadway, Winnsboro, TX 75494. Graveside Service followed at 2:00 pm in the Hopewell Cemetery, with Bro. Ronny Spence officiating.

## James "Jimmy" "Unc" Smith

Graveside service with Military Honors for James "Jimmy" "Unc" Smith, age 67, of Sulphur Springs, were at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at New Klondike Cemetery with Rogike Britton officiating and Kevin Putman, Louis Putman, Brannon Blankenship, Kurtis Putman, Mickey Williams, and Steve Slough served as pallbearers. A visitation was held from 6:00 until 8:00p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Jimmy passed away Friday, April 13, 2018 at his residence.

Funeral arrangements were the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



## Harold "Bot" Wright

Funeral services for Harold "Bot" Wright, age 72, were set for 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Morning Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Fergus Jacobs officiating. Assisting was Rev. Harold Nash. Serving as pallbearers were Kenneth Lewis, Jeffrey Moore, Roderick Godbolt, Broderick Godbolt, Bryant Jackson and O.J. Hill. The grandsons served as honorary pallbearers and granddaughters served as flower attendants. Interment was in the St. Luke Cemetery. No formal visitation was scheduled.

Mr. Wright passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Harold Wright was born November 29, 1945, the son of Arthur Wright and Arbie Epting Lewis Wright in Sulphur Springs, Texas. After graduating from Douglas High School in Sulphur Springs, he joined the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. He worked as a lineman and crew foreman for OnCor Electric for 38 years before retiring. He became an ordained minister in 1972. During his tenure, he shepherded several churches, which includes churches in Wolfe City, Sulphur Springs, Queen City, Domino, Paris, Naples, Greenville and Red Water, Texas.

Survivors include sons: Kerry Wright and wife, Tammy, Johnny Wright and wife Shaletha both of Sulphur Springs and Gregory Jones and wife Christina of Kansas City, Kansas; daughter, Andrea Denise King and husband Eric of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren: Jeromy Donahue, Shawana Wooten, Andrew Wooten, Brandi Smith, Dadrain Smith, DeAndre' Wright, Kerie Wright, Ebony Wright, Kadarian Wright, Christopher Johnson, Samira Younger, Jonathan Wright, Jayla Wright, Devin King, Arbie King, Alexander King, Gregory Jones III and Chloe Jones; 12 great grandchildren; sisters: Arlene Lewis, Clarine Moore and husband Wayne of Sulphur Springs, Mary Hill and husband Larry of Boerne, Texas and Claudie Sanders and husband Paul of Athens, Alabama; brother: Henry Lewis and wife Debra of Lancaster, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Arvie Wright; a sister, baby girl Wright; granddaughter, Mallory Carey.

Arrangements were under the direction of Tapp Funeral Home



# FAMOUS TEXAN ~ ~ ~ Barbara Bush



Barbara Bush (née Pierce; June 8, 1925 – April 17, 2018) was the wife of George H. W. Bush, the 41st President of the United States, and served as the First Lady of the United States from 1989 to 1993. She served as the Second Lady of the United States from 1981 to 1989. She was the mother of George W. Bush, the 43rd President, and Jeb Bush, the 43rd Governor of Florida.

Barbara Pierce was born in New York City. She graduated from Ashley Hall School in Charleston, South Carolina. She met George Herbert Walker Bush at age 16, and the two married in Rye, New York, in 1945, while he was on leave during his deployment as a Naval officer in World War II. They had six children together. The Bush family soon moved to Midland, Texas, where George Bush entered political life.

When Barbara Bush was First Lady of the United States, she worked to advance the cause of universal literacy and founded the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.

Barbara Pierce was born in New York City and raised in the suburban town of Rye, New York. She was the daughter of Pauline (née Robinson) and Marvin Pierce, who later became president of McCall Corporation, the publisher of the popular women's magazines Redbook and McCall's. She grew up with two elder siblings—Martha and James—and a younger brother named Scott. Her

ancestor Thomas Pierce Jr., an early New England colonist, was also an ancestor of Franklin Pierce, the 14th president of the United States. She was a fourth cousin, four times removed, of Franklin Pierce and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Pierce was raised with her three siblings on Onondaga Street in Rye. She attended Milton Public School from 1931 to 1937, Rye Country Day School until 1940 and later the boarding school Ashley Hall in Charleston, South Carolina, from 1940 to 1943. As a youth, she was athletic and enjoyed swimming, tennis, and bike riding. Her interest in reading began early in life; she recalled gathering and reading with her family during the evenings.

Barbara Bush, center, surrounded by her family, early 1960s

When Pierce was 16 and on Christmas vacation, she met George Bush at a dance at the Round Hill Country Club in Greenwich, Connecticut; he was a student at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. After 18 months, the two became engaged to be married, just before he went off to World War II as a Navy torpedo bomber pilot. He named three of his planes after her: Barbara, Barbara II, and Barbara III. When he returned on leave, she

had dropped out of Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts; two weeks later, on January 6, 1945, they were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Rye, New York, with the reception being held at The Apawamis Club.

Over the next 13 years, George and Barbara Bush had six children, and, later, 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Political wife

In November 2008, Bush was hospitalized for abdominal pains and underwent small intestine surgery. She underwent aortic valve replacement surgery in March 2009. Bush was hospitalized with pneumonia on New Year's Eve 2013 and was released from the hospital a few days later.

Bush suffered from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), congestive heart failure, and Graves' disease. In April 2018, the Bush family released a statement regarding Bush's "failing health" and how she had chosen to be at home with family rather than seek further treatment. According to family spokesman Jim McGrath, Bush's decision came as a result of "a series of recent hospitalizations".

It was announced on April 15, 2018, that Bush would no longer seek

medical treatment and had instead chosen the option of "comfort care".

Bush died in her Houston home at the age of 92 on April 17, 2018. Her son George W. Bush tweeted, "My dear mother has passed on at age 92. Laura, Barbara, Jenna, and I are sad, but our souls are settled because we know hers was ... I'm a lucky man that Barbara Bush was my mother. Our family will miss her dearly, and we thank you all for your prayers and good wishes." President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump sent condolences, and said: "As a wife, mother, grandmother, military spouse, and former First Lady, Mrs. Bush was an advocate of the American family... She will be long remembered for her strong

devotion to country and family..." Former President Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama also sent condolences. Her funeral will be held at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston on April 21, 2018, with burial at the George Bush Presidential Library in College Station, Texas.

### Answers

Answers to the crossword puzzle:

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## ADVANTAGES OF A SMALL SCHOOL

Tumbleweed Smith



Tumbleweed Smith

Gary Humphreys has a gun shop in Del Rio. He says business is booming (pun intended). Gary is a historian hobbyist and is serious about it. He'll find some obscure story about a massacre or military operation a few hundred years ago in Val Verde County and go looking for the place where it occurred. A couple of times he has corrected scholars who had put an event in a different location.

Gary works with 4-H students in shooting competitions. He has made sure the youngsters have the right kind of guns and ammunition to make it to the finals. Some of them have won state championships. The rifles they shoot are the same ones used in Olympic competition and cost around \$5,000 each. He has been associated with the students for nearly 40 years. His daughter Holly has won shooting competitions since she was a child.

Gary has family ties in Comstock, 30 miles from Del Rio. Holly went to a Del Rio private school in grades one through five. When she entered the sixth grade Gary had trouble deciding whether to send her to school in Del Rio or Comstock. "I went to Lions Club and the speaker that day was the Del Rio School Security Chief. In his closing remarks he said his goal was to get two armed officers on every 6th grade campus in Del Rio. When he said that I made the decision to send Holly to Comstock. She didn't need to be going to a sixth grade campus with armed officers."

He made that choice on August first and got Holly enrolled in Comstock. "She did well and never once complained about the daily thirty-mile bus ride. The school had a good healthy atmosphere and she knew most of the people since her grandparents were raised there and I knew several of the Comstock High School graduates."

Holly was doing a horse project for 4-H and one day after school she and Gary were feeding horses and goats. They got home about 8:30 or 9 that night when Holly discovered she had left one of her textbooks at school. "She told me she had homework to do and was upset about not having her book. I told her to call one of the other kids and maybe you can borrow their book. She didn't like that idea, saying the other kids had homework, too and are using their book. I told her that they might be through with it and she could use it. She was adamant about it and said she needed to go back to school and get her book."

Holly finally convinced Gary to take her to Comstock after 9 PM. "We drove down there and I asked her where to go. She told me to just pull up in front of the school. It was pitch black. She jumped out of the car, opened the front door to the school, went to her locker and got her book. They never lock the doors to the school in Comstock. The gym is always open and students go there at night, get out the basketballs, play for a while, put the balls back and turn off the lights."

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