

THE DRUMRIGHT MUSEUM GUSHER

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH



February 1st

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Drumright Museum Lawn

Chamber Banquet

I Played At The “Brick”

Galentine’s Brunch

*Happy
New Year
2025*

DOWN AT THE DEPOT

Willard Thomas Taylor, Diplomatic Courier

Sometimes you don’t notice what is directly in front of you. That’s what happened to me this week down at the depot. As long as I can remember, a glass display case has hung on the wall next to the entrance. It displays a U.S. passport, an orange diplomatic pouch and other items belonging to Willard Thomas Taylor. Here is the story of another great individual from Drumright.

Willard Thomas Taylor was born in Drumright in 1932 to R. Owen and Maude Arville James Taylor. He graduated from Drumright High School in 1950, where he played football and basketball. Willard or Tom (as he liked to be called) went to work for the U.S. State Department as a diplomatic courier.

A diplomatic courier is a U.S. government official who is trained and credentialed by the Secretary of State to accompany classified materials across international borders. The U.S. Diplomatic Security Service has approximately 100 diplomatic couriers who ensure delivery of classified and sensitive materials between U.S. consulates and embassies and the U.S. State Department.

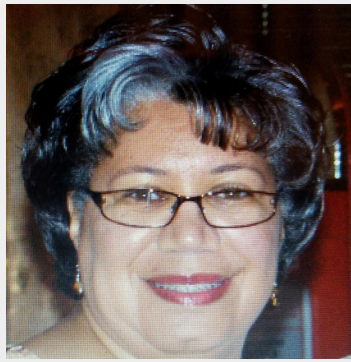
Tom’s career was exciting and even dangerous at times. During the early Cold War years, he travelled around the world. He faced dangers such as being menaced by gun-toting revolutionaries in Havana. Tom arrived there just as Fidel Castro was taking over Cuba. In later years, his

station was Bangkok, Thailand.

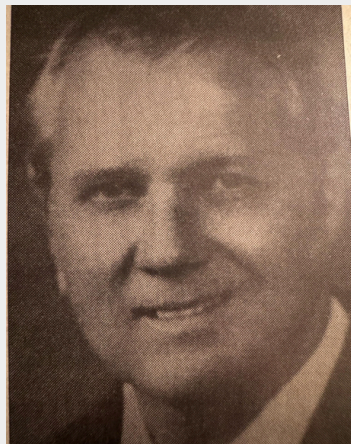
The most harrowing mission incident happened on April 20, 1968. Tom was aboard a South African Air 707 that crashed in mountainous terrain outside Windhoek, Namibia, on the continent of Africa. The plane crashed, killing 127 people. Tom was one of only six survivors. Some local farmers were the first to arrive on the crash scene and they reported that Taylor was dazed, but that he was searching through the wreckage looking for survivors, trying to help whomever he could. Miraculously, he found his diplomatic pouch fully intact after the crash. He suffered broken teeth and a bruised sternum, but returned to work just a few weeks after the incident.

In 1990, Willard Thomas Taylor was recognized by the U.S. State Department as the "Courier of the Year". He was nominated by Ambassador Daniel O'Donohue who called him "the dean of the traveling couriers." At the end of his career, Tom had logged approximately 8.5 million miles and delivered more material than any courier in the history of the diplomatic courier service. His missions were critical to protect lives and facilitate the conduct of foreign policy.

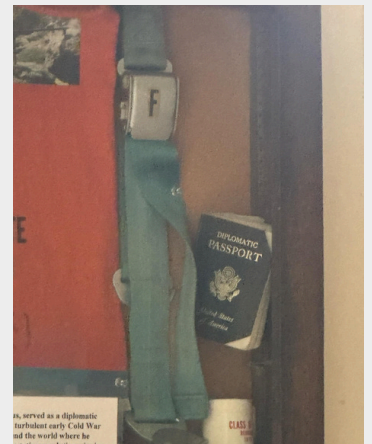
Here again, we have another great individual from Drumright, a great American and a real citizen of the world.



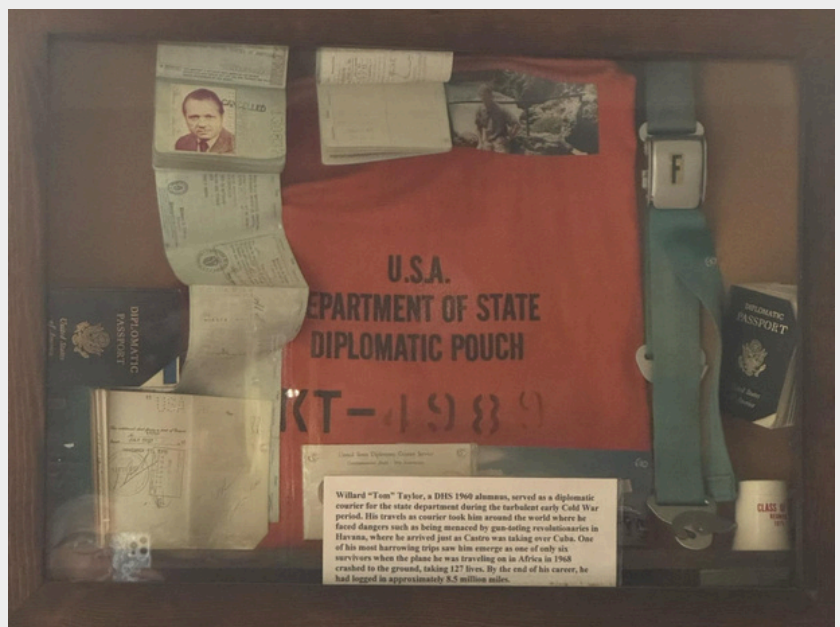
Patti Pouncil



William Thomas Taylor



Taylor's passport and the seatbelt that saved his life in the plane crash.



Display case of Taylor's courier memorabilia.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Drumright Chamber of Commerce would like to wrap up 2024 in a few words!

We feel like 2024 has been a good year for the Drumright Chamber of Commerce. We have ended it with more integrity and so many people coming together and volunteering their time with more events, and most of all keeping Broadway beautiful again.

This year we formed The Broadway Project through the chamber and Renee Garner has taken that lead role and has really made that committee grow and Broadway looks better because of it. We worked with the city to get the trees removed from Broadway and WOW, what a difference that has made for cleaning it up.

Our events were good. Touch a Truck, Cruising the Hills car show, OilPatch, and Christmas Parade were all a success. Every year we learn something different and strive to make it better the next year.

We had a raffle that raised money to buy our new mini split for the Chamber office. After 20 + years of being in that building we are able to put back into it little by little.

We formed a Christmas Committee that went above and beyond expectations and Broadway and the museum courtyard were beautiful along with the pocket park.

Our biggest goal was to take our current pocket park and turn it into a nice area that all can enjoy. The Chamber enrolled into a program that is called Keep Oklahoma Beautiful and won free paint for that project. So we had volunteer day to paint and it was to be done by October 1, 2024. We had several volunteers join us at the pocket park on September 14, 2024 and it was painted in 2.5 hours thanks to a couple locals that brought paint guns and knocked it out quickly. We might still be there painting if it hadn't been for those sprayers.

We finished and sent all our pictures in and we ended up being finalists for our project. We were invited in November to go receive our reward and Shawn & Kim Gibson did the honors of receiving that award. President Angela was down due to medical reasons.

The Pocket Park Project won 3rd place. We were all so excited. Shawn Gibson received the reward and the check for \$300 came at a later date.

We would like to thank the City of Drumright for allowing the Chamber to enter city property to be our project and we are looking forward to 2025 projects!

Drumright Chamber of Commerce are currently in their yearly renewing membership program and would love to have you join. We look forward to having a great relationship with all of our businesses in Drumright and surrounding areas.

Drumright Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be January 9, 2025 at Central Technology Center in the Cimarron Conference Center at 6:30 PM.

We currently have 59 tickets left so hurry and get those.

Please get with Angela Titus at Drumrightchamber@gmail.com to get those forms and/or banquet tickets

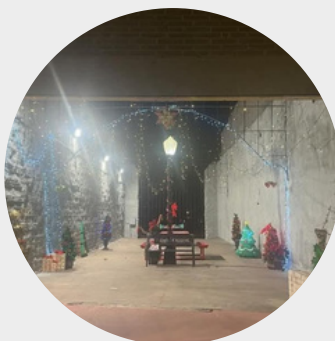
We would like to thank all of our Sponsors, donations, and volunteers throughout the year of 2024! We couldn't have done this without you. We look forward to our future events in 2025 and being able to promote you at these events.

We would also like to thank the City of Drumright & Drumright Historical Society Museum for allowing us to bombard you with ideas, decoration and so much more! We couldn't do this without you.

From President Angela Titus- I myself would like to thank everyone for their belief in me, and allowing me to be your Chamber President for the 3rd year in a row. I take my role seriously and with a lot of thought. I look forward to working with each and every one again in 2025. I look forward to new businesses to come, and seeing all those smiles when we have a successful event. Those smiles are worth every bit of hard work, stress and sometimes just plain exhaustion that comes along with this role. Will I do it again? Absolutely!

To the Board-Thank you for always agreeing and allowing me to take the front seat and roll with it!

By: Angela Titus



Drumright Chamber of Commerce

2025 Standard Dues Schedule

Individual	\$50.00
Non-Profit Organization	\$50.00
Small Business: 1 owner, 1-2 Employees	\$75.00
Business:	
3-9 Employees (Full Time)	\$100.00
10-15 Employees	\$150.00
15-25 Employees	\$200.00
25-50 Employees	\$250.00
50-100 Employees	\$300.00
100 & Up Employees	\$350.00
Hospital/Nursing Home	\$300.00
Utilities: Telephone/Electric	\$300.00
Banks	\$300.00
Professionals:	
Doctors/Attorneys/Accountants/Etc.	\$100.00
Associate Membership (See Below)	\$100.00
School	\$100.00
School Employees	\$30.00
Students	\$15.00
Senior Citizen (65 and over)	\$15.00
Additional Employees Paid by Business	\$30.00

- Part-Time Employees - Count 2 for 1
- New Business's Receives 50% Discount
- Associate Membership: Any businesses in excess of 45 miles away

Join today and get involved in the future of Drumright!



- ✓ Know what's going on in our community by attending monthly Chamber of Commerce meetings and network with other business owners.
- ✓ Create a positive perception of your business and increase traffic through advertising and sponsorship opportunities
- ✓ Be included in community events and promotions



Check # _____

103 East Broadway, PO Box 828
Drumright, OK 74030

2025 Membership Information Sheet

Business Name & Number:

Business Type: _____

Name & Number of Contact Person:

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Employees: _____

What format would you prefer for communication? (Please circle one and include information)

Phone Call _____ Text _____ Email _____

What would you like to see the Chamber do for you? Suggestions

Circle the committees you might like to serve on:

Chamber Banquet
Spring Events
Summer Events
Oilpatch Jamboree Jog

Oilpatch Jamboree Parade
Oilpatch Jamboree
Christmas Parade
Christmas Bazaar

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TIDEWATER WINERY

Galentine's Brunch

Join us Saturday February 8th for a unique wine tasting experience.

This includes a full wine tasting of all of our signature wines. A brunch buffet with mimosas.

This event is limited seating, all tickets must be purchased in advance, tickets will not be available at the door.

\$40 per-person

\$225 for a table of 6

Doors open at 10:45am

Menu:


Selection of Cheese, Fruit, Crackers & Jam

Eggs, breads, meat selections and more

Variety of mimosas including our signature peach mimosas.

This is a 21 and over event.


*Beer and Soda also available



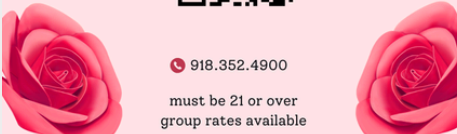
Tidewater Winery's
Galentines Brunch

February 8th - 11:00AM
\$40 per-person tax included
wine tasting & buffet brunch with mimosas

BOOK TODAY



918.352.4900
must be 21 or over
group rates available



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH



DRUMRIGHT FOOD COURT

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MONTHLY MARKET

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Drumright
Project
Profits Benefit:


DRUMRIGHT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY





Tidewater Winery's
Galentines *Brunch*

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🏀 HS Basketball vs. Hominy: "I PLAYED AT THE BRICK" NIGHT 🏀

📅 Date: Friday, January 17th

📍 Location: The Brick

🕒 Time: 6:30PM Girls, 8:00 PM Boys

👉 A Historic Farewell to The Brick! 👉

Join us for an unforgettable night of basketball as our Drumright Tornadoes take on Hominy in the final game at The Brick!

We welcome all Tornadoes who have ever had the honor of playing at The Brick to be part of this special celebration. Let's honor the memories, the games, and the legacy built within these walls one last time.

👉 Be there to cheer on our Tornadoes and make history together! 👉

[#tornadostandard](https://www.instagram.com/tornadostandard)

DISTRICT 2 COUNTY COMMISSIONER

He has been diligently preparing to lead Creek County District 2 with a clear vision and in-depth understanding of the county's future needs. Although Zac cannot guarantee solutions to all current issues, he promises to make a concerted effort to understand concerns, work towards practical resolutions, and ensure equality across Creek County. To prepare for his role, Zac has participated in various classes and workshops over the past few months.

Zac and his wife, Lisa, a 1st-grade teacher at Mannford, have two grown children living in Mannford with their families and three children at home. They are blessed with four grandchildren and have welcomed an additional child into their care as legal guardians. The family attends the First Baptist Church in Mannford and enjoys supporting their children's activities, including livestock showing and baseball/softball.

Zac is thankful for the support and eager to meet his constituents and serve as county commissioner.

-Release Provided by Zac More for County Commissioner



THE BRICKYARD

The Drumright Tornado basketball gym, called “The Brickyard” will soon be hosting its last game. It has been there since 1936, 88 years and has a lot of great memories. The gym gave us a great home court advantage, which we took advantage of.

Five teams of the 1950’s and 1960’s made it to the state tournament. These were great games, especially with Cushing. The schedules back then had teams like Guthrie, Edmond, Stillwater, Okmulgee, Sand Springs and others. We beat a lot of those teams!

The story of our gym being, “The Brickyard” happened when two rival coaches were talking about the Tornadoes. One said, “We beat them by six at our place.” The other coach said, “Wait ‘til they get you at the Brickyard, they’ll beat you by 20.”

During the mid-seventies to mid-eighties, Drumright got smaller. Instead of playing teams like Cushing and Bristow, we started playing Liberty, Mounds, Keifer, Kellyville, Oilton and Depew. Several of the teams we were playing were still pretty tough to beat and were making it to the state tournament. Liberty and Mounds both made the state tournament and Stroud and Depew both won the state tournament.

The first time I saw a Drumright vs. Cushing game at the Brickyard, the Tornadoes were coached by Ron Elsheimer and the team was led by Larry Sweatt and Jack Fritts, beating Cushing 52-50. It was a very hard game and Sweatt made the game winning shot, while Fritts had multiple rebounds. Cushing ended up making it to the state tournament, beating teams like Tulsa Skelley, Okmulgee and Sand Springs.

The season of 66-67, the Tornadoes beat Stroud at the Brickyard 100-53. Gary Mills had 25 points and Rayme Hilgendorf had 14.

During the 81-82 season, the Tornadoes beat Oilton 101-65. Tony Lee, Charles Carroll, Gene Carroll, Jimmy Formby, plus four or five subs, all had around 8 points, each. However, the Lady Tornadoes had a long losing streak that year but had several promising Sophomores. They opened the season with Okemah, who was a very tough team. Lisa Cearley hit a shot from about 18 feet away, nothing but net at the buzzer to beat Okemah 58-57. Cearley had 39 points, Kathy Kelley and Kelly Holland also had great years at the Brickyard.

The record points at the Brickyard was during the 2003-2004 season, when the Tornadoes beat Olive 102-74. Sophomore Keaton Jensen had 39 points, hitting nine three’s. Cooper Smith had 26, Austin McEntire 16 and Garrett Wright 13. According to Loren Barnett, this team scored 104 points but it was on the road.

Maybe one of the best games was when the Tornadoes beat Kiefer 86-78 in the 87-88 season. Jamie Osterhout, Bret Flewellen, James Taylor and Stan Flowers played a great game! It was the

first high school season of the three pointer, there were quite a few of them that night.

In the 90-91 season, the Lady Tornadoes upset Kiefer 50-49 when Katrina Sherwood hit a three at the buzzer, she had over 30 points that night.

One of the better games was against Metro Christian in Districts at Drumright. Metro had a great showing at the Tournament of Champions but the Tornadoes Shelby Humphrey hit three straight three's early to quiet the Metro crowd. Although we should have won, we didn't, losing 56-52. Ted Ownes, who coached a dynasty at Kansas was the head coach at Metro that year. The Tornadoes had Jeff Cooper, Billy Fowler, Jason Mitchell, Brian Andrews, Paul Smith, Andy Arnold, Danny Webster and Jamie Martin.

In girls volleyball, coached by Lisa (Burton) Cearley, the Lady Tornadoes had the biggest upset in the state over Skiatook. In a very hot, Brickyard gym, Skiatook was 50 minutes late. The Lady Tornadoes had a big crowd there and absolutely played the game of their life. Alicia Johnson, Drew Mills, Janet Moran, Kelly Welch, April Grisham and others were lights out that day.

Season	Coach
66-67	Chester Oliver
81-82	Charles Crooks/Larry Rawdon
87-88	Ron Humphrey
94-95	Vic Williams

The 2003-2004 team that scored 104 points, was coached by Jaron Sanders. They were led by Lance A Phillips, Travis Willing, Nick Naifeh, Mac Cook and several others.

Soon, the Brickyard will have its last game of basketball played in it. There will be a new gym opening soon, right by the high school. Even though I am looking forward to it, I will always remember the Brickyard.

By: Robert Marshall

Obituaries

Virginia Lee Dorsey (Redden)

Virginia was born in Westville, Oklahoma on February 8, 1933 to the late Virgil Harrison Redden & Amy Armenda (Templeton) Redden. She passed from this life on December 4, 2024 at the age of 91 years, 9 months, & 26 days. Virginia was raised and educated in Drumright. She married William Clyde Dorsey in Tulsa on October 18, 1952 & to this union, 4 children were born. In her early years, Virginia had worked at the Drumright Fon-da-lite Club (Freddie's), Huff's Rexall Drug Store, & was the owner of Rick's Dairy Hut. Later in life, she worked for Sandra & A.B. Steele, and as a substitute teacher for both Central Vo-Tech & the Drumright Public School System. She was also the evening attendant for Michael's Funeral Home in Drumright for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and a 50+ year member of the Order of Eastern Star. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant son; her husband: Clyde; a Son: Ricky in 2024; 2 Brothers: Richard Redden – Danny Redden; & a Sister: Shirley Busey.

She leaves behind 2 Children: Chuck & Liz Dorsey – Cheryl & Greg Fulkerson; Grandchildren: Megan – Chad – Levi – Nicholas; Great Grandchildren: Landon – Blaire – Axl - & Sophia; Brother: Virgil Redden & wife Jan of California; Sister: Janetta Hynous & husband Michael of Kentucky; Nieces & Nephews: Rhonda Muller – Lana Busey – Sandra & Roy Cobb – Robbie & Brenda Dorsey – Mel Dorsey; Plus several other relatives & friends.

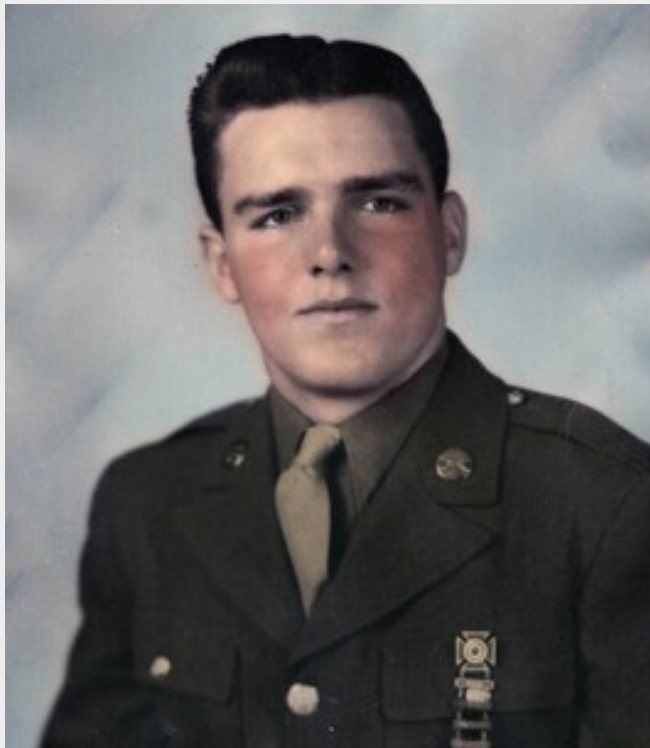


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Bruce Darrel Fine

Bruce was born in Drumright, Oklahoma on July 29, 1926 (known as a Dr. Orange Starr baby) to the late James Otis Fine & Doreen (Diamond) Fine. He passed from this life in Pawnee, Oklahoma on November 26, 2024 at the age of 98 years, 3 months, & 28 days. Bruce was raised & educated in Drumright & was a 1944 graduate of Drumright High School. That same year, he joined the United States Army & served his country during WWII. He then returned home and attended Oklahoma A & M and studied electrical engineering. In 1950 he married Joy Blose and they made their home in Yale, Oklahoma. Bruce was the owner / operator of Evergreen Electrical for many years until his retirement. In 1959, his wife Joy unexpectedly passed away. He later met Nellie Walker & they were united in marriage on June 10, 1961. Bruce was a devoted husband & family man. He loved his church and country & enjoyed singing hymns & patriotic songs. He enjoyed traveling all over the western United States. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife: Joy in 1959; & 2 Brothers: Frank & Dale Fine.

His remaining family includes his loving wife: Nell Fine; Children: Sandy & Jim Williams – Mary Fine – Paula & Scott Balke; Grandchildren: James & Sarah – Collin & Jena – Luke & Lauryn; Great Grandchildren: Isaac & Ivey – Thomas Bruce & Avery – Campbell; PLUS Numerous Nieces – Nephews – Cousins - & other family members.



Obituaries

Charlie Harper

Charles "Charlie" L. Harper

Charles passed away peacefully from this life on Tuesday, December 17th at the age of 90.

Charles was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma on July 6, 1934 to V.C. & Bernidene (Moore) Harper. He was raised in Cushing, Oklahoma and attended Cushing Public Schools where he excelled at football and track (placing 4th in the State).

On May 22, 1953; Charles married Shirley Ann Todd of Drumright. Together, they had 2 children, Tammy and Tony.

Charles went to school and played college football in Kansas in 1955.

Charles was introduced to and intrigued by trains at a young age as his father worked for the railroad, and in 1956 he started working for the Katy Railroad.

Later, he started working at Drumright Public Schools in the maintenance department. This job brought him much joy from his co-workers to the students he was surrounded by that he met as kindergartners and watched graduate, go off to college, and raise families. Charles retired from DPS in 1998. He and Shirley remained living in Drumright until her passing in 2008.

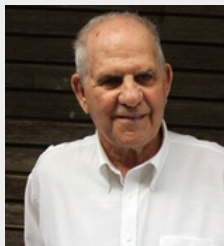
In the 1980s, if you saw a business sign or even billboard in Drumright or the surrounding areas, it was most likely painted by Charles. His artistic talent could also be seen in local gymnasiums, as well as personal collections of family and friends.

On June 2, 2012; Charles married Elaine Rainwater and they lived in Drumright until his passing.

Charles is survived by his wife Elaine of Drumright; daughter, Tammy Hutcheson and her husband, Gary of Yulee, Florida; son, Tony Harper and his wife, Dayna of Drumright; stepdaughter, Susan Wilson of Drumright, stepson, Andy Rouse of Drumright; granddaughter Heather King and great grandchildren Joshua & Elizabeth of Jacksonville, Florida; grandson, Andrew Hutcheson & his wife, Wendy of Palm Coast, Florida; grandson, Austin Cravens & his wife, Heather & great grandson, Rowdy of Cushing; granddaughter, Elizabeth Jackson and great granddaughters Scarlett & Violet of Drumright; sister, Sue Adams & her husband, Mike of Oklahoma City; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other cherished family members.

Charles loved God, his family, his friends, his community, his coworkers and the Oklahoma State Cowboys and University of Oklahoma Sooners.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; Parents V.C & Bernidene; and his Brother Verl; as well as many other loved ones.



Obituaries

Geneva Mainus (Cooksey)

Dola Geneva Cooksey Mainus was born on January 20, 1930, the same year Betty Boop made her debut and the Dust Bowl began. She entered this world in Van Buren, Arkansas, the daughter of George and Stella Cooksey. Geneva had four siblings: Harley, George the family referred to him as(son), Ilamay, and Imogene.

Granny, lived through the Great Depression, a time when most families struggled to make ends meet. The Cooksey family was no different. When Granny turned just five years old, tragedy struck. Her beloved mother passed away due to complications from surgery, leaving her father, George, to raise the children alone.

While their father ran the cotton gin in Fort Smith, the Cooksey children became the caretakers of the homestead. It's hard to imagine Granny, at just five years old, alongside her seven-year-old sister, Imogene, cooking, cleaning, and running the household, while (Son) handled the outside chores. To help provide for the family, Granny would carry two gallon jars of milk each morning on her way to school. She said she would walk along the train tracks to keep from spilling the milk.

In addition to this, Granny and her siblings worked delivering ice to the community. They would drive the ice truck through town, and local kids, seeing the truck, would eagerly jump on the running boards and fenders, joining in to help.

This early, hardworking childhood shaped Granny into the strong, capable woman we all admired. There was nothing she couldn't do! She could cook, bake, sew, and build anything. Most of the clothes we wore as children were lovingly sewn by Granny—prom dresses, western wear, and costumes, all made with care and skill.

During World War II, all of her neighbors in the small community of Gans would gather at the post office every day, waiting for news of their loved ones serving over seas. One neighbor Mr. Mainus was nearly blind and he asked Granny to read the letters he received from his son, Virgil. Little did Granny know that the author of those letters would later become her husband. After the war ended, Granny and her friend Nell were on their way to the Gans High School gym to watch a basketball game when Virgil, her future husband, happened to pass by. He asked them where they were headed, and they told him about the game. Virgil decided to join them, and in doing so, he made his way around Nell to walk beside Granny. He ended up paying the dime for them for them to enter the game. Not long after that, Virgil asked her to marry him, and they went to Fort Smith to be married in a buggy driven by her father Mr. Cooksey.

Geneva and Virgil spent a short time in Gans before settling in Mannford, Oklahoma. Together, they had two children: Shirley and Dean. Virgil worked as a mechanic, while Granny stayed home, caring for her family. Throughout their 64 years of marriage, Granny and Grandpa enjoyed camping at Gore Landing, playing cards, dominoes, & Wahoo with their friends, and attending church. Granny was a member of Silver City Free Will Baptist Church and, for the last ten years, was a member of Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Oilton, Oklahoma.

As children we spent our Sundays gathered around Granny and Grandpa's table, enjoying the meal she had prepared with love. We all looked forward to the day we would be old enough to sit at the "adult table"—and I can still remember how it felt to be seated at the corner of the table right next to Granny even as a small child... (It's good to be the baby!)

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We all rode horses and our arena was right behind Granny and Grandpa's house, so every evening, they would sit in their lawn chairs, watching Sharon and I work our barrel horses and Justin and Brian would rope calves. They never tired of our own backyard rodeo.

Christmas Eve was always a special time at the Mainus house. We would gather for a meal, open gifts, and play games.

Earlier this week Sharon and I were talking and we can't ever remember a time when we would walk into granny's kitchen and not find a bowl of candy or a German Chocolate Cake sitting on the cake stand. You could never finish a statement that didn't remind granny of a song or hymn. And she would start singing it! She had rhythm or song for everything! It was wonderful!

Granny leaves behind her children, Shirley and Keith Harness, and Dean and Terry Mainus; grandchildren, Sharon James, Justin Mainus, and myself, Shivonne Gregory; great-grandchildren, Jaron James, Cole Gregory, and Cody Gregory; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Virgil Mainus; her grandson, Brian Harness; and her great-granddaughter, Callie Mainus.

As a family, we want to thank each of you for being here today to celebrate the life of Geneva Mainus. Your presence means so much to us. We also extend our deepest gratitude to the staff at Drumright Nursing Home, who gave Granny a second home in her later years. She loved you all, and we could see the love you had for her.

Finally, my dad, mom, Justin, and myself would like to thank my Aunt Shirley and Uncle Keith for their unwavering love and devotion to Granny in her final days. You were there for her every day, showing her the love we all wanted her to have, and we are so grateful for you.

I leave you with a quote by Washington Irving:

A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials are heavy and suddenly fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends desert us; when trouble surrounds us, still she will cling to us, her kindness will precepts and her counsel will remove the clouds of darkness around us and cause peace to return to our hearts.



Obituaries

Betty Jean Murphy (Wonderly)

Betty was born in Kendrick, Oklahoma on November 21, 1934 to the late Ralph Omar Wonderly & Edith Pearl (Hale) Wonderly. She passed from this life in Tulsa on December 21, 2024 at the age of 90 years, & 1 month. Betty was raised and educated in Kendrick & Stroud, Oklahoma. She married George Thomas Murphy on February 16, 1956 in Stroud, Oklahoma & they made their home in Cushing. In 1962 they moved to Big Spring, Texas where they resided for 62 years. Betty was an avid golfer and she and her husband would travel to many places to play golf. She also loved to read and had a very strong faith; attending the Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas. She had just recently been a resident of Drumright Nursing Home. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her Husband: George "Pat" Murphy; a Son: Jeffrey Ralph Murphy; & 4 Sisters.

She leaves behind a Nephew: Larry & Kay Murphy of Drumright; plus numerous other relatives.



Obituaries

Avianne Chanel Overstreet

Avi was born in Cushing, Oklahoma on June 10, 1999 to Billy Don Overstreet & Morella Lenore (Strickland) Overstreet. She passed from this life unexpectedly on December 2, 2024 at the age of 25 years, 5 months, & 22 days. Avi was raised and educated in Drumright & Shamrock & attended Drumright Schools. She was very active in school athletics and excelled in softball. She also loved to dance and spend time with her family & friends. She was a kind & compassionate person & loved to help people. She took great pride in everything she did, which was evident in the care she gave to her niece. She touched the hearts of so many that will miss her. She was preceded in death by her Grandfather: Chuck Strickland.

Her remaining family includes her Mother: Morella Overstreet of Shamrock; her Father: Billy Overstreet of Drumright; 2 Sisters: Zhanè Overstreet of Drumright – Voncell Finley of Houston; 2 Brothers: Trèvon Overstreet of Shamrock – Coleton Dudley of Houston; Grandmothers: Charletta Lyons of Drumright – Marcella Elmasian of Shamrock; Grandfather: Billy Don Rogers of Tulsa; Nieces: Zhaden Grace Vaughn of Shamrock – Carter Renee Overstreet of Tahlequah – Nevaeh Finley of Houston; & a host of Aunts – Uncles – Cousins – other relatives - & the most amazing friends.



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