

THE DRUMRIGHT MUSEUM GUSHER

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE OIL PATCH



November 1
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Drumright Museum Lawn

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DOWN AT THE DEPOT

Jayne Russell and the 1937 Marching Band

Jayne Russell was an all-American high school girl growing up in Drumright, Oklahoma. In 1936, she accomplished something that was unprecedented here. She became the first female Drum Major for the Drumright High School Marching Band. Jayne was a junior in high school, but she had serious style. Down at the depot, we have an entire area devoted to the history of the Drumright High School Music Department over the years.

In the spring of 1937, the seventy piece Drumright High School Band won the Oklahoma Lions Club Band contest entitling them to represent Oklahoma at the international contest held in Chicago, in July of 1937. This July event was held at Soldiers Field in Chicago. The delight of this

competition was 17-year-old Jayne Russell, with her special style of prancing, strutting and high stepping. She had breath-taking baton throws and maneuvers, and her style was uniquely her own. Jayne placed first in the individual competition for Drum Majors. The band received sixth place for concert and marching competitions.

The journey to and from Chicago was a 14-day trip and they traveled 2,500 miles through Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. This phenomenal band and Drum Major paraded and presented concerts in thirty cities across those states. Their travel was sponsored by the Tide Water Associated

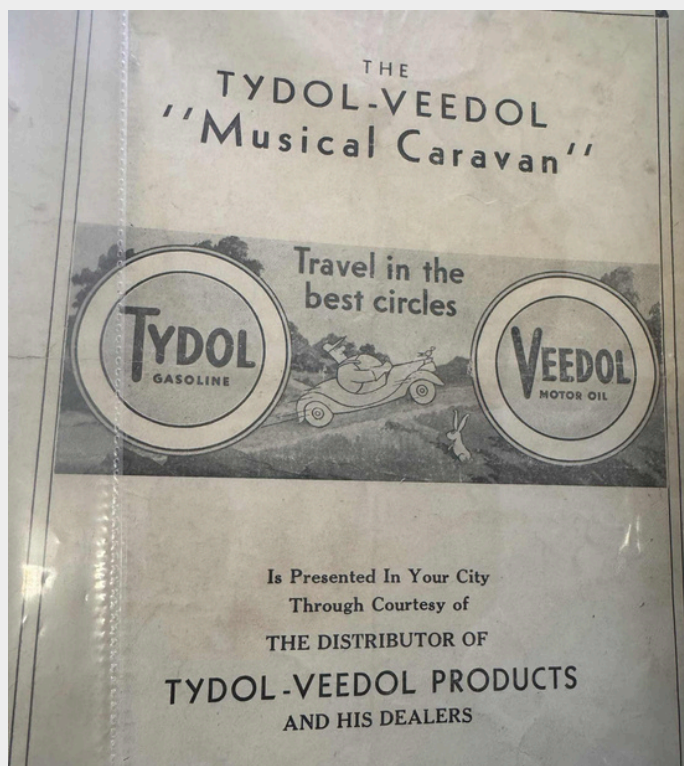
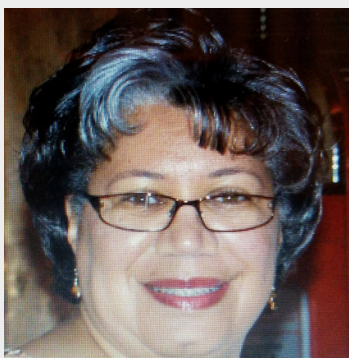
Oil Company and they rode in three deluxe chartered busses that bore banners, titled "1937 Tydol-Veedol Musical Caravan." This was great advertisement for the Tydol-Veedol gasoline and motor oil brands.

The band was under the direction of Ronald E. Gerard. Under his guidance, the instrumental music organizations flourished and received wide acclaim. Drumright High School had an orchestra, complete with a string section taught by Mrs. Philo Rounds. Mr. Gerard instructed the Orchestra, the Marching Band and the Concert Band. He remained at Drumright High School for six successful years.

The 1937 summer concert tour of the Drumright High School Band was meticulously documented and photographed. At the museum, we have the souvenir concert program, and photographs of concerts, as well as a feather from Jayne Russell's Drum Major hat, and even hotel menus and stationery. The Drumright High School Band marched on through the years to more successful competitions. In 1946, the band even toured Mexico and performed for government dignitaries.

Come on down to the depot and look at the photos and souvenirs related to the Drumright High School Marching Band. We have band uniforms, hats, and even a

drum. We even have a miniature wooden hand-carved marching band of forty, complete with majorettes and band instruments. You will be amazed. And once again, something really special came out of Drumright!





Jayne Russell in the 1937 Gusher Yearbook.



Jayne Russell in full dress uniform.

Oil Patch Jamboree

It was a great day for the OilPatch! We had something for everyone! Started out at the Drumright Masonic Lodge #468 with a breakfast fundraiser for The Pride of Drumright Band! Go Tornadoes!

Market started at 10am with approximately 30 vendors and food trucks. OilPatch Parade at 11am and it was so much fun!

We announced the LiL Miss Julianna O'kelley, Tiny Miss Huntleigh Barnhart and Ms Drumright RaeLynn McClendon on the OG&E stage. Then it was time to announce Mr & Mrs OilPatch Rick & Tammy Creekmore, Parade Marshall was our very own Robert Marshall.

Tideawater Tydol Idol Winners sang next Korbin Cartwright Nest Male and Over all Winner, Laurel Taber Best Female and Austin and Jayda Creekmore was best duo!

Next up was a beautiful lineup of musicians that lasted from about Noon to 6:30 pm.

Boomtown Theatre with their melodrama Shagwood Secret at 2pm and 6pm.

3rd Annual Cruising the Hills kicked off at 3pm
Winners were: Modern-Keaton Jenson with his 1997 Chevy Z71 Classic
Jesse James with his Ms Ruby 1963 Ford Galaxie Best Boat
Hunter Pritchard from Mannford Best Bike
Brad Parson People's Choice Award
Linda James with her classic 1966 Ford Mustang.

The Drumright Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who worked to bring this day to fruition. Thank you to all our vendors, food trucks, musicians, all our parade entries, City of Drumright, Drumright Historical Society Museum, Drumright Masonic Lodge #468, Boomtown Theater, Drumright Monthly Market, The Drumright Project, The Drumright Garden Club, and all those that came to spend the day with us.

Can't wait to see you all on OilPatch 54!

By Angela Titus



Obituaries

Carolyn Joyce Glimp

Carolyn Joyce Matherly Glimp, was born July 24, 1941, to Virgil and Pauline Matherly. She passed away peacefully on September 24, 2025. Born with a spirited heart and a generous soul, Carolyn lived a life full of love, laughter, and service.

A proud graduate of Oilton High School, Class of 1959, Carolyn went on to marry the love of her life, Hulbert Earl Glimp, on February 5, 1966, at Silver City Free Will Baptist Church. From this union were born two children, Chris Dale, and Cheryl Kaye.

Carolyn was a faithful member of Drumright Free Will Baptist Church, where she found joy in fellowship and worship. Her commitment to community extended beyond the church walls—she was deeply involved in the PTA and the Women's Free Will Baptist Association Auxiliary, serving as a regional clerk and treasurer with diligence and pride.

Known for her giving personality, Carolyn had a knack for “giving gifts” in the most endearing way. She loved bowling, playing cards, and shopping—especially QVC, which became a favorite pastime in her later years. Her generosity was unmatched; she lovingly cared for her elderly aunts and uncles, always putting others before herself.

Carolyn had a passion for travel, with Branson holding a special place in her heart. Whether on the road or at home, she brought warmth and joy to everyone around her.

She will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her playful spirit, and her boundless love for family and friends.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Earl Glimp; children, Chris Glimp and wife Cynthia, and Cheryl Kaye Glimp-Small; grandchildren, Zachary Glimp, Christian Small and wife Tiffany, Carter Small, Jared Glimp, Elijah Glimp, Heather Cardneas and husband Xavier, Lilly McCullough, and Ian McCullough; and great-grandchildren, Everly Cardneas, Ophelia Hahn, Elliana Cardneas, and Bentley Glimp; one sister, Helen Geyer. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Howard Matherly, and daughter-in-law, Lori Glimp.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Drumright Free Will Baptist building fund. Services were held at 1:30PM, Monday, September 29, 2025 at the Drumright Free Will Baptist Church.



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Amarllis Hazlip

Graveside funeral rites for Cushing resident, Amarllis Hazlip, were held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 23rd at the New Zion Cemetery at Cushing, Oklahoma. Rev. Brad Coates of the Drumright Community Nazarene Church officiated. Cremation and funeral services are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright. Memorials in her name may be sent to the Gideons at <https://gideons.org/donate>.

Amarllis was born in Cushing, Oklahoma on January 31, 1945 to the late Robert Monroe Hazlip & Betty Joe Ann (Sawyer) Hazlip. She passed from this life at her home on September 4, 2025 at the age of 80 years, 7 month, & 4 days. Amarllis was raised & educated in the Drumright & Oilton area & was a 1963 graduate of Oilton High School. After high school, she worked in Drumright for Howard Huff at the Rexall Drug Store for many years. She then moved to Oklahoma City and began working at Tinker Air Force Base. She was later transferred to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado where she remained till her retirement. She was known by many as the "Cadet Mom", looking after many of the new young recruits at the academy. She returned to Cushing in 2002 to care for her parents. She enjoyed needlework, singing gospel hymns, and was a lifelong member of the Drumright Nazarene Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a Brother: Frank Leslie Hazlip in 2015.

She is survived by a Sister: Marquita Mosher & husband David of Bartlesville; 2 Brothers: Robert Monroe "Monty" Hazlip & wife Pam of Yale – Trent Hazlip & wife Valerie of Stillwater; plus several Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, and other relatives.

Obituaries

Wiley Edward Loret

Funeral services for Yale resident, Wiley Loret, were held 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 19th in the Memorial Chapel at Michael's Funeral Home in Drumright, Oklahoma. Rev. Kevin Voge of the Drumright River of Life Christian Center officiated. Masonic funeral rites were given by MW Ron Chambers on behalf of Hebron Masonic Lodge #215 A.F. & A.M. of Cleveland, Oklahoma. Interment followed in the Underwood Cemetery near Yale, Oklahoma with Military Honors provided by the United States Navy & Air Force. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Wiley was born on September 22, 1944 in Crockett, Texas to the late Don Loret & Norma Jean (Morgan) Loret. He passed from this life in Stillwater, Oklahoma on September 14, 2025 at the age of 80 years, 11 months, and 23 days. Wiley grew up in Texas & Louisiana. At a young age, his family moved to Yale, Oklahoma where he was a 1962 graduate of Yale High School. He joined the United States Navy in 1962 and was honorably discharged in 1966. He then joined the United States Air Force in 1966 and was honorably discharged in 1969. After the service, he went to work in the oil industry as a pipeliner which took him all over the country. He married Sarah Louise Stokes on February 25, 1981 & they made their home in Yale. Wiley was a member of Hebron Masonic Lodge #215, the Guthrie Valley of Scottish Rite, and Akdar Shrine. He enjoyed making knives, telling stories, & watching OU Football. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his Mother-In-Law: Wanda Stokes; Sister-In-Law; Ann Loret; Niece & Nephew: Tina Loret & Donnie Loret; & close friend: James Rich.

His remaining family includes his WIFE: Sarah of the home; 4 Daughters: Terri Adams – Rhonda Ward – Angela Inman – Rebecca Larson; Grandchildren: Preston – Derek – Natalie – Shaylee – Makayla – Sterling - & Lexi; Great Grandchildren: Brentley – Barrett – Bronson – Bryton – Brexton – Braelynn – Brody – Preslee – Miley – Wyatt – Jaxton - & Keegan; 1 Brother: Jerry Loret; plus several cousins & other relatives and friends.



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Patricia Louise Rickner

Memorial services for Drumright resident, Patricia Rickner, was held 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 26th at the Assembly of God Church in Yale, Oklahoma. Rev. Randall Newby officiated. Interment followed in Euchee Valley Memorial Park Cushing, Oklahoma. Cremation arrangements are entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home of Drumright.

Patricia was born on January 29, 1959 in Drumright, Oklahoma to the late Dennis Ray, Sr. & Emma Louise (Eikenbary) Rickner. She passed from this life in Drumright on September 17, 2025 at the age of 66 years, 7 months, and 19 days. Patricia was raised & educated in Drumright & was a 1977 graduate of Drumright High School. She had lived in this area the majority of her life and had worked for and owned several businesses including a local flower shop. She had a keen eye for design and decorating and had been the interior designer for several homes and businesses in Tulsa, Drumright, Cushing, and the surrounding areas. She had also worked as a caregiver for her parents, & numerous other area families over the years. However, over the past few years her declining health had limited her mobility. She will be missed by all who knew her. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her Husband: Louis Fernandes; & a Brother: Dennis Rickner, Jr.

Her remaining family includes her Daughter: Jennifer Rickner; BROTHER: David Rickner; a NIECE whom she considered a second daughter: Daniell Tinsley & husband Josh; also Misti Buntin & Niece Haley Perez; great Nieces & Nephews: Delaney - Emma - Jesse - Ty - Haley - Michelle - Braylee - Brielle - Baker; Long time friends whom she considered part of her extended family: the Dorsey's: Liz, Chuck, Chad, Megan, & Blaire - Michael Davis - Sherry Hammock - Becky Marrs - Dana Sheldon - the Hemphill Family - Edward Arend - Lexi Akers - Blake Arend - the Holderread Family; PLUS numerous cousins & other relatives.

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Billy Don Teter

A service celebrating the life of Cushing resident, Billy Don Teter, was held 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 29th at the Oak Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Kevin Vogeles of the Drumright River of Life Christian Center officiating. Masonic funeral rites will be provided by Drumright Masonic Lodge #468 A.F. & A.M. Interment followed in Shamrock Cemetery at Shamrock, Oklahoma. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Michael's Funeral Home Drumright.

Billy Don Teter was born on June 13, 1961 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to the late Billy Ray Teter & Iva May (Parson) Teter. He passed away peacefully at his residence with his loving wife by his side on September 22, 2025 at the age of 64 years, 3 months, & 9 days. Billy Don grew up with a deep sense of family, faith, and community that carried him throughout his life. He was a 1980 graduate of Drumright High School & even before he finished school, he began serving his community as a volunteer firefighter and dispatcher with the Drumright Fire Department. His dedication and leadership later led him to the role of Assistant Fire Chief, which he served with honor. At the same time, he worked for S&D Electric and was an active member of the Tri-County Drug Task Force.

He went on to build a successful career in the pipeline industry, where his strong work ethic and reliability was evident. He spent many years with Plains All American Pipeline & contributed to major projects including the Alberta Clipper and his role as senior Safety Inspector on the Kalamazoo River oil spill. Colleagues remember him for his steady leadership, dependable presence, and willingness to step in wherever he was needed. Also not only for his accomplishments and hard work, but for the way he lived: with laughter, devotion, and a deep love for those closest to him. He was a man who found joy in the simpler things in life, who never took his family for granted, and who lived fully and faithfully until the end.

On November 27, 2009 in Stroud, Oklahoma he married the love of his life, Jamie Lee Roberts. Their marriage was filled with laughter, devotion, and mutual respect. To Billy Don, Jamie was not only his wife but also his closest companion; his source of strength, and the one who stood beside him through every season of life. Together, they built a home centered on love, faith, and family.

Of all his roles in life, being a husband, father, and grandfather brought him the greatest joy. He treasured every moment with his grandchildren; whether cheering them on, teaching them, or simply enjoying their company. Some of his fondest memories together were their adventures at the lake, where he shared his love of fishing, exploring, and turning every outing into an adventure. He loved taking them out on the golf cart, transforming each ride into a journey filled with laughter and discovery. His grandchildren will always remember their "Gramps" for the joy, love, and adventures he gave them. The sparkle of the lake and the winding trails of the ranch will always carry his memory and the love and laughter of his smile.

Billy Don was a man of strong faith and conviction. He was a proud member of the Drumright Masonic Lodge #468 A.F. & A.M., a 32 nd Degree Mason in the Tulsa Scottish Rite, a member of AKDAR Shrine in Tulsa and president of the AKDAR Park Turtle Beach RC Race Team. He was truly living out the values of service, integrity, and brotherhood these organizations represent. He was happiest when surrounded by his family; whether gathered for a meal, enjoying the outdoors, or sharing one of his many hobbies including fishing, hunting, and racing RC cars. His playful spirit, quick wit, and easy going smile made him a joy to be around. His generosity of heart touched many lives. He was preceded in death by his FATHER: Bill Teter; his MOTHER: Iva Mae Ray; a SISTER: Cindi Teter; a BROTHER: Randy Teter; and a GREAT NEPHEW: Tyler Dean Teter-Chilton.

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He is survived by his loving WIFE: Jamie Teter of the home; DAUGHTER: Melanie Merchberger & husband Jeff; 2 GRANDCHILDREN: Avery & Colton; 2 BROTHERS: Terry Wayne Teter of Drumright & Rodney Teter of Welling; PLUS numerous Nieces, Nephew, Cousins, and other relatives and friends.

The family would like to extend their deepest appreciation to those who have walked beside Billy Don throughout his life and for the many acts of kindness, love, and support shown during this difficult time. Whether through visits, prayers, calls, or words of comfort, each expression has been a source of strength. A special thank you is given to Michael's Funeral Home, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Drumright Masonic Lodge, & Akdar Shrine. Your love and support will never be forgotten.



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