

DEATHS



Mr. Carroll

Richard James Carroll, 68, of Kempner died on Oct. 10, 2021.

A time of remembrance will be held Oct. 24 from 2-6 p.m. at Camp Caylor, 146 CR 4814 in Copperas Cove.

Richard was born on Jan. 17, 1953 to the late Norman and Lois Hodge Carroll in Sharon, Pennsylvania.

He grew up in Hermitage, Pennsylvania and graduated from Hickory High School in 1971.

Richard was a lifetime auto mechanic who was always tinkering on someone's car. He worked close to 20 years at Sarvas Dodge as a mechanic. In his later years, he worked for Duferco Steel in Farrell, Pennsylvania.

When he wasn't working or spending time with family, he would be outdoors. Richard loved to hunt and collect guns, which was his passion. He also loved to play guitar, and to create paintings and drawings, which he often gave away. Richard had many friends in Hermitage and loved his hometown.

Richard was preceded in death by his brother, Michael Carroll; infant sister, Cindy Carroll; and a nephew, Chad Hoagland.

Richard is survived by his two daughters, Carrie Carroll, and Kaitlyn Carroll and her boyfriend, Andrew "Andy" Rozelle; their mother, Paula Carroll; a sister, Anna Lee Hoagland; two grandsons, Kaleb Hess and Kayden Hess; and several nieces and nephews.

Viss Family Funeral Home of Copperas Cove has charge of arrangements.



Mr. Rice

David Owen Rice, 74, of Lampasas died in Lampasas on Oct. 12, 2021.

He was born on Dec. 1, 1946, in Findlay, Ohio to Lester Rice and Ruth Ede Rice.

He had lived in Lampasas for the past three years, after moving from San Antonio.

David married Faithann Smith on Feb. 14, 1989 in Copperas Cove.

David served in the United States Army for 22 years, retiring from Fort Hood as an equipment supervisor. After retirement from the military, he worked at Stanley Insurance in and around the Central Texas area.

He loved doing research on his computer on varied topics.

He is survived by his wife, Faithann Rice, of Lampasas; one son, Steven Rice of Austin; one daughter, Stefanie Wrenn of San Antonio; two brothers, Steve Rice of Findlay and Mark Rice of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; a son-in-law, Russell Wrenn; and five grandchildren, Jakob Wrenn, Asher Wrenn, Cooper Wrenn, Bentlee Sulak and Erik Rice.

No services are planned. David will be cremated, and his ashes will be scattered by his family at a later date. Heritage Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

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Mrs. Cohee

Rita Carol Cohee, 73, of Kempner died on Oct. 8, 2021, at her residence.

Rita was born on Jan. 22, 1948 in Cameron to Ernest and Fay Glaser.

She loved gardening, had a green thumb, and neighbors often called her "The Flower Lady." She also loved country music, cooking, baking and was known for her pumpkin bread.

Rita had a sense of humor and loved to joke with others. She enjoyed family get-togethers.

She was preceded in death by her sons Mike Barton and David Barton, and her sister, Vanessa Roach.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Bill Cohee; daughters Lori Salazar and husband Michael, Tami Scurry and Lisa Barton; brother, Mark Glaser; and grandchildren Emma, Dylan, Zachary, Madison, Ashley, Justin, Kayla and Heather.

Memorials may be made in Rita's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Kempner, Lometa post sales tax revenue gains

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increase over October 2021, while Lometa was up 15% this period with its rebate of \$7,990.

With just two months remaining in the year, Kempner has total sales taxes to date of \$107,174 – up 5% over 2020.

Lometa's 10-month sales tax total amounts to \$74,802, which puts the city almost 9% ahead of 2020 for the comparable months.

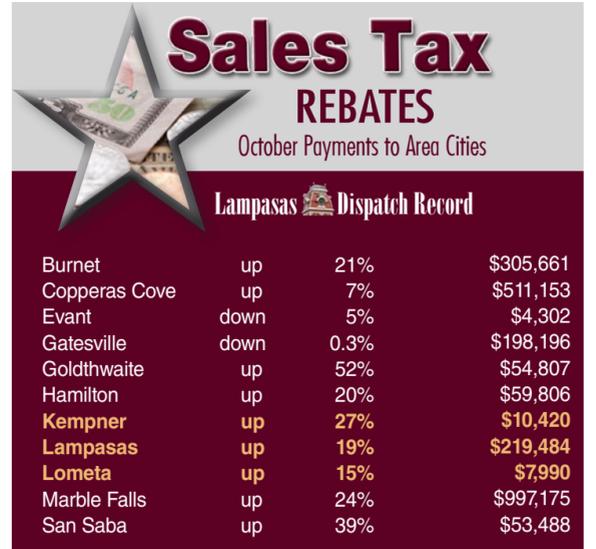
Lampasas County, likewise, posted gains for October and for the year. The sales tax allocation for the county jumped 20% this month and leaves it with \$1.02 million collected for 2021. That figure is 19% ahead of last year's cumulative receipts.

Cities in the surrounding area that did see a percentage decline this month in sales tax rebates were Evant, which dipped 5%, and Gatesville.

Gatesville's \$198,196 for October was just \$536 short of last year's payment, but both it and Evant maintain a 10% annual increase over 2020 at this point.

Copperas Cove holds an 8% advantage over last year in terms of sales taxes. The city's 10-month total comes to almost \$5.38 million.

The only entity in the neighboring counties with a higher 2021 sales tax total is Marble Falls. The \$9.88 million it has collected



DISPATCH RECORD GRAPHIC

With just a few exceptions, cities in Lampasas County and adjoining counties recorded significant gains this period in their sales tax allocations. October payments are based on local sales made in August.

through October is 20% more than its 2020 cumulative figure for the same months.

The city of Burnet posted a 21% gain in October with a rebate this period of \$305,661.

Payments to date of \$2.66 million give Burnet a 14% edge over last year in sales tax revenues.

The highest percentage gain for the month among neighboring cities was recorded by Goldthwaite. Its October payment soared 52% to \$54,807, and puts the Mills

County seat 19% ahead of 2020.

San Saba saw a significant rise in sales tax receipts this month, too, as it received 39% more than it did in October last year. With two months of the year remaining, San Saba's current-year total is up 20% over 2020.

The city of Hamilton holds a 13% advantage for the year, with sales taxes that amount to \$635,250 for 2021. Its rebate this month for \$59,806 translated to a 20% increase for October.

AdventHealth Rollins Brook hospital to offer free flu clinic

AdventHealth Rollins Brook will hold a free community flu clinic on Thursday from 4-7 p.m. Health professionals will administer the flu vaccine on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Anyone six months of age or older can get vaccinated. Those at higher risk for flu complications -- including seniors over

65 years, pregnant women, children under 5 years of age and people with certain health conditions -- are

especially encouraged to get vaccinated. The hospital is at 608 N. Key Ave.

For additional information about the drive-thru flu clinic, call the Wellness office at 254-519-8202.



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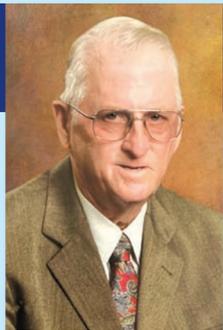


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Alfred "Al" Machen



Alfred "Al" Machen, age 86, passed from this life into his Heavenly home on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

Al was born on May 18, 1935, in the Lampasas County community of Nix to Milton George and Neva Maurea (Porter) Machen. Al served in the US Army immediately after the Korean Conflict. He was a longtime resident of McCulloch County, moving here in 1957.

He married the love of his life, Bobbye Forehand, on November 8, 1957, in Lampasas, and they shared 64 years in life, laughter, love, and family.

Al was a Christian man who was an elder of the Sunset Ridge Church of Christ and was devoted to his work with the Heart of Texas Bible Camp for over 50 years. He also was involved in his community and had served as Band Booster President.

A hard-working man, Al's work ethic was unmatched by those both young and old. He had a one-job, 35-year career as a civil engineer for the Texas Highway Department. After his retirement, he worked for the Holloways and Heritage Funeral Home for 25 years. He loved ranching, his cows, and his goats. He also loved fishing, woodworking, and gardening.

Al was the sweetest man you could ever meet, who spoke his mind when needed, but even that was done with kindness. Above all else, Al was a family man who loved each member of his family dearly, teaching them important life lessons. He imparted wisdom and God's love to each of them.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Avilla Corbin, and son-in-law Lee Coffman.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Bobbye Machen of Brady; son, Rick Machen and wife Debra of Kingsville, Texas; daughter, Suzanne Coffman of Brady; brother, Clifford Machen and Darlene Ward of Lampasas, Texas; sister, Sharon Moore and husband Buddy of Lampasas; four grandchildren, Mallory Dougherty and husband Sean, Kyle Machen, Bradley Coffman and Ryan Coffman; two great-granddaughters, Evelyn Dougherty and Corrie Dougherty; and numerous extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heart of Texas Bible Camp, c/o Sunset Ridge Church of Christ.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, September 30, 2021, at Heritage Funeral Home of Brady.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 1, 2021, at Sunset Ridge Church of Christ with Virgil Webb, Minister, officiating. Burial will be at 3:30 PM in Senterfitt Cemetery near Lometa.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Heritage Funeral Home of Brady.

Please view Mr. Machen's online memorial at www.heritagefuneralhomes.com