

Obituaries

Frances Ann Holsomback 1943 - 2022

Frances Ann Holsomback, 78, passed away Monday, July 11, 2022 at her home in Springtown.

Funeral was at 12 p.m. Monday, July 18, 2022 at Alexander's Midway, Springtown.

Visitation started at 11 a.m. on Monday, prior to the service. Burial followed at Goshen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers family request donations be made to Cook Children's Hospital or St Jude.

Ann was born Dec. 27, 1943 in Gatesville to Lawrence and Vera Herring. They both preceded her in death along with two brothers and her granddaughter, Haley Mobley. She married her sweetheart in 1961 and they moved to Springtown in 1968. Ann was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.



Left to cherish her memory are her son, J.T. Holsomback and wife, Wendy; daughters Starla Irby and husband Philip, Tisha Mobley and husband, Michael and Tomi Jean Vaeth and husband, Nathan; her sister, Lanell Hill and husband Harold; 17 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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Michael Padilla 1957 - 2022

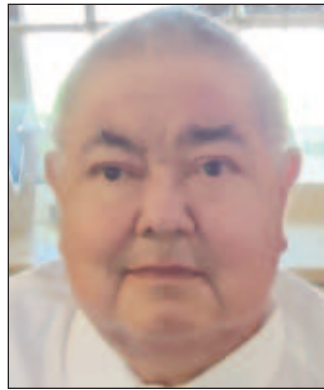
Michael Padilla, age 64, loving husband, father, brother and son passed away peacefully on July 14, 2022 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Michael was born August 14, 1957 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Teodoro and Olivia Mary Martinez Padilla. He graduated from Rio Grande High School in 1975. In 1976, he enlisted in the US Marine Corps, where he achieved the rank of sergeant before his discharge in 1982. On May 5, 1990, he married his wife, Debby, with whom he had two children he dearly loved. He spent his life working in IT, which provided the means for him to support his family and to pursue his interest in raising thoroughbreds.

Michael prioritized fatherhood, giving all of himself to create opportunity for his children. Over the years, Michael has touched many lives, and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Michael is preceded in death by his parents, Teodoro and Olivia Padilla.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Deborah Padilla; son, Patrick Padilla of Springtown, and daughter, Michelle Huff and husband Ryan of Fort Worth; brother, Ted Padilla and wife Jennie; sisters, Rose Mary Montoya and husband Avenicio,



Lillian Picard and husband Pete, and Cecilia Maestas and husband Jerry; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be held on Monday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. at White's Springtown Chapel in Springtown, Texas, with recitation of Holy Rosary to follow at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, July 26 at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Azle, Texas. Interment will follow at 1 p.m. at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

Flowers are gratefully declined. In lieu of flowers, donations in the memory of Michael may be made in support of the American Diabetes Association. You may make your gift online, by phone at 1-800-DIABETES, or by mail.

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A trip around the writer's block



BE AMAZING By Gerry Lewis

Azle resident Dr. Gerry Lewis guides explorers to discover their AMAZING. He is an author, musician, and speaker, and a coach-sultant for individuals, churches, and organizations. More at www.discoveryouramazing.com.

His name was David. I'm going to call him David #2 for reasons that will be clear in a few more lines.

He was two grades ahead of me in school and lived on the corner of 7th and Eric streets. I have only one vivid memory of him.

My best friend was David #1 and he lived two doors down from me in the 600 block of Franklin street. David #1 was also two grades ahead of me but we played together all of the time and he was like a brother.

By that I mean we went from playing to fighting sometimes several times in the same day.

On this particular day, we were all playing together and David #1 and I had one of our frequent fights. He stormed off toward his house and I was left with David #2. I was really upset about the fight and he said something that has proven true for over 50 years since that day. He said, "Gerry, you're not a fighter. You're a lover."

I was in the 3rd grade. My mom married my stepfather in June after that school year and we moved. Both the David's moved away at some point after that and I never saw them again.

Why did I begin with that story today?

Because I couldn't think of anything to write about.

But, here's the sequence of thought: I don't know what to write ... writer's block ... block ... around the block ... David who lived on the opposite corner of the block ... a profound observation from an eleven-year-old boy ... well, that was a productive trip

around the block! "You're not a fighter. You're a lover."

I suppose my people-pleasing, conflict-avoiding, peace-seeking nature was already showing up—despite my frequent fistfights with David #1 and my younger brother, Jeff.

But there was also something in that observation of nine-year-old Gerry that returned to time after time for all these intervening years. And hundreds of people have affirmed it.

I have learned that there are a few things worth fighting FOR—but the list is really short. I prefer words like "advocating" or "championing" rather than fighting. I'll even go for "defending" as long as we're talking about people.

There is almost nothing I'm going to fight OVER.

I'm not going to suggest that anyone take my approach to life (though I certainly think it's a lot healthier than going around looking for a fight).

What I am going to suggest is that every person reading this should understand who you really are—the unique and amazing you God created—and find a way to live purposefully in that God-given identity.

If I can help people know how much they are loved by God, how much their lives matter, and that I love them and will seek their benefit, then I'm well on the way to living my amazing.

Even if I can't think of anything to write.

Be amazing today, my friend.

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Ministerial Alliance to hold blood drive

Azle Area Ministerial Alliance will hold a Carter BloodCare community blood drive from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 1 at the First United Methodist Church in Azle, 200 Church St.

People may sign up by accessing https://ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/127874.

For more information, call Colleen Horan at Carter BloodCare at 817-412-5372.

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<p>THE ABBEY CHURCH Pastor: Paul Brownback 10400 Jacksboro Highway 817-238-1404 www.TheAbbeyChurch.com Morning Worship.....10:30 AM Community Groups.....Various Times</p> <p>ASH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Dr. G. Wesley Shotwell 300 South Stewart St. 817-444-3219 www.ashcreekbc.org Sunday School.....9:30 AM Contemporary Worship-TMP.....10:45 AM Traditional Worship.....10:45 AM Evening Worship.....6:00 PM Wednesday Youth Refuge.....6:00 PM Wednesday Evening.....6:15 PM</p> <p>AZLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) Senior Minister, Ashley Dargai, Katie Medlin, Worship Minister 117 Church St. • 817-444-3527 Sunday School.....10:00 AM Morning Worship.....11:00 AM</p> <p>AZLE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Tim Stevens 1020 S.E. Parkway, Azle 817-237-4903 Sunday School.....9:30 AM Morning Worship.....10:30 AM Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM</p>	<p>COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH Pastor - Alton Davis 817-521-4510 1405 Reynolds Rd., Azle 817-444-7117 Directions: 730 N. to 1542 .5 mi. right on Cardinal, left on Reynolds Sunday School.....9:45 AM Morning Worship.....11:00 AM Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM</p> <p>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH 2233 Hwy 199 E. • Springtown 817-221-LIFE (5433) Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 AM Wednesday.....7:00 PM</p> <p>CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor - Jon Baker Corner FM 730S & FM 1886 817-755-0279 Transportation Available Worship Service.....10:30 AM Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 PM</p> <p>THE EDGE CHURCH - AZLE 1313 S.E. Pkwy, Azle 817-237-4822 Missouri Synod "Love God - Serve Others - Share Jesus" Traditional Worship.....9:30 AM Contemporary Worship.....11:00 AM</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor: Dr. Richard Reed 200 Church St., Azle 817-444-3323 Morn. Worship.....8:30, 9:45 & 11 AM Sunday School.....9:45 & 11 AM Youth (UMYF).....5:00 PM Sun & 6:30 PM Wed</p> <p>HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH 800 Highcrest Dr. - Azle 817-444-3063 Saturday.....5:00 PM Sunday.....9:00 AM Sunday.....11 AM (Spanish) Daily Mass (M, T, Th, F).....8:00 AM Wednesday Mass Religious ED.....6:30 PM Confessions.....Sat 4 PM</p> <p>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA 4795 E. Hwy 199 - Reno 817-221-HOPE Follow us on Facebook for streaming services Sunday School.....9:00 AM Traditional Service.....10:00 AM</p> <p>SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH 591 S. Reno Rd., Springtown, Texas 76082 Pastor - Bill Gay - 817-304-7443 Coffee and Donuts.....9:00 AM Sunday School.....9:30 AM Morning Worship.....10:30 AM Children's Church After Music Service Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 PM</p>	<p>LEGACY CHURCH Assembly of God Church Pastor: Gary D. Veazey Hwy. 199 & Jaybird Lane 817-221-2983 Morning Worship.....9:15 & 11:00 AM Kidz Zone.....9:15 & 11:00 AM Weds Evening Legacy Group Legacy Youth, Kids All Services.....7:00 PM</p> <p>SILVER CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Sheila Fiorella - Pastor 2200 Church Rd., Azle 817-444-1382 www.silvercreekumc.org Sunday School 9:30 AM • Worship 10:30 AM</p> <p>SILVER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Jay Ditty Minister of Music: David Musick Corner FM 730 S. & Veal Station Rd. Church 817-444-2325 www.silvercreekbc.org Sunday School.....9:45 AM Morning Worship.....10:50 AM Evening Worship.....6:00 PM Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 PM</p>	<p>THE WORD@LAKESIDE CHURCH OF GOD 9396 FM 1886 Fort Worth, TX 76135 817-237-5500 thewordatlakeside.com Pastors: Brandon and Kelly Bohannon Worship Pastor: Christen Moody Family Life and Young Adult Pastors: Jodie and Mark James, Kids Pastor: Katie Pearson, Student Pastors: Taylor and Sheridan Tomlin, Creative Directors: Logan and Carrie Edwards, Connections Coordinators: Preston and Ashley Larrew</p> <p>Equip Sunday School at the WORD 9:30 AM Empower Worship at the WORD . 10:45 AM Kids at the WORD.....10:45 AM PreK at the WORD.....10:45 AM Emanate at the WORD (Special Needs Ministry).....10:45 AM Nursery at the WORD.....10:45 AM Young Adults at the WORD.....6:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesdays Adult Bible Class.....7:00 PM The WORD Students (6th-12th grades) 6:30 PM Awana Kids at the WORD.....6:30 PM Life at the WORD Life Groups Various Times</p>
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