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ALTON
ALLEN AUDILET

Alton Allen Audilet, 84, of Yorktown passed away Tuesday, April 15, 2025. He was born August 25, 1940 in Nopal, TX to William Paul and Minnie Rabenaldt Audilet. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, VFW Yorktown post and Dewitt Vietnam Veterans of America

#1029 of Yorktown. He enjoyed checking his cattle, going to the “office” to drink coffee with his buddies, hunting, fishing and going to the casinos. He is survived by his children Scarlett (Allen Joe) Moeller of Cuero, Brett (Terri) Audilet of Hardin and Crystal (Micah) Gore of Yorktown. He is also survived by his grandchildren Jake Moeller, Candace Moeller, Alexis Alvarez, Kobe Alvarez, great grandchildren Hayes, Maisyn, Waylon, Walker, Wrenlli and brothers William Audilet and James Audilet. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Susanne Audilet,

brothers Edmund Audilet, Marvin Audilet and sisters Lucille Coleman, Rose Lee Kubala and Vivian Slezinsky. Memorial Service will be held 11 am June 21, 2025 at First United Methodist Church of Yorktown. Reception to follow service in the fellowship hall. Memorials may be given to First United Methodist Church, Dewitt Vietnam Veterans of America #1029 or donor’s choice. You are invited to sign the online guest book at www.massey-fh.com Arrangements by Massey Funeral Home, Yorktown, Texas 361-564-2900.

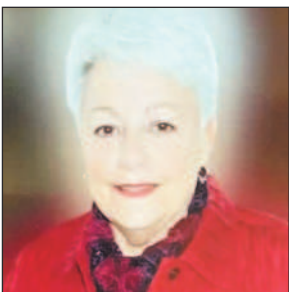


ROBERT
LEON OLIVER

Robert Leon Oliver, close friend and relative to many in the DeWitt County community, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2025. Robert was an esteemed citizen of DeWitt County, a generous philanthropist and the founder and Chairman of the Board of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum. He has left a profound legacy of love and commitment not only to his family and friends, but for the entire city of Cuero. He was born in Refugio, Texas on August 8, 1949, to Gale Oliver Jr. and Frances Hamilton Oliver. Besides his loving parents, Robert was greatly influenced by his maternal grandmother, Clare Wofford Hamilton of Cuero. From a very young age, Robert had a keen appreciation and curiosity about his family history. He spent many memorable summers and holidays with his grandparents at their ranch in Cheapside, Texas. Through the years, he came to respect his family’s rich ranching heritage and deep ties to the land. After graduating from Refugio High School, Robert followed his older brother Alex, breaking with family tradition and instead of becoming an Aggie, he enrolled at the University of Texas at Austin. While at the University of Texas, Robert became a member of the Acacia Fraternity and the University of Texas Longhorn Marching Band. Robert graduated with a Bachelor of Journalism degree in Advertising Studies. After graduation from College, Robert moved to Vail, Colorado. He had a strong desire to travel and explore the world, so he took a job in a restaurant until he earned enough money for his first trip to Europe. That trip awakened his passion for travel, architecture, art, beautiful gardens and especially history; all of which he cultivated

throughout his lifetime prompting his desire to renovate, restore and repurpose almost every historical building he ever saw! Following his travels to Europe and Asia, he came back to Vail where he first managed a small boutique hotel. It was then that he started his career in real estate management. He became owner and president of the Plaza Lodge Properties in Vail, a property management company consisting of townhomes, condominiums, private homes and commercial buildings. While living in Vail, Robert served on the founding board of the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens, a 1.5 acre high altitude garden consisting of athletic fields and a custom playground for children. After returning to Cuero in 1995 to help care for his mother, Robert rekindled former acquaintances and made new friendships as he settled into a small community. He immediately became active in historic preservation and was Chairman of the Cuero Heritage Museum from 1998 to 2001 where he curated many exhibits. His passion for history and ranching heritage guided his dream to establish a museum dedicated to the ranching heritage of South Central Texas. In 2000, he led stakeholders and community leaders in establishing the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum. Through his leadership and tireless efforts, they created a mission statement, organized by laws, navigated application and authorization processes, led two capital campaign efforts, obtained and oversaw restoration of the Knights of Pythias Hall and construction of a two story annex adjacent to the hall. The museum opened its doors in 2013, and Robert has been instrumental in the success of the award winning museum since its inception. His vision has grown to include several other historical structures on the museum campus as well as Peebles Park and the Steen Roundabout. Always striving to improve things, Robert’s future plans included a major expansion to the museum

that will house Native American artifacts, Texas pioneer items and Western Art. His goal and driving force was always to create spaces that draw people from all walks of life together to enjoy each other, learn new things and celebrate the history and heritage of the community. Robert was a prolific visionary, a lover of art and music with a profound passion to experience, notice, appreciate, savor, teach and share the many examples of the arts and culture he found all around him with friends, family and especially his nieces and nephews. He generously took many opportunities to spend his time and knowledge with them, sharing his love of the arts, never missing an opportunity to get together and just generally having a great time! He was also a man of the land. His dedication to caring for and improving the landscapes around him was endless. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Frances and Gale Oliver Jr.; his brothers, Gale Oliver III (Gay) and Alexander Hamilton Oliver (Nance). He is survived by his partner, Hebert Rojas-Silva; brother, William Thornton Oliver (Coylene); nieces, Kathy Oliver (Brian Chandler), Kristen Jesulaitis (David), Clare Duffin (Donald), Amory Felder (Robby) and nephews, Gale Hamilton Oliver (Tricia), Will Oliver (Leslie), and Greyson Oliver. He adored his great nieces and nephews, Elizabeth, Clare, Parker, Will, Jackson, Kyle, Oliver, Tripp, Porter, Anderson, Tillie and Hamilton. A private family service will be held for Robert with burial to follow at Hillside Cemetery. At a later date there will be a Celebration of Life to honor Robert on the campus of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Robert Oliver Memorial at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum or the charity of your choice. You may sign the guestbook or send condolences at www.freundfuneralhome.com. Freund Funeral Home, 361.275.2343.

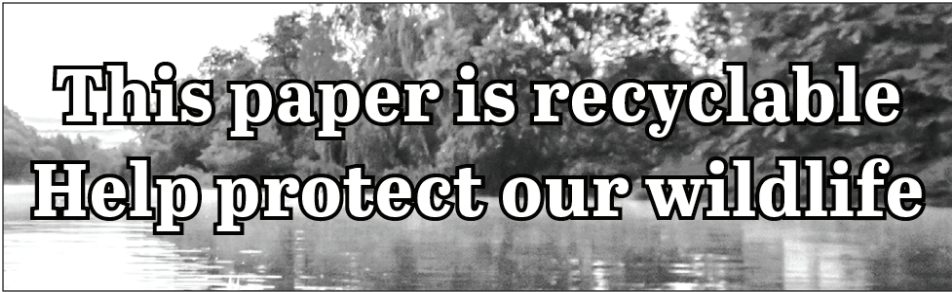


JOANN KENNEDY
BRUMLEY

JoAnn Kennedy Brumley, 85 of Dinero, TX passed away on Tuesday, June 10th, 2025 at 11:00AM. She was born January 2nd, 1940 in Edgar, TX to the late Marvin and Lora Collins Kennedy. She graduated from Cuero High School in 1958 and went to Victoria Junior College. She attended First Baptist Church in Cuero, TX where she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She married Ken Brumley in 1958 and they resided in Victoria and Gregory-Portland, TX. She worked as an administrative assistant at Gregory-Portland and Victoria I.S.D and retired after 25 years of service. Ken and Jo Ann loved camping and traveled most of the U.S. in their travel trailer, but their favorite vacationing spot was the Frio Riv-

er and they vacationed there every summer with their three children and grandchildren. She loved reading especially her Bible, listening to Christian and country music, playing games, and most of all spending time with her family. She loved her 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She was a member of First McKinney Baptist Church in McKinney, TX. JoAnn was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband, Kenneth Brumley of 53 years; sisters, Lillian Coppedge of Cuero, TX, Mildred Davis of Houston, TX, Violet Corley of Laurel, MI, Nina Volk of Pierre, SD and Ruth Ahrendt of Victoria, TX and brothers; W.P. Kennedy of Imperial Beach, CA and Thomas Rex Kennedy of Milano, TX. She is survived by her son, Alan Brumley (Shana); her daughters, Allyson Cissna (Jay), Andrea Lauper (Brian); seven grandchildren, Alyssa Cooley (Daniel), Kaitlyn Mullins (Kendall), Lindsey Murray (Chris), Sarah Zabel (Travis), David

Zabel (Kalie), Brooke Trickett (Charles) and Lauren Lauper (Trey); nine great-grandchildren, Quinn, Mabry and Hallie Murray, Avery, Erin and Luke Trickett, Caroline and Britton Cooley and Birdie Jo Mullins; sister-in-law, Janice Beard; brother-in-law, Billy Brumley of Vidor, TX and many nephews and nieces. Visitation will be held Saturday, June 14th, 2025, 9:00 A.M. at Freund Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 10:00 AM with Rev. Tim Williams officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery. Pallbearers include David Zabel, Chris Murray, Daniel Cooley, Charles Trickett, Kendall Mullins, Greg Yanta and Tim Yanta. Honorary Pallbearers include Jimmy Coppedge and Larry Coppedge. Memorial Contributions may be made to The American Heart Association Research or American Lung Association. You may sign the guestbook or send condolences at www.freundfuneralhome.com. Freund Funeral Home, 361.275.2343.



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