

The Descendants of William Lawson Smith (1852-1906?) and Emily Spartis Guthrie (1855-1939) of Texas

This is the continuing saga of the descendants of Jesse R. Smith and Elizabeth Harrison Smith and an examination of the life of their 3rd child and his children and an introduction of his grandchildren. As usual, I'll leave a brief introduction of Ernest and Isabella before delving into the children.

- 4. William Lawson Smith** 27 NOV 1852 • Washington, TX - DEATH Before 1910 Bell, TX?
Emily Spartis Guthrie 3 MAY 1855 • Lavaca County, TX - 1 APRIL 1939 • Olton, Lamb, TX
Marriage: 10 Jul 1873 • Bell, TX

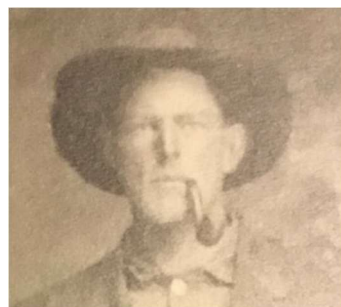
William was the 3rd child of Jesse and Elizabeth arriving in 1852 probably in Washington County before the move to Atascosa in late 1850's. He first appears in the 1860 Census in Atascosa County with 6 siblings, his parents, and an uncle. He shows up next in 1870 after the family moved to Atascosa and everyone is still at home. Records show that in Jul 1873, he has made his way to Bell County and married Emily Spartis Guthrie. He would have been 20 and Emily almost 18. Emily had been born near Hallettsville, TX in Lavaca County in 1855 and she was one of the youngest children of William Guthrie and his last of several wives.

22. Unknown A Smith 1887 • Bartlett, TX - 1887 • Bartlett, TX

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Speculation based on Emily's report of 10 births and 5 deaths – no records – loss of twins perhaps?
This has just left in to explain the missing numbers.

24. Ernest Edward Smith 24 SEP 1889 • Granger, Williamson, TX - 29 DEC 1941 • Carlsbad, NM
Queen Isabella Allen 6 MAR 1897 • Paden, Mississippi - 20 FEB 1953 • Borger, Hutchinson, TX
Marriage: 5 Sep 1921 • Harmon, OK
Queen's first husband - Fred Snowden ABT 1892 • England - 6 JULY 1928
Married about 1912 – Texas



Photos posted by Amanda Cantor on Ancestry.

We move on to Ernest Edward Smith, the 8th child of William and Emily. His birthplace of Granger is believable since it is right by Bartlett. As with his brother William, his arrival in 1889 precluded and appearance before 1900 in a census since the 1890 Census was lost. After the disappearance of his father after the 1900 Census and the migration of most of the family to west Texas, Ernest shows up in 1910 as the

head of the remaining family which includes his mother and his younger brother and sister. If you will recall, other family members are living nearby. Ernest at 20 has inherited the care of his mother. We see again that Emily is reporting 10 births and 5 survivor which implies that there were no additional births after 1900.

Children of Queen and Ernest and Queen and Fred Snowden

113.2	Charles Thomas Snowden	1914	1967	Queen and Frederick Child#1
113.3	Fred Robert Snowden	1916	2000	Queen and Frederick Child#2
113.4	Mildred Snowden	1919	1919	Queen and Frederick Child#3
114	Ernestine Smith	1924	1982	Ernest and Queen Child#1
115	Mary Isabella Smith	1926	1991	Ernest and Queen Child#2
116	William Lawson Smith	1927	1986	Ernest and Queen Child#3

I am not planning on digging real deeply into the stepchildren, but I will give a brief rundown so that they don't get totally ignored, and you often find clues you didn't expect when searching other family members.

113.2 Charles Thomas Snowden 1914–1967

Margaret Jewel Baker 1918–1999

Charles Thomas Jr. Snowdon 1941–Living

Margaret Elaine Snowdon 1943–Living

Anita Louise Snowdon 1948–Living

Fred Earl Snowden 1950 – Living

Charles married Margaret Baker in 1938 in Oklahoma and he ran a machine shop in Memphis, TX most of his adult life and died there in 1967. He and Margaret had 4 children. I have not investigated them.

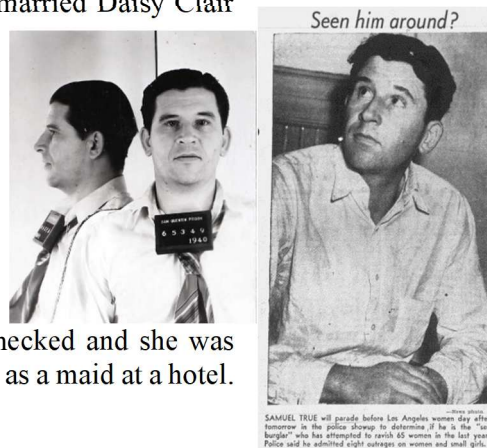
113.3 Fred Robert Snowden 1916–2000

Daisy May Clair 1911–2000

Lela May True 1931–Deceased

Fred moved to California and was a farmer. In the 1940's he married Daisy Clair who had been married to Samuel True with whom she had a daughter before he was arrested in 1940 for being a serial rapist and sent to St. Quinton for a while. I'm not sure how long he served, but he ended up in Louisiana with a new family and other children before his death in 1983.

I was a bit amused when looking at the 1950 Census for her daughter and she was identified as "will be given at Los Angeles" I think that the intent was to mean that after they started to write down her name on their form in Fresno, they crossed her out and said that she would be counted there. I checked and she was living there with her 70-year-old grandmother who was working as a maid at a hotel.



113.3 Mildred Snowden 26 FEB 1919 • Hall County, TX - 21 JUN 1919 • Memphis, Hall, TX

Mildred was the 3rd child of Fred and Isabella, but she only lived 4 months.

114. Ernestine Smith 15 MAR 1924 • Turkey, Hall, TX - 12 JAN 1982 • Amarillo, TX

Milton Glenn Alexander 7 APR 1914 • Brookeland, TX - 7 OCT 1972 • Borger, TX

Married: About 1943 Maybe Kansas



Ernestine from Ancestry and Milton's grave marker from Findagrave in Borger.

During the short marriage of Earnest and Isabella, they had three children before divorcing. Isabella married Roy Anderson and Earnest died in 1941 so Ernestine appears in the 1930 Census with her father, mother, stepsiblings, sister and brother and then in 1940, as one of 3 stepchildren of Roy Anderson and her mother Isabella.

Sometime between 1940 and 1943, Ernestine married Milton Alexander. I have not found marriage records, but someone on FamilySearch has suggested that it was in Hugoton, Stevens, Kansas. I have searched for confirmation of this without success. The 1940 Census found Milton in Jasper, TX living with his widowed father and a younger and older sister, Lucy and Robbie. He was working as a laborer in a retail

lumber yard. He registered for the draft in 1940 and at that time he was living at 108 N. Main – The Kelly Hotel in Borger. His sister, Mary Olive, who lived at the same place was his point of contact. He worked for Standard Asbestos and Insulation Company in Borger. He was 5'-8-150lbs-brown eyes-brown hair-ruddy complexion. Here is an interesting history of Borger which is north of Amarillo in the Texas Panhandle and a big center of operations for Phillips Petroleum back in the 1930's – 1950's. <https://www.borgertx.gov/263/Borger-History>. Ernestine lived in Amarillo in 1940 so Borger was not too far away. I thought perhaps that Milton was in the service and stationed in Kansas during the war and then some additional training in New Mexico where their first daughter Yvonne Iwona was born in 1944. I have not been able to find any military connections for Milton however, so maybe his work in the asbestos business took him on the road in support of the war effort. I do not have any firm evidence or news accounts to confirm his movements during this period. By Nov 1947, they were back in Borger where Sylvia Kay was born in 1947. For some reason, the 1950 Census did not list Milton's occupation, but I believe that he was back in the asbestos business.

Milton's family is a little confusing. It looks like his father was Fred Alexander and his mother was Olive (or Willis) Macon, both from Arkansas. His mother died in 1919 when Milton was 5 and his father remarried. He was the 5th of 6 children born to his parents with 2 older sisters, two older brothers, and one younger sister. Hortense Alexander Hooper 1902–1981, Fred Norton Alexander Sr. 1903–1977, Willis Macon Alexander 1905–1974, Robbie Lucy Alexander Barrow 1909–1985, Milton Glenn Alexander 1914–1972, and Mary Olive Alexander White Dennis 1916–1994. His father seems to have spent a fair number of years as a butcher running a meat market in Jasper, TX. He seems to have married briefly after his first wife's death as he was listed as divorced in 1930 after showing up as widowed in 1920 with his children. At the time of his death in 1953, he was still divorced.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation
1950 Census	103 E Coolidge		Borger, Hutchinson, Texas								
Alexander	Milton G	Head	White	Male	36		Married	Texas			
Alexander	Ernestine	Wife	White	Female	26		Married	Texas			
Alexander	Yvonne I	Daughter	White	Female	6		Never Married	(New Mexico			
Alexander	Sylvia K	Daughter	White	Female	2		Never Married	(Texas			

Information gets a little scarce after 1950 as is often the case. It appears that Yvonne got married shortly before Milton's death in 1972 and had a daughter, Rhonda in 1970 and a son Jared date unknown. Daughter Sylvia married Clyde Hodge about 1971 and they had a daughter, Amanda in 1973.

Milton died in 1972 and his obituary reads:

Funeral services for Milton Glenn Alexander, 58, of 1017 Meredith, are pending at Simpson's Funeral Home of Borger. He died at his home about 5:30 a.m. Saturday.

Born April 7, 1914 in Brookeland, Tex., Mr. Alexander came to Borger from Pampa in 1937. A resident here since then, he was a frost and asbestos worker in the construction industry.

Survivors include his wife, Ernestine, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Yvonne Iwona Doyle of Omaha, Neb., and Sylvia Kay Alexander of San Antonio; two brothers, Fred N. Alexander Jr. of Dallas and Macon Willis Alexander of Kerrville; three sisters, Mrs. Hortense Hooper of San Antonio, Mrs. Lucy Barrow of Borger and Mrs. Mary Olive Whitehead of North Kingston, R.I.; and one grandchild.

(Published in Borger News Herald, October 8, 1972)

Ernestine hung on for 10 more years before joining Milton and her obituary reads:

Ernestine Alexander, 57, of 1017 Meredith, died at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Amarillo. Services are pending with Alexander Funeral Directors.

A native of Turkey, Mrs. Alexander came to Borger 35 years ago from Memphis. She was employed by Phillips Petroleum Co. as a suggestion plan administrator for 21 years, and member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Yvonne Doyle of Ashley, Ohio, and Mrs. Sylvia Hodge of Borger; two brothers, Fred Snowdon, of California and William Smith of Fritch; one sister, Mrs. Mary Gay of Borger; and three grandchildren.

(Published in Borger News-Herald, Wednesday, January 13, 1982)

Children of Ernestine and Milton Alexander

317	Yvonne Iwona Alexander	1944	2018	Milton and Ernestine Child#1
318	Sylvia Kay Alexander	1947	2018	Milton and Ernestine Child#2

317. Yvonne Iwona Alexander 23 JAN 1944 • Tucumcari, NM - 24 FEB 2018 • Mount Gilead, OH
James Harvey Doyle 1942 • Unsure - Death: Unknown
Marriage: 1966 (based on 1996 divorce after 30 years of marriage)



Photo of Yvonne from Findagrave

Yvonne was Ernestine and Milton's first child and she arrived as WW2 was at its height. She first shows up in the 1950 Census with her parents and younger sister, Sylvia in Borger, TX after having been born in New Mexico. She grew up in Borger and per her divorce records, she married James Harvey Doyle in 1966. So far, I have been having trouble finding out much about James, but some records that I have found seem to suggest that he did some time in the service and at his age was probably a Vietnam vet. On 1 Dec 1970, their first child, Rhonda Glenn Doyle was born in Amarillo.

When her father died in 1972, they were reportedly in Nebraska and their 2nd child, Jared Harvey Jr was born there on 4 Dec 1974 in Douglas County which is where Omaha is. I have not found any mention of them in the papers. There were a lot of James Doyle's there in the 1970-1980 timeframe, but none seem to be our James. When her mother died in 1982, she was reported to be in Ashley, OH which is a small town in Delaware County, north of Columbus, OH.

Scanning newspapers, I found that Yvonne had gone back to school at Ohio State and was on the honor roll in 1974. Her address was reported to be 6847 Ohio 229 in Ashley. Searching on that address led me to a 1985 story about James having purchased and restored a 44-year-old single engine airplane in 1983 having always wanted to fly since being a paratrooper in the US Army. Yvonne and James were in their early 40's when all of this was going on meaning that their children would have been 15 and 11.



Continuing to search on that address, I found daughter Rhonda in 1990 getting a traffic ticket. Son Jared at 16 having a wreck and getting his license suspended. Yvonne getting a ticket for running a red light. Son Jared continued to spiral out of control in the early 1990's getting more tickets and diving into other crimes including robbery and drugs. These reports of problems continued through the 1990's. In 1998, there was a fire at that address and it noted that the house had recently been sold. I suspect that this was related to James and Yvonne's 1996 divorce.

There is an article in 1995 about James Doyle being the organizer of the Delaware County Local Militia. *The American way of life is under siege, according to the leaders of a Delaware County militia which plans to do something about it.*

The Delaware County Unorganized Militia is one of 80 such county organizations in Ohio, according to James Doyle of Ashley, the local unit's deputy commander. The group's commander, Barry Lutz of Ashley, said the militia is a law-abiding group that is part of a rapidly growing national network, Lutz said. Its members include every race, ethnic group, and religion, Doyle said. The men declined to

provide specifics on the local unit's members. Doyle said the county membership totals "probably between two and 5,000."

Lutz said the group's goal is preserving the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, which he and Doyle said are increasingly being ignored, abused, and attacked. "Tyranny is reigning in the United States," Lutz said.

Lutz and Doyle point to a long list of developments, policies, and reports which they cite as evidence of deteriorating American liberty, security, sovereignty, and nationalism. Lutz said the nationwide militias' first priority is motivating its members and supporters to civic action. "We're trying to get people to vote. We're getting them educated."

Reading further, this was a time in America that followed Iraq's invasion of Kuwait followed by Gulf War I in President Bush 41 followed by the election of Bill Clinton and the Oklahoma City bombing. James seemed to be very concerned about the New World Order and wrote several letters to the editor decrying in encroachment of globalism.

Looking at the children, they seem to have been a bit of a challenge for their parents. In addition to Jared's tickets, daughter Rhonda was also cited for driving infractions and in May 1986 when she was 15, she had a child, Dustin Allen Doyle. In 1991 when she was 20, she married William Hower and they had a daughter Ashley Renne Hower in Dec 1991 before divorcing in 1996. In 1996, I found Dustin Doyle at age 10 living at the 6847 Ohio 229 address and being taken to the hospital for an injury. Yvonne died in 2018 in Ohio and her obituary reads:

Yvonne I. Doyle, age 74, of Cardington, died Saturday, February 24, 2018, at the Woodside Village Care Center following a battle with Parkinson's disease.

On January 23, 1944, Yvonne was born in Tucumcari, New Mexico, the daughter of the late Milton and Ernestine Alexander. She was raised in Borger, Texas, where she graduated from Borger High School. She furthered her education attending nursing school in Amarillo, Texas.

After being married, Yvonne moved to Ohio in 1978, where she graduated from the Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She worked as a registered nurse at Ohio State University, Marion General Hospital, and lastly with Grady Memorial Hospital in Delaware. She worked both in the hospital and doing home healthcare. Yvonne was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Delaware, and the Red Hat Society.

An avid reader, Yvonne developed an extensive library of her favorite books. She also enjoyed making crafts and sewing, often patching her son Jared's clothes. She was a fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes too. A very kind and loving woman, Yvonne would do anything for the people she loved. She had an especially close relationship with her son, Jared, whom she always worried about. She also was a very strong and independent woman.

She will be missed by two children: Jared Doyle, and Rhonda Doyle; two grandchildren: Dustin Doyle, and Ashley Hower; 6 great-grandchildren: Hunter, Hayden, and Lindsey Doyle, and Noah, William and Olivia Wycuff; a sister, Sylvia Hodge; and a close family friend, Mike Smith.

Her family will greet friends from 1 – 2 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018, at the Snyder Funeral Homes, Craven Chapel, 67 N. Main St., Mount Gilead. Services honoring her life will follow there at 2 p.m., with Bishop Gilbert Crawford officiating. Burial will follow in Fulton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to assist the family with expenses.

Cardington is a town just north of Ashley located in Morrow County. From this obit, we notice that despite Jared's trouble, she still loved him. We note the two children born to Rhonda and it appears that Dustin is married and has three children while Ashley married someone names Wycuff and also has three children.

Children of James and Yvonne Alexander Doyle

753	Rhonda Glenn Doyle	1970	Yvonne and James Doyle's child#1
754	Jared Doyle	1975	Yvonne and James Doyle's child#2

318. Sylvia Kay Alexander 14 NOV 1947 • Borger, TX - Death 22 APR 2018 • Amarillo, TX
 Clyde Leroy Hodge 9 APR 1941 • Denver, CO - 22 SEP 2012 • Spearman, TX
 Marriage: 20 Nov 1972 – Divorce: 8 Nov 1979 - remarried 3 Aug 1996 • Hutchinson, TX



Sylvia was the 2nd and last child born to Milton and Ernestine. Unlike her sister, she was born and raised in Texas and spent her life there which made me think that her biography might be straightforward, but then I met her husband and it got complicated.

She was a sophomore at Borger HS in 1964, but I have not found where she graduated as she was not in the 1966 yearbook. I'm not sure what she did after graduation, but I suspect that she went to college because in the 1980's she was on the faculty at Spearman High School which is a small town in the far north Texas Panhandle known for its windmills.

Clyde was born in Denver in 1941. In 1957 and 1958 he was reportedly in Washington State and in 1961, He was working as an ironworker in Monrovia, CA married to someone named Joyce. In May 1962 in Seattle, he married Patricia Joan Yarborough. In 1965 Clyde Leroy Hodge Jr and Glenda Bee Hodge in 1968 were born in San Antonio and Joyce Clark is listed as the mother. He then shows up marrying Joyce Irene Clark Duncan in Oct 1970 and Divorcing in Nov 1972 with the mention of 2 children under 18. This may refer to Clyde Jr and Glenda, but I am not sure because Joyce had originally married Doran Duncan in 1962 and divorced him in Sep 1970, a month before her marriage to Clyde. To further complicate things, this article appeared in 1965. *An ex - Beaverton woman who was arrested last week in San Antonio, Tex., has been charged with mail theft and fraud in an information filed here by Asst. U.S. Atty. Charles Habernigg.*

The information charges Joyce Irene Duncan, 21, also known as Mrs. Clyde L. Hodge, with taking a \$1,229 check addressed to Mrs. Nancy Clark, 6830 SE Highway 217, Beaverton, last Nov. 12. The information further charges she schemed to defraud the U.S. National Bank's Beaverton branch.

The woman waived indictment in federal district court in San Antonio. She is expected to make her court appearances there.

From this it would seem that Joyce who was married to Doran Duncan in 1962 and did not divorce him until 1970 had taken up with Clyde and in fact Joyce is listed as the mother of Clyde Jr and Glenda Bee in 1965 and 1968 both in San Antonio. In her divorce from Doran, one child under 18 is mentioned so she and Doran must have had a child between 1962 and 1965, I guess. I have not located that child.

Continuing, Clyde's saga, in Nov 1972, he finally married our Sylvia and a month later he divorced Joyce. On 8 Nov 1973, daughter Amanda Hodge was born. Sylvia and Clyde then divorced in 1979 after one child and Clyde then proceeded to marry Charollette Ann Terpening, a young lady 15 years his junior. He and Charollette proceeded to have 3 children Diana Marie 1981, Terp Glen 1982, and Terrell Wayne 1983. Shortly after Terrell's birth, they divorced and Charollette married Levi T. Kinard in 1985, only to have him die in 2002 when he was only 42 and she 46.

After many years in the wilderness, Clyde apparently reunited with Sylvia in 1996. He died in 2012. **SPEARMAN — Clyde Leroy Hodge, 71, of Spearman died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012.**

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Medley officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman. Mr. Hodge was born April 9, 1941, in Denver. He married Sylvia Alexander on Nov. 20, 1972, in Amarillo. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Amanda G. Wells Earle of Spearman and Glenda Bee Liles of Houston; two sons, Clyde L. Hodge Jr. of Dallas and Turpin Hodge of Arkansas; a brother, Gary Hodge of Washington; and four grandchildren.

In his obituary we see that in the end, he didn't acknowledge his many wives, only Sylvia. Of his many children, he claims Clyde Jr and Glenda who were born to Joyce Clark, Amanda who was born to Sylvia, and Terp Glen who apparently goes by Turpin. His two other children with Charlotte, Marie and Terrell are not acknowledged so they must have stayed with their mother. Daughter Amanda seems to be married (maybe twice). Likewise, daughter, Glenda has married someone named Liles.

Sylvia died in 2018 and her obituary reads:

Sylvia K. Hodge 70, of Spearman passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2018 in Amarillo. Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Spearman from 6:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Graveside services will be on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 2:00p.m. at Hansford Cemetery in Spearman with Pastor Gary Gumfory officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Sylvia was born on November 14, 1947 to Milton and Ernestine Smith Alexander in Borger, Texas. Sylvia and Clyde Hodge were married in Johnson City, Texas in 1971. Sylvia taught school in Spearman and Gruver and was a speech pathologist, from 1984 to 2003. She loved traveling and time she spent with family and grandchildren.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her daughter Amanda and Marshall Cator of Gruver, grandson Devin Wells of Spearman and granddaughter Natalie Wells of Gruver.

Sylvia only acknowledges her daughter Amanda who since 2012 has married again, this time to Marshall Cator. I am not going to explore the stepchildren, but in looking at Amanda, I find that 1994, she married Ryan Wells and they had two children, Devin and Natalie before divorcing in 2009. In 2011, she married Thomas Earle, so that was her husband at the time of her father's death. Thomas was 7 years younger than Amanda and may have been from Minnesota, but I have not confirmed that. I have not found their divorce records, but I did notice that Thomas had previously married Amanda Griffin in 2001 when he was 20 and he was 30 when he married Amanda Hodge.

Finally, in 2017, a year before her mother's death she married Marshall Cator. Marshall was born in 1964 and had previously been married to Kelly Kaye McFarlin (1969) and had at least one child, so Colton in 1997. Kelly and Marshall divorced in 2002 freeing up himself to marry Amanda. By that time, Amanda was 52, so I suspect that they didn't have any children.

To add a little mystery to this whole story, I found this classified ad from 1981. I have not a clue who this Annie might be.

GLEND A 8. HODGE age 12 and CLYDE LEROY HODGE, JR, age 15
I am your sister Annie. The last time I saw you was 8 years ago. Anyone knows how to contact these people please give them my address & phone number - Anna Duncan 13401 N. Walnut, No. 301, Las Vegas NV 89030. 712-643-0922 - please call collect.

Child of Sylvia and Clyde Leroy Hodge

755	Amanda Hodge	1973	Sylvia and Clyde Hodge's daughter
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This concludes the Ernestine Smith and Milton Alexander family. Completed on 19 Feb 2025. For corrections contact rbills_houston@yahoo.com.

115. Mary Isabella Smith 12 AUG 1926 • Dozier, TX - 6 JAN 1991 • Amarillo, TX
Henry Cleyborn Gay Jr 21 JUL 1922 • Ringling, OK - 14 FEB 1981 • Amarillo, TX
Married: about 1942: Texas – based on birth of son



Mary's photo from Findagrave.
Henry's grave marker from Findagrave.

Mary was the 2nd child born to Ernest Edward and Isabella Smith. She claims to have been born in Dozier, TX and I found this interesting history of Dozier. <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/dozier-tx> According to current

records the population is about 4 people but back when Mary was born it sounds like a rocking place. *By 1930 Dozier had three general stores, two gins, a church, a barbershop, a garage, and a population of sixty.* – From TSHAonline. Mary appeared with her mother and father in 1930, then with her mother and stepfather in 1940, and then for the first time in all of my searching, I stumbled across her in 1950 living in Borger, TX with her once again separated mother Queen Isabella. Isabela was born as Allen, married Fred Smowden, married Ernest Smith, married Roy Anderson, married John Lester Gundlach, and now she was separated from John who then died in 1951. Isabella died 2 years later so I guess she never married a 5th time.

Meanwhile, Mary had married Henry C. Gay about 1942. I haven't found marriage records and it may be because Henry was in the service and she may have run off to some exotic training location to get married. By 1950, Mary and Henry seem to be divorced and she was living with her brother who we will cover next, her mother, and her son Richard Gay who was born 27 Jan 1943 in Borger. Looking at Henry for a minute, I found that he was the youngest child of Henry C. Clay Sr and his 2nd wife Lillie Parks. Lillie had been previously married to Thomas Pickett and they had three children, Vanard Hackler Pickett 1908, Caron Mae Pickett 1910 and Merrill Morgan Pickett 1912. Henry was preceded in his family by Herman

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	110 E. Jefferson		Borger, Hutchinson, Texas, USA									
Smith	William L	Head	White	Male			Never Married	Texas		40	Machine Oiler	Oil Carp
Grundlock	Isabella I	Mother	White	Female			Separated	Mississippi				
Gay	Mary I	Sister	White	Female			Divorced	Texas				
Gay	Richard H	Nephew	White	Male			Never Married	Texas				

Carl Gay 1918 and Lillie Margarette Gay 1920.

Henry enlisted in the Cavalry of the US Army in 11 Sep 1940 while living at Carson, TX. His serial number was 18019231. Carson County is between Amarillo and Pampa up in the Texas Panhandle. His military records indicate that he served in the New Guinea Campaign, he received a Bronze Star and served overseas from 25 June 1943 and returned to the US on 13 Dec 1944 apparently after having been wounded

Army	18 019 231	11 Sept. 1940	20 Jan 1945
25. USE THIS SPACE, IF NECESSARY, TO CONTINUE YOUR ENTRIES FOR OTHER ITEMS.			
New Guinea Campaign; Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon; American Defence Ribbon; Good Conduct Ribbon; One Bronze Star; Combat Infantry Badge.			
Left US 25 June 1943; Arrived SWPA 11 July 1943; Arrived US 13 December 1944;			
Honorably Discharged by reason of Section I AR 615-361 (Cert of Disability Certification)			

as he was discharged on 20 Jan 1945 with a certificate of disability. I note that he was deployed 6 months after his son was born. Upon his return in Jan 1945, he was required to register for the draft at which time he was living at 4036 E. Rio Grande, Amarillo, TX and

his point of contact was his sister, Lillie. I wonder if he and Mary had already split up? He was 5'-8"-142lbs-brown eyes-brown hair-ruddy complexion. He noted that he had been honorable discharged on 10 Jan as noted above. He was unemployed having only been home 5 days. I found this article in the Amarillo Newspaper from 9 Oct 1946 which describes a couple of wounded veterans trying to get back to their lives. - *Henry Gay was an Army man, First Cavalry Division, He was injured in occupation of Manus Island. When he returned home to Amarillo was determined to become an automobile mechanic. Advisors at USES suggested that he undertake a lighter type of work, but he wanted to be a mechanic and a job was found for him at the Hedgecoke Motor Co., where he worked for 19 months. Finally, he came to the conclusion that the work really too heavy for him. He had been working many days when he did not feel like working. He voluntarily gave up his job and he is now seeking employment as an automotive electrician or 3 job involving light bench work. Both Bob Gorman and. Henry Gay are cheerful, purposeful looking young men.*

I found another record showing that he was admitted to an Army hospital in Aug 1944 with malaria and an undisclosed illness. For your further edification, here is a description of the Battle for Manus which was of the Admiralty Island in New Guinea and it was quite a significant battle in the war against Japan.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Admiralty_Islands_campaign#Battle_of_Manus

In 1950, Henry had married Anise Bacon and was living in Gruver, TX with Anise and her three children from her first marriage to Robert Edward Smith (I don't believe that Robert is part of our Smith line, but have not dug that deeply.) Paula Loraine Smith 1942, Carylene Smith 1944, and twin sister Merylene Smith 1944. With Robert being the father of twin, I may need to explore further as that seems to a prevalent situation in the Smith family as we have seen.

I have not totally figured it out, but I am under the impression that Henry and Mary may have gotten back together later in life. I know that Anise's last name when she died was Whitetail so she and Henry didn't stay together.

The only thing that I have to add after 1950 is that their son Richard married Carolyn Parker in 1962 and had a son Richard Jr in Amarillo in 1966 and later married Linda Driver in 1970 and had a daughter Lena in 1972.

Henry died in 1981 and his obituary reads: (I note his stepdaughters from 1950 are not mentioned)

Services for Henry C. Gay, Jr., 58, of 1227 Lindsey, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. Peter's Episcopal Church with the Rev. William Houghton, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gay died Saturday in Amarillo. Mr. Gay was born in Ringling, Okla., and moved to Borger 30 years ago. He was a veteran of World War II and was a member of the VFW. He was also a member of DAV, The Amateur Radio Club and St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; a son, Richard of Borger; a brother, Charles of Crane; two sisters, Mrs. Margarete Branckeen of Amarillo and Mrs. Karen Frye of California; and four grandchildren.

(Published in Borger News Herald, February 16, 1981)

Mary died in 1991, and her obituary reads:

Mary I. Gay, 64, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 1991 in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Bil Hodges, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Gay, born in Dozier, had been a resident of Borger since 1947. She was a housewife, and member of First Church of the Nazarene. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Gay, in 1981.

Survivors include a son, Richard Gay of Borger; a brother, Bob Snowdon of California; four grandchildren, Richard, Kimberly, Vance, and Lee Gay; and four great-grandchildren.

(Published in Borger News Herald, January 7, 1991)

Child of Henry and Mary Smith Gay

319 Richard Henry Gay Sr 1943 2019 Mary and Henry's only child

319. Richard Henry Gay Sr 27 JAN 1943 • Amarillo, TX - 17 JUL 2019 • Borger, TX

#1 Carolyn A Parker 24 MAR 1944 • Borger, TX - Living

Marriage: 27 May 1962-Borger, TX – Divorce: 16 Oct 1969 • Ochiltree, TX

#2 Linda Sue Driver 21 JUN 1947 • Lindsay, OK - 10 SEP 2021 • Borger, TX

Marriage: 17 Oct 1970 • Borger, TX



Richard and Carolyn's yearbook photos. Linda's Findagrave photo.

Richard was the only child born to Mary Smith and Henry Gay. He was born as the new year started in 1943 in the middle of WW2. As noted above, his father was deployed 6 months after his birth and then divorced his mother upon

his return from the war so it is not clear what relationship he may have had with his father. The 1950 Census found Richard and his mother living with her brother William and his grandmother in Borger.

Records show that He graduated from Borger HS in 1961. Borger is an interesting town with a colorful history that you may enjoy reading here. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borger,_Texas. Shortly after graduation, Richard married Carol Ann Parker who had graduated the same year from nearby Phillips HS in the town of Phillips named after the oil company Phillips 66. Her high school credits read:

CAROLYN PARKER "Shorty"

Band 1,2; Trio 1,2; Choir 1,2,3,4; Library Assistant 2,3,4; Junior Red Cross Council 3,4. Ambition: To be successful in the field I choose, be a good wife and mother.

She was the daughter of Henry and Dorothy Scott Parker. She was the oldest of 5 but had lost twin brothers in 1950. She had a younger brother and sister. Richard and Carol had Kimberly Gay in 1965 Richard Henry Jr. Gay on 22 Feb 1966. Richard and Carol divorced in 1969 after which he married Linda Driver in Oct 1970.

Linda had been previously married to Delbert Massengale around 1962 and had two sons, Delbert Lee Massengale in 1964 and Vance Ray Massengale in 1967 so when they married, they had a blended family with the two Massengale boys bracketing the two Gay children. The children would have been 7, 4, 3, and 2. Richard and Linda then had a child, Lena Marie in 1972. Let's turn to some obituaries to see what insight I can gather. Richard died in 2019 and his obituary reads:

Richard Henry Gay, Sr. 76 of Borger went to be with his Lord and Savior Wednesday, July 17, 2019 in Borger. Funeral Services will be 2:00 pm Monday July 22, 2019 at Minton Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger. There will be a family and friends' visitation at the funeral home Friday July 19, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Richard was born January 27, 1943 in Amarillo to Henry C. Gay, Jr and Mary Isabella (Smith) Gay. He served in the US Army during Viet Nam War. He received the Big Red One patch. He was a member of Bethel Temple United Pentecostal Church. He married Linda Sue Driver October 16, 1970 in Borger. He was a mechanic tech and paramedic for Phillips Petroleum. After retiring from Phillips, he was a guard at the Pampa prison. Preceding him in death were his parents, aunt Ernestine Alexander and cousin Sylvia Hodge. Surviving is his loving wife of 48 years Linda, sons Richard Gay, Jr. and wife Dezra of Amarillo; Lee Massengale and wife Lisa of Amarillo; Vance Massengale and wife Cindy of La Luz, NM; Ricky Meredith and wife Cathy of Fritch, daughters Kimberly Lovett and husband Dean of Amarillo; Lena Marie Gay of TN. Cousins Steve Smith and Debbie Brewer both of Borger. Nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Some interesting information and some mysteries. I have not found his service dates in Vietnam, but suspect that may have led to his divorce from Carol in 1969. Perhaps this left his new wife Linda at home with 4 small children while he was off serving. While searching newspapers, I also discovered that in Dec 1969, Richard and Lena had a daughter. Laura Lee Gay that died. This may have been the reason for their divorce. We see that son Richard has a wife named Dezra and lives in Amarillo. Stepson Delbert Lee has a wife, Lisa. Stepson Vance has a wife named Cindy and lives in La Luz, NM. I do not know who Ricky Meredith and wife Cathy are. Daughter Kimberly is married to someone named Dean. Daughter Lena is apparently not married and lives in Tennessee. Linda died in 2012 and her obituary reads:

Linda Sue Gay, 74 of Borger went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, September 10, 2021, in Borger. Graveside services will be on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger. Linda was born June 21, 1947, in Lindsay, Oklahoma to Robert and Oneta Lavita (Landreth) Driver. She Married Richard Gay October 16, 1970, in Borger. She was a member of First United Pentecostal Church. She loved sewing and quilting. She worked for Furr's grocery store for 16 years and later as a home health care nurse. Preceding her in death is her parents, husband and sister Lesa Lankford. Surviving is her sons Lee Massengale of Amarillo and Vance Massengale of La Luz, NM and Ricky Meredith of Borger. Stepson Richard Gay of Amarillo. Daughter Lena Marie Gay of TN. Stepdaughter Kimberly Lovitt of Amarillo. Brother Steve Driver of Borger. Sister Treva Saxon of Fritch. Four grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

This obituary confirms Lee and Vance's information. Ricky Meredith is again mentioned though his wife is not. Stepdaughter Kimberly's married name is now Lovitt. She only claims 4 grandchildren instead of the 9 that Richard claimed so this suggests that Lee and Vance and perhaps Ricky have 4 children between them. Let me see if I can unravel the gaps.

Beginning with Kimberly. She married William Dean Lovett in 1983 and divorced in 1985 with no children. I'm surprised that Dean was mentioned in Richard's obituary unless he and Kimberly got back together.

Son Richard married Dezra Brook Merritt in Amarillo in 1984 and they had Justin Lee Gay in 1986, Brandon Scott Gay in 1987, Mackenzie Ann Gay in 1997.

I have not found Delbert's wife Lisa, but I did find Vance's wife Cindy. Sadly, she died in 2024 in New Mexico.

Finally, I have tracked down Rickey Meredith and I can only surmise that he was adopted by Richard and Lisa. He was born in 1987 and I cannot find a birth record. In 2009, he married Catherine Couch who was 12 years older and previously married to Clint Manning and had two children with him in Alicia 1994 and Canaan 1997 before divorcing in 2003 and then Clint died in 2009.

Children of Richard Gay and Carolyn Parker and Linda Driver

756	Kimberly Diane Gay	1965	Richard and Carolyn's child#1
757	Richard Henry Gay Jr	1966	Richard and Carolyn's child#2
758	Laura Lee Gay	1969	1969 Richard and Carolyn's child#3
744.3	Delbert Lee Massengale	1964	Linda and Delbert's child#1
744.3	Vance Ray Massengale	1967	Linda and Delbert's child#2
761	Lena Marie Gay	1972	Richard and Linda's child#1
744.3	Rickey Meredith	1987	Richard and Linda's adopted child

This concludes the Mary Smith and Henry Gay family. Completed on 20 Feb 2025. For corrections contact rbills_houston@yahoo.com.

116. William Lawson Smith 22 DEC 1927 • Tell, Childress, TX - 24 NOV 1986 • Amarillo, TX

#1 Bertha Jean Shupp 2 SEP 1936 • Pampa, Gray, TX - 6 FEB 1975 • Amarillo, TX

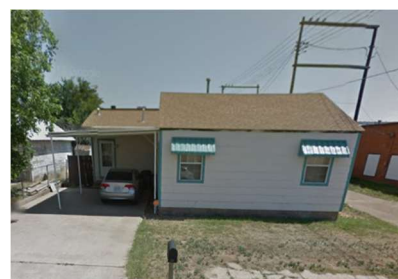
Married: Mid 1950's – Texas

#2 Helen M Wright 10 AUG 1930 • Maud, OK - 24 NOV 1986 • Potter County, TX

Marriage: 5 Jul 1975 • Hutchinson, TX



Photos from FamilySearch and Findagrave.



The final child in the Ernest and Isabella Smith line is William Lawson Smith, another grandson named after his grandfather. He was born in Tell, TX, another wide spot in the road up in the Texas Panhandle where Isabella ended up after divorcing Ernest and marrying Lester Gundlach. As with his siblings, he cycles through the stepfathers as Isabella makes her way across the Lone Star State. As I mentioned above, I just today found him in the 1950 Census Living in Borger at 110. E. Jefferson. He was working as a machine oiler for an Oil Corporation. I believe, based on his obituary

that he worked for Phillips Petroleum. His separated mother and his divorced sister, Mary and her son were staying with him.

It gets a little confusing at this point, but he seems to have married Bertha Jean Shupp in the 1950's but I have not found a record of their marriage. I have however found Bertha Jean as the mother of Deborah Ann Smith in 1956, but the father is David Allen Smith and not William. Then in 1961, William and Bertha have a son, Steven Dale Smith. Since this all happens after the latest available Census, I'm uncertain if Deborah is a direct descendant, or if the birth records are just in error. Nonetheless, in his obituary, he claims both children as his.

Bertha's history is a little convoluted. Her father was Arthur Shupp who was born in Wyoming in 1885 and got into the oil business as a roustabout. He married Ethel Rhoten about 1928 and they had 2 children, Arthur, and Bertha. It seems that Ethel had married Lloyd Batson about 1928 and he either died or ran off before the 1930 Census, and shortly after that census, Ethel had a son Olan Batson who she brought to the marriage with Arthur. They then split up, she married Winfred Vickery and headed to California with Olan and Arthur Jr. Arthur then married Anna Spears Snyder who had been married to Fred Snyder and had 4 children. Arthur and Anna married in 1944 and had a daughter, Bertha's half-sister, Myrna Lois in 1944. You need a scorecard!

Because of his age, William seems to have been too young for WW2. He registered for the draft in Dec 1945 when he was 18 and the war had ended earlier that year in August. His sister Mary (Mrs. H. C. Gay) was his point of contact and they lived at 4036 E. Rio, Amarillo, TX. That is a vacant lot now. He did not list a job. He was 6'-2"-185lbs-blue eyes-brown hair-light complexion. He theoretically could have served in Korea, but I have not found evidence of that.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	110 E. Jefferson		Borger, Hutchinson, Texas, USA									
Smith	William L	Head	White	Male			Never Married	Texas		40	Machine Oiler	Oil Carp
Grundlock	Isabella I	Mother	White	Female			Separated	Mississippi				
Gay	Mary I	Sister	White	Female			Divorced	Texas				
Gay	Richard H	Nephew	White	Male			Never Married	Texas				

As I mentioned, He and Bertha end up with two children, Deborah in 1956 and Steve in 1961. It looks like Deborah married Gary Brewer in July 1975 which was about 6 months after her mother's death. Son Steve married Betty Windwehen in 1984 and a couple of sons in 1980 and 1983.

As Mentioned, Bertha died in 1975 and her obituary reads:

BORGER - The funeral for Mrs. Jean Shupp Smith, 38, of Borger, a 1955 graduate of Pampa High School, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Church of the Nazarene in Borger. Mrs. Smith, a Borger beautician, died Thursday in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She had been a Borger resident for 20 years.

The Rev. Harvey Bailey, pastor of the Fritch Nazarene Church, will officiate and burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Ed Brown and Sons Funeral Directors.

Survivors include the widower, Bud; a son, Steve, and a daughter, Debbie, all of the home; her mother and stepfather Mr. and Mrs. Scott Vickrey, Modesto, Calif.; two brothers, Arthur Wayne Shupp, Livermore, Calif., and O.R. Patson, Oakland, Calif.

(Published in Pampa Daily News (Pampa, Texas) - Sun, Feb 9, 1975 - Page 4)

Funeral services for Mrs. Jean Smith, 38, of 103 Frontera; will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Harvey Bailey, pastor of the Stinnett Nazarene Church, officiating and the Rev. Amos Meador assisting. Interment will follow in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Ed Brown & Sons Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Smith died at 9:45 a.m. Thursday in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She had been a resident of Borger for the past 28 years. She was a beautician at Lovely Lady Beauty Salon and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Bud Smith; a son, Steve and a daughter, Debbie, both of the home; her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Vickrey of Modesto, Calif., and two brothers Arthur Wayne Shupp of Livermore, Calif. and O.R. Batson of Oakland, Calif.

(Published in Borger News Herald, February 7, 1975)

After Bertha's death, William married Helen Wright in 1975. I have not discovered any details about Helen, but after 11 years of marriage, she and William came to a tragic end in a traffic accident as described here:

Two Hutchinson County residents died Monday in a two-vehicle collision that left an Amarillo man injured, the Texas Department of Public Safety said. Dead are W.L. Smith, 58, and his wife, Helen, 56, both of Fritch.

DPS officials said the accident happened at the intersection of Farm Road 1912 and the Fritch Highway northeast of Amarillo Monday afternoon. Johnny L. Payne, 26, of Amarillo remained in stable condition with head injuries today at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo as funeral arrangements were under way for the Fritch couple.

Department of Public Safety troopers said Payne was driving a 1984 Nissan [sic] pickup westbound on FM1912 and after stopping at a stop sign, entered the intersection. Mrs. Smith was driving a 1982 Ford north on Highway 136 when the two vehicles collided in the intersection sparking a fire in the Ford. Troopers said the fire was extinguished by Amarillo Fire Department before it reached the passenger compartment.

Mrs. Smith and her husband were both wearing seat belts at the time of the accident, officers said, but they were unable to determine whether Payne had been wearing a safety belt. Mrs. Smith died at the Amarillo hospital about an hour after the collision and her husband died an hour later. Potter County Justice of the Peace Lewis C. Brazier, acting coroner, conducted a preliminary inquest at the scene and ordered autopsies on both victims.

Funeral services for Mr. Smith will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Brown's Chapel of the Fountains in Borger. Rev. Reynold Russell, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, will officiate.

Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Ed Brown and Sons Funeral Directors.

Mr. Smith was a retired lab technician for Phillips Petroleum Company for 39 years, retiring in July 1986. He was a native of Tell, Texas, and a Fritch resident for 12 years.

The couple is survived by his son, Steve Smith of Fritch; his daughter, Debbie Brewer of Borger; her sons, Dale Gardner of White Deer and Wesley Gardner of Panhandle; and her daughter, Sheryl Harmon, Dallas.

Services for Mrs. Smith are pending with Smith-Fox Funeral Home in Panhandle.

(Published in Borger News-Herald, Tuesday, November 25, 1986)

Children of William and Bertha

320	Deborah Ann Smith	1956	2024	William and Bertha Child#1
321	Steven Dale Smith	1961	2022	William and Bertha Child#2

320. Deborah Ann Smith - OCT 1956 • Borger, TX - 9 OCT 2024 • Borger, TX

Gary William Brewer 27 JUN 1955 • Borger, TX - Living

Marriage: 4 Jul 1975 • Borger, TX

Deborah from her obituary. Gary's 8th grade yearbook photo.

Deborah was the first of two children born to William and Bertha Shupp Smith before her untimely death in 1975 at which time, she and her brother would have been 19 and 14. Five months after her mother's death, she married Gary Brewer. Ironically, this was the day before her father "Bud" Smith remarried. On 13 Aug 1980, Gary Deborah had a daughter, Erica

Jean.

Gary was one of 5 sons and one daughter born to William Isaac and Virginia Waugh Brewer between 1945 and 1957 with him being the 5th in line. Both of his parents were originally from Oklahoma and his father got into the oil business.

Deborah died in 2024 and her obituary reads:

Debbie Brewer*January 7, 1956 — October 9, 2024 - Borger*

Debbie Brewer, 68, moved to Heaven Wednesday, October 9, 2024. Funeral services will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, October 12, 2024, in the Minton Memorial Chapel with Rev. Matt Price officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral directors of Borger. In lieu of flowers her memory may be honored with a gift to First Baptist Church in Dumas, Gideons International or your favorite charity.

Deborah Ann Smith was born on January 7, 1956, in Borger to Bud and Jean (Shupp) Smith. She graduated from Borger High School in 1974. The fireworks began on July 4, 1975, when Debbie married Gary (Bubba) Brewer. Their precious daughter, Erica Jean, was born August 13, 1980, in Borger.

Debbie was a devout Christian woman, loved the Lord with all her heart and served Him faithfully. She always said she did many missions from janitor to giving her testimony. Her faith allowed her to conquer life's many trials, finding humor along the way. Debbie instilled in her family the traits of unconditional love and serving the Lord. Her hobbies included decorating and quilting.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents; grand angels, Oakley, Parker; her brother, Steven Dale Smith; adopted mom and dad, Frankie and Wilma Bevins; and adopted brother, Terry Bevins.

Debbie's survivors include her husband, Gary of the home; daughter, Erica Taylor and husband Kris of Dumas; sisters-in-law, Charlene Smith, Jeanene Flippo both of Borger; brothers-in-law, Tim Brewer and wife Debbie of Yukon, Oklahoma, Tom Brewer and wife Gloria of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Don Brewer and wife Lucy of Wichita, Kansas; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of extended family and friends.

Pallbearers are Kris Taylor, K.C. Mild, Cameron Walker, Brent Symes, Lance Doyle, Devin Munger, Gabe Munger. Honorary pallbearers are Daniel Smith, David Slocum, Benjamin Slocum, Jason Slocum, Chesty Randall, Roger Collins, Don Allen, Paul Vaculin, J.R. Brewer and Xavier J. Carrizales.

.....JOY cometh in the morning Psalm 30:5.

This provides some interesting information. I'm not sure why she was adopted by the Bevins family as I don't recall issues between her parents before her mother's death in 1975, but this suggests that there may have been. We see daughter Erica has married Kris Taylor and we get information about Gary's siblings. We also see that her younger brother preceded her in death. I have not sorted out the pallbearers.

Child of Deborah Smith and Gary Brewer

763	Erica Jean Brewer	1980	Deborah and Gary's child
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321. Steve Dale Smith 11 SEP 1961 • Borger, TX = **Death** 30 JUN 2022 • Borger, TX

#1 Betty Lou Windwehen 1962 – maybe Kentucky – Living

Marriage: 24 Aug 1979 • Borger, TX – Divorce 23 Jan 1984 – 2 children

#2 Charlene Renee Berry AUG 1968 • Borger, TX? – Living

Marriage: 31 Dec 1993 • Lipscomb, TX



The 2nd and last child born to William and Bertha was Steve Smith who arrived on 9/11/61 in Borger. He joined his big sister Deborah. As mentioned, he was 14 when his mother died and then his father married again a month later so maybe he was raised by his step mother Helen during his teen years. He did not seem to have lived with her long because when he was 17, he married Betty Lous Windwehen who may have been

born in Kentucky, but lived in nearby Fritch during her high school years and she too was 17 when they married. They started their family with the arrival of William Dale Smith in 1980 followed by Michael Bradley Smith in 1983 before divorcing in 1984.

Following their divorce, some 9 years later, he married Charlene Berry. Charlene was 7 years younger and had married Terry Moon about 1988 and they had a daughter, Dezaree Renee Moon in 1989. They apparently split up a few years later as He remarried in 1994 and she married Steve in 1993. In 1997, Steve and Charlene had a son Robert Daniel Smith. Steve died in 2022 and his obituary reads:

Steve Smith September 11, 1961 — June 30, 2022 Borger

Steve Smith, 60, of Borger passed away at home June 30, 2022, in Borger. Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at Minton Memorial Chapel. Burial will be at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Steve was born September 11, 1961 in Borger to W. L. "Bud" and Jean (Shupp) Smith. He married Charlene Berry December 31, 1993 in Lipscomb County, Texas. He loved to BBQ, to smoke sausage, wood crafts, camping and his dogs Chloe and Maggie. He also loved spending time with his grandkids. Preceding him in death are his parents; cousin, Richard Gay and mother-in-law Lisa.

Surviving is his wife, Charlene of Borger; son, Daniel Smith of Borger; daughter, Dezaree Moon of Fritch; sister, Debbie Brewer and husband, Gary of Borger; grandchildren, Colten Perkins, Alexis Perkins, Weston Perkins and Addison Perkins.

From this, it looks like his two sons with Betty must have stayed with their mother while he adopted Dezaree.

Children of Steve Smith and Betty Windwehen and Charlene Berry Smith

764	William Dale Smith	1980	Steve and Betty's child#1
765	Michael Bradley Smith	1983	Steve and Betty's child#2
765.2	Dezaree Renee Moon	1968	Charlene and Terry Moon's child
766	Robert Daniel Smith	1989	Steve and Charlene's child

This ends the Ernest Edward Smith Saga with poor Edward playing a minor role. His short marriage to Isabella produced three children before their separation and his early death so I suspect that he had little impact on their lives. This was complete 21 February 2025. For corrections and questions contact rbills_houston@yahoo.com