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News and Announcements

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Annual Christmas Gala **Sunday, December 7, 2025**

This year's Christmas Celebration was truly delightful, with decorations and table settings that exuded a festive spirit. At the conclusion of the evening, each table had one individual who took home a lovely Poinsettia. The dinner was provided by Courtney's Catering, featuring pork loin accompanied by vegetables and a salad. Our desserts, Pecan and Cherry Pie, were graciously offered by Bill and Diane Love. The evening's entertainment was provided by Kristen Gibbs, a classically trained harpist and vocalist. She skillfully handled both harps she brought along, performing Christmas classics, fulfilling personal requests, and showcasing her own version of 'name that tune.'







Saturday December 13, 2025

A perfect way to wrap up the year—gathered around breakfast at one of our favorite spots. This time, we had our biggest group yet, with everyone excited to celebrate together.

Jill Burnett softly played carols on the piano, creating a warm, festive atmosphere. The wait staff was as courteous and friendly as ever, making us feel truly at home. The food was excellent, satisfying everyone's cravings. As we close out the year with good friends and great memories, we're already looking forward to keeping this lovely tradition alive in the new year.







Lisa D. Samuelson Cole

October 13, 1966

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December 23, 2025**

Daughter to Phil & Clifteen Samuelson



Phil & Clifteen Samuelson

Lisa Davette Samuelson, Lovingly known as Momma Cole, passed away on December 23 at the age of 59.

Lisa was born on October 13, 1966, in Austin, Texas, where she was born and raised. She spent the majority of her life in San Antonio, Texas, where she dedicated herself to a life of service and care for others.

Lisa worked in nursing with a focus on trauma and emergency preparedness, a career that reflected her deep compassion and desire to help those in need. She was known for her kindness, loving spirit, and fun personality. She had a special love for dogs and always found ways to help others, no matter the circumstances.

She is survived by her father, Philip Samuelson; her mother; Clifteen Samuelson; her brother, Steven Samuelson; her daughter, Hunter Miranda; and her son-in-law, Carlos Miranda.

Lisa will be remembered for her generous heart, unwavering kindness, and the love she shared so freely.

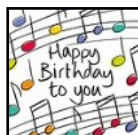






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Give a Happy Birthday Shout Out for the Folks in the Photos!
They're Celebrating 80+ Years Being on this Planet!



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| 4 Dana Sellers | 5  Tom Clark Judy Rowland | 6 | 7 Joyce Hrapsky Dava Thompson | 8  Connie Huntzis Tres Greenwade | 9 | 10  Gale Galloway Joe & Darlene Higgs 62 Years Marilyn Reynolds |
| 11  Maria Blazine  Lester Eisenbeck | 12  Jack Boone | 13  Sally Wiedemann Chris & Sandra Forbes 2 Years Lou Peterson | 14 | 15 Sid & Becky Arnett 49 Years Brad & Jennifer Davis 21 Years Larry Swayze | 16 Jeff & Pamela Grossman 45 Years Becky Nelson | 17 Mike & Susanne Mendrala 62 Years Max Jin |
| 18  Dick Naylor Katie MacConnell | 19 Anne Beck Lynnda Mullen | 20 Mona May | 21 Alan Harris | 22 | 23 | 24 Terri Lynn Clodfelder DaLee Trevino |
| 25 Stanley & Dava Thompson 57 Years | 26 | 27 Sandra Ferguson | 28  Mona May | 29  Jan Burton Judy Rotenberry Taylor Green | 30  Wells Teague Alena Bellon | 31 Heather Swayze |