

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Continued from 4A**  
**Garus does not represent all**

Councilman Micky Garus has said things which cast serious doubt on his ability to represent all citizens of Dallas.

His accusing every believer of Islam of intending to force Shariah law on Dallas, or anywhere else, betrays either poor sources of information or little contact with anyone holding different beliefs.

I believe it is the responsibility of the Dallas City

Council to go publicly on the record stating that Dallas is open to people of all beliefs and genders. It's time for leaders to lead.

We might begin by volunteering to sponsor a Syrian refugee family (or several) in Dallas.

Sponsorship could provide a perfect antidote to the hate speech which has become so prevalent in the media. Asylum has a long history in the Christian church. Let's keep that history intact.

Dale Derouin  
 Dallas

**Micky Garus political soldier**

We live in the most protected society in the history of man. Tragedies happen but they generally affect individuals or small areas. This allows many to develop a naive innocence that is admirable for an individual but totally dangerous to a society as a whole.

Citizens have had this innocence protected through our military. Wars generally have been fought on foreign soil while the citizenry is safe and sound in the

homeland. I believe this is why soldiers have a hard time adjusting back to society. They have lost their innocence and often are at odds with the naive culture that doesn't understand evil and death. The soldier knows that there is no second chance. The innocence is gone.

I, as an ex-soldier, want to protect the innocence of my family and community. This can be hard. It is especially hard when most of our citizens and many of our leaders do not understand (no second chance).

When our schools are attacked and children die there are no do overs. They are dead. No oops, no we should have, they are gone.

Micky Garus is a unique individual. He understands this concept and is willing to be a political soldier. He is a soldier that wants to protect our society from harm and allow our families to keep their innocence. A soldier that does what he has to do knowing he will be at odds with a naive culture.

Thank you Micky, I, for one, appreciate your sacri-

ifice and your willingness to fight for our community.

Dick Fobert  
 Dallas

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# OBITUARIES

**Candida Torres Doll**

**Dec. 1, 1921 - Nov. 15, 2015**  
 Candida Torres Doll, 93, of Dallas died Nov. 15.

She was born in Las Marias, Puerto Rico, to Eladio and Aurora Cintron Torres.

Candida, (known also as Connie/Candy) met George Robert Doll while he was stationed in Puerto Rico, a young soldier in the Army

Air Corps. They married in May of 1941, as she worked as a nursing assistant and actively participated in the civilian "Home Guard." She moved to Waterloo, N.Y., when George was deployed in April of 1942.

During and after World War II, they lived in such places as New York, N.Y., Kansas, and Texas. Connie worked as a mother and housewife, and at a variety of other jobs. She worked in education as a English as a Second Language teacher in Rochester, N.Y., until her retirement before moving Lake Wales, Fla. Connie and George moved back to Rochester, where they lived until moving to Dallas in 2009.

She was a devoted Catholic, a past member of the Ladies of Lake Wales Society, and was a member of the Dallas American Legion

Auxiliary Unit 20. Survivors include her son, Robert (Nancy); daughters, Annabel Rakoczy (Paul) and Sonia Brule (Tom); 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Service was Thursday at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Graveside service will be at White Haven Memorial Park in Pittsford, N.Y.

To send an online tribute: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

**Joann Harland**  
**June 22, 1929 - Nov. 18, 2015**  
 Carolyn Joann Harland, 86, longtime Dallas resident and active community member, died Nov. 18 in Dallas.

Private family memorial will be held. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

To send an online tribute: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

**Maria G. (Lupita) Aguilar Thrift**  
**July 19, 1919 - Nov. 17, 2015**  
 Maria (Lupita) Thrift, 96, of Salem died Nov. 17.

She was born in Reynosa, Mexico, to Florentino and Martina Magallon Aguilar. Maria's working career included teaching first grade at an elementary school in Reynosa, working on farms, food processing and house-keeping. Later, when she moved to Oregon, she worked in housekeeping and as a homemaker.

In 1956, Maria's twin

daughters were born and they lived in Alamo, Texas, until moving to Marion in 1963.

In 1964, they moved to Jefferson, where she met and married Edward Thrift in 1967. In 1968, the family moved to Valselt, where Ed

worked at the mill for Boise Cascade until he retired. Maria dedicated her days to homemaking and raising her daughters. She and Ed spent many hours together enjoying gardening, fishing and hunting.

In the early 1980s, Edward and Maria relocated to Dallas. Edward died in 1995. Maria remained in Dallas until she eventually came to live with her daughter, Carmen.

Maria had a need to always keep busy whether it was tending her garden and flowers, maintaining her house or preparing delicious food for family and friends. She was an incredible cook, and she had a sweet tooth which was usually satisfied with ice cream.

Maria believed in the power of prayer, saying her daily prayers and praying for her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Thrift; brothers, Manuel, Armando, Jose, David, and Roberto; sister, Ascencion Gonzalez; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter.

Survivors include her daughters, Carmen Grossnicklaus (Kevin) of Salem and Nina Buce of Salem; brother, Fidencio (Socorro)

enjoy life to the fullest while having as much fun as possible.

He was a music enthusiast, enjoyed sci-fi and superhero films, was always working on multiple projects, and was a wonderful travel buddy in search of adventure.

Survivors include his children, Devin, Austin, Lucas, and Layla; father and mother, Kendall and Debra Cates; brother, Nicholas Cates; sisters, Darcy Cates and Diedra Cates; and extended family.

Public memorial will be Dec. 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Pedee Women's Club.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

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**Samuel 'Sam' James Cates**  
**May 10, 1977 - Nov. 13, 2015**  
 Samuel James Cates, 38, of Lincoln City died Nov. 13 as a result of a logging accident near Lincoln City.

He was born to Kendall and Debra Cates and grew up in Pedee.

Sam graduated from Dallas High School, volunteered as a firefighter and EMT for Polk County Fire District No. 1, and was also a deputy for the Polk County Sheriff Reserve.

Sam was a son, brother, father, and friend; but most importantly, he was a kind, hardworking, and generous man with a remarkable ability to express his love for those closest to him. When he wasn't on the job as an equipment operator for Elkhorn Timber LLC, he was spending his time with his children, his love, Amanda Clifton, and her daughter Rayghan. Sam was a loving father who never lost his desire for learning or the chance to pass along his knowledge.

He remained a big kid at heart, always looking forward to the thrill of that next roller coaster, and wanted to

enjoy life to the fullest while having as much fun as possible.

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**Paul Kenneth Erickson**  
**April 20, 1974 - Nov. 7, 2015**  
 Paul Kenneth Erickson, 41, formerly of Dallas, died Nov. 7 in Vancouver, Wash., as a result of a pedestrian and motor vehicle accident.

He was born in Dallas to Melvin and Judy Erickson. Celebration of Paul's life along with a potluck will be on Dec. 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Social Hall at 204 SW Walnut St. in Dallas.

Private interment will be at the Dallas Cemetery.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

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**Leslie 'Les' Oehler**  
**May 30, 1946 - Nov. 19, 2015**  
 Leslie "Les" Oehler, 69, of Dallas died Thursday in Clackamas.

He was born in England to Harry and Irene Mackenzie Oehler. At 6 months old, he moved with his family to the United States.

Les served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1966 to 1968, stationed at Jacksonville, N.C.

He worked for many years at Towmotor before becoming a real estate agent.

He first worked for Century 21 and had been working with John L. Scott.

He enjoyed golfing, bowling, remodeling his rentals and a lively political debate.

Survivors include his daughter, Yvette Nelson of Dallas; mother, Irene Oehler of Dallas; sisters, Linda McNally of Washington and Shirley Brown of Dallas; brother, Mark Oehler of Salem; three grandchildren; and extended family.

Memorial service is Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Interment will be at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

To send an online tribute: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

**Violet Lorraine Folden**  
**Dec. 9, 1942 - Nov. 19, 2015**  
 Violet Lorraine Folden, 72, of Grand Ronde died Thursday in McMinnville.

She was born in McMinnville to Raymond Lewis Sr. and Vivian Delphine Williamson Petite.

At the age of 15, she married Clinton Jerome Folden Sr. on Nov. 8, 1958, in Vancouver, Wash.

They lived in Grand Ronde, Salem, California, Nebraska, and back to Oregon in 1975.

She lived in Dallas and worked for a time at the Blue Garden. She worked in grocery stores, was a bartender and waitress and worked for many years at Agri-Pac in quality control. She retired as a floor leader in 2000.

Violet was friendly to everyone and always ready to strike up a conversation with whomever she came in contact.

She was a member of the Catholic Church and volunteered for four years with the Grand Ronde Saddle Club. She enjoyed baking and always took advantage of a good deal in the store.

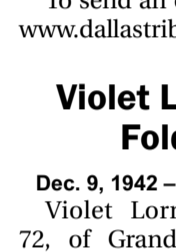
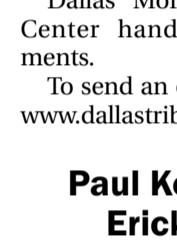
She was preceded in death by her husband Clinton on Dec. 28, 1991.

Survivors include her daughter, LeLani Folden of Grand Ronde; sons, Clinton "Tony" Folden Jr. and Rodney Folden, both of Willamina; sister, Gladys Hobbs of Grand Ronde; brothers, Raymond Petite Jr. of Dallas, Ernie Petite of Leavenworth, Kan., and Jim Petite of McMinnville; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial service is Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Grand Ronde Tribal Gym followed by interment at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery. The funeral meal will be Sunday at noon in the Community Center.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

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