



Tom McClure Holmes

October 6, 1936 - July 17, 2025

Tom McClure Holmes, 88, of Trenton, Texas passed away in Gatesville, Texas on July 17, 2025.

He was born in Bonham, Texas to Tom Hamilton Holmes and Edith McClure Holmes.

Those that knew him best called him Tom Mc. He graduated from Trenton Schools in 1955 and attended East Texas State University. As a young child, he served as a page boy during elections at the Fannin County Court House and was an apprentice for his father at The Trenton Tribune. He became interested in Western Swing Music. Tom Mc had a beautiful voice and played the guitar. As a young man, he played at the Louisiana Hay Ride on the weekends and at various celebrations and meetings. On May 21, 2011, Tom was inducted into The Texas Western Swing Music Hall of Fame.

Tom met Jo Nell Newby in 1959 at the park in Greenville. They married on July 1st, 1960 at her parent's home in Greenville. The couple moved to Louisville, Kentucky where Tom Mc was stationed at Fort Knox. Later he served in the Air Force Reserve. The couple moved back to Trenton in November of 1960. Tom Mc resumed being the owner, publisher, and writer at The Trenton Tribune until 2020.

Tom Mc was a member of the Trenton First Baptist Church. He served on the Trenton Volunteer Fire Department as Chief for many years, Trenton City Council, Burn's Cemetery Board, and the Bonham Hospital Board. Tom Mc was an Active Member Mason in the Trenton Masonic Lodge #761. He served

as Worshipful Master and District Deputy.

Tom Mc is survived by wife Jo Nell Newby Holmes, daughter Jill and husband Matt Winkler of The Grove, Texas, grandsons Samuel and Seth Winkler of The Grove, Texas.

Family and friends will miss his lovely voice and his vast knowledge of the history of Trenton.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our historian , great leader in all those thing's he believed in , the voice of an Angel , a friend , a model for the youth in townTrenton will never be be quite the same. Tom Mac you will be irreplaceable.

Beckie Goldammer - July 21, 2025 at 06:18 PM

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“ We loved for him to come to our house or us to his and Jo Nell's home and discuss Trenton's past or future. He is greatly missed by many, love his family.

Pam Trusty - July 21, 2025 at 05:42 PM

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“ He reported our births, deaths and all the important stuff in between. Getting the Trenton Tribune each week updated us on everyone's life events and informed us about Trenton's history. He sang at our weddings and funerals. We all loved him, Jo Nell and Jill. He sure was proud of those grandsons. He mentioned them in the Tribune when they came to visit. Special man. Sincerest condolences to his family.

Brenda Williams

Brenda Williams - July 21, 2025 at 03:45 PM

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“ Tom Mac was a good friend to my Dad for many years and our neighbor for 34 years. He was a great neighbor and we enjoyed his and Jo Nells company. I am proud to say that our daughter now has a business in the Tribune building and even named her business "The Tribune Salon" just to commerate Tom Mac. He was a good man and will be sorely missed by many. Norma and I love and miss you buddy.

Kenneth Moore

Kenneth Moore - July 21, 2025 at 03:37 PM