

Jim Peden Dowis Sr.

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of Jim Peden Dowis Sr. He passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early morning hours of Sept. 19, 2025, two days before his 84th birthday.

He spent his time on earth showing kindness to all, going out of his way to help anyone he could and enjoying every moment he had with his children, grandchildren, friends and dogs. He provided a great example to those around him, and he will be greatly missed.

He was a proud Army Reservist and spent many years volunteering at the Childress Methodist Church, as a chef for his sons' Boy Scout Troops and coaching his kids' sports.

He grew up in Childress, Texas. After graduating



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from high school, he went to the University of Texas at Austin. He loved his Longhorns. Once he graduated with a degree in accounting, his new job took him to Washington, D.C., and then, to Dallas, where he met Kathleen Walkauskas, his future wife. They were married on April 4, 1970, at Cox Chapel of Highland Park United

Methodist Church. They had three children, Craig Dowis (Meredith), Christina Lowe (Jason) and James Dowis Jr. (Jaime).

He is preceded in death by his parents, Azalee and S. L. Dowis; his older brother, Gary Dowis; and his wife, Kathleen. He is survived by his three children; his five grandchildren, Hayden, Kathleen Grace, Finn, Lily and Ann Lawrence; as well as his dog, Lindsey.

A funeral service and celebration of life will be held at Childress Methodist Church, located at 201 Ave. D, Childress, TX 79201, at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26, with Louis Ellerbrook officiating. In place of flowers, please consider a donation to a charity of your choice that benefits children or animals.

Charles Jay Kennedy Sr.

Charles Jay Kennedy Sr., 59, a resident of Collingsworth County, Texas, passed from his earthly home on Monday, Aug. 25, 2025. A memorial service is planned for a later date.

Jay was born on Sept. 30, 1965, to Charlesreen Mosenbocker in Wellington, Texas.

Jay married his love, Tawanna Benton, on June 12, 1998, with whom he made a home in Higgins, Texas. He loved to cowboy; he drove a truck for many years; and he eventually became a tattoo artist.

Later in life Jay, dedicated his life to God, and he lived each day for his family, his grandbabies and his Savior.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Charlesreen Bolton; his wife, Tawanna



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Kennedy; and a son, Jackie Lee Starkey.

Jay is survived by his children, including son Charles Jay "CJ" Kennedy Jr., of Amarillo, Texas, daughter Tiffany Needham, of Oklahoma City, Okla., daughter Tanya George and husband Jared, of Perryton, Texas, and Wesley Kennedy and wife

Jen, of Abbottsford, British Columbia, Canada, and daughter Destiny Clark, of Higgins; 12 grandchildren, including Kinzie and Russell Kennedy, Corey and Ashton Needham, Alana, Darlee and Jayden George, Skye Kennedy, Jackie Levi Starkey, Audia McIntyre and Elliot and Milo Clark; his brother, Shawn Kennedy, and sister Sherideen Thomas, both of Wellington; three nieces and a nephew; and 11 great-nieces and three great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made to Collingsworth County Home Delivered Meals, P.O. Box 228, Wellington, TX 79095.

Terry Fincher Sr.

Terry Fincher Sr., 72, of Wellington, Texas, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025.

Funeral services took place at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, at the First Methodist Church, with Rev. Gene Weinette, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in North Fairview Cemetery. The family entrusted arrangements to Adams Funeral Home of Wellington.

Julian Torres, Larry Black, Oran Sain, Marty Warrick, Jeremy Duke and Cody Phillips served as pallbearers.

Terry was born on April

7, 1953, in Tulsa, Okla. to Omega L. "Cap" and Jimmie Landress Fincher. He married Teresa Kilpatrick on July 17, 1976, in Memphis, Texas.

A Wellington High School Class of 1971 graduate, Terry began working at Warrick's during his junior year of high school. Now Helena's, Terry continued working there all through the years, until the time of his death 56 years later.

His hobbies included driving short-track race cars, fishing and hunting.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents and

his brother, Arnold Fincher.

His survivors include his wife, Teresa, of Wellington; a son, Terry Fincher Jr., and his wife, Lacey, of Tucson, Ariz.; his daughter, Lacie Gabehart, of Amarillo, Texas; a sister, Shannon Farley, and husband Jim, of Amarillo; and four grandchildren, Hunter and Colton Fincher and Mason and Eli Gabehart.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Faith Baptist Church.

Sign the online guestbook at adamsfuneralsvc.com.

HOLLAND

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timately guided me toward a career in banking."

In October 1984, Holland embarked on his banking profession while attending West Texas State University in Canyon, working nights in the check processing department at the old First National Bank of Amarillo.

"After graduating in July 1987 with a BBA in Real Estate and Accounting, I joined MBank in Fort Worth as a Credit Analyst, later moving to Odessa as a Senior Credit Analyst," said Holland. "In June 1989, I began lending at Community Bank—now Pilgrim Bank—in Wellington, and in 1996, I accepted a position with First State Bank of Canadian—now InterBank."

Offered an ownership stake in The First National Bank of Shamrock in January 2000, Holland served as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), President and Chairman of the Board until it was decided that the bank be sold.

"On Sept. 9, 2001, I accepted a role in Hermiston, Ore. as Chief Credit Officer and Agricultural Lender for Banner Bank, then a \$2 billion institution," Holland explained. "However, following the events of Sept. 11, I quickly chose to remain closer to home, taking a position as Executive Vice President (EVP) and Chief Operating Officer at The First National Bank in Munday, where I oversaw lending operations in Haskell, Stamford and Rochester."

On Sept. 30, 2002, Holland took on his current role of Community Bank President in Childress, as well as EVP and Advisory Director of InterBank.

"And here we are 23 years later," Holland said.

"We are grateful for Chad's stewardship of our operation in Childress over the years," said InterBank President and CEO C.K. Lee. "The growth and transformation in this community is truly impressive. We wish Chad all the best in his business ventures, and we are grateful to have his continuing input as a member of our regional advisory board. Farrah Holcomb will lead our efforts in Childress now, and I know she will take good care of our customers' banking needs."

Serving 41 years in banking, Holland recalls some of his most memorable and rewarding moments.

"Some of my most memorable and rewarding moments in banking have been at the closing table," Holland said. "There's a real sense of

accomplishment when handing a cashier's check to the escrow officer, knowing that all the work my team and I put into structuring the loan made it possible for a borrower to expand their business, grow their agricultural operation, purchase a farm or ranch or move into a new home."

Holland described how over the years, he has closed thousands of agricultural and commercial loans—including hundreds of real estate transactions across 58 counties in Texas and several in western Oklahoma.

"My lending experience has covered farms, ranches, recreational properties, homes, residential construction, hotels, hotel construction, rental properties, cattle, equipment and operating loans," he commented. "Looking back, I don't regret a single one. A few caused short-term headaches, as any banker would expect, but nothing that overshadowed the satisfaction of helping people achieve their goals."

Along with benefits and rewards of being a banker, Holland mentioned frustrations as well.

"Throughout my career, the sheer volume of federal regulations has always been one of the biggest frustrations in banking," Holland explained. "In recent months, however, the rise of fraud in all its forms has become the most challenging and time-consuming issue we face. Combating fraud not only consumes valuable resources but also creates constant pressure to stay ahead of increasingly sophisticated schemes."

When and why did Holland decide to expand his banking career into the real estate business?

"My interest in real estate started when I was a kid, riding around Wellington with two local brokers, Bobo Casteberry and Harold Caldwell," Holland said. "Each would point out properties they had sold, and those experiences sparked my fascination with real estate and the idea of being self-employed. Since 1989, I've been buying, selling and flipping properties for my own account."

When Holland and his family moved to Childress in September 2002 and during their search for a home, he observed a real need for more licensed real estate agents in the area.

"That need—combined with my lifelong interest in real estate and my passion for putting deals together and

seeing them through to the closing table—inspired me to pursue my real estate license," Holland said.

Going in diverse directions at the start of his banking profession, Holland explained the advantages of settling on his InterBank career.

"InterBank is a strong financial institution that began in 1987 with the purchase of a single small bank in Olney and has since grown into a \$5 billion bank with 40 locations," Holland said. "What makes InterBank unique is that it offers the best of both worlds—personalized community banking with the strength, resources, efficiency and lending capacity of a \$5 billion institution."

"Working with the ownership, directors, officers and employees of InterBank has been an absolute pleasure," he added. "It's a supportive, collaborative environment and truly one of the best places to build a career in banking."

His longest tenure Holland has had with any bank, it's actually his second time to serve with InterBank.

"I was in Canadian when the owners purchased that bank, and later, in Munday, when they invited me to return to lead the Childress location," he explained. "Altogether, I've been with InterBank for more than 25 years, including 23 years here in Childress."

With so many diverse career opportunities available, what would Holland tell young people considering pursuing a career in banking?

"Be clear about what you want in a career and commit to it," Holland advised. "Banking can be very rewarding, but it takes integrity, patience and a genuine desire to help people succeed financially. If you bring that mindset, along with a willingness to keep learning and seeking out good mentors, you'll find plenty of opportunities to grow and succeed in banking."

In his retirement, Holland explained that he plans to focus on growing the real estate brokerage that he founded in December 2003, continuing to serve buyers, sellers and investors as a trusted authority in the area.

"I also look forward to traveling more—spending time with family and experiencing the unique cultures, cuisines and sights of different states and countries," Holland concluded.

Scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 9, InterBank plans to celebrate Holland's retirement in conjunction with its Holiday Open House.

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