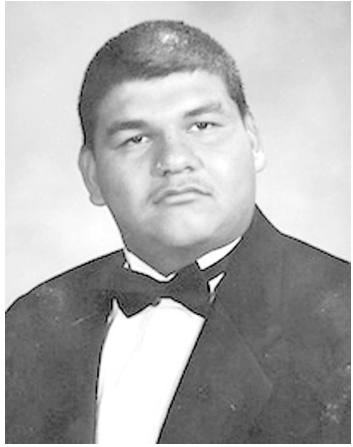


# Obituaries



**Gerardo Gonzalez**

Gerardo Gonzalez, Jr., 36, of Earth passed away Wednesday, June 25, 2014, in Dimmitt. Funeral services were Monday, June 30, 2014, at the First Baptist Church of Hart at 10:30 a.m., with Guy Walker's and Roy Puente's officiating. Burial followed at Hart Cemetery. Arrangements were being by Colonial Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Gerardo was born May 27, 1978, in Tulia to Gerardo Gonzalez, Sr. and Esmeralda Montemayor. He grew up in Hart and graduated from Hart High School, where he played football and was a powerlifter. He was a welder and a truck driver. He was an avid sports fan, loving the Oklahoma Sooners, San Antonio Spurs and the Kansas City Chiefs. He enjoyed camping and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Hanna Marie Gonzalez of Earth; two sons, Josheph Puente of Hereford and Xavier Gonzalez of Earth; one daughter, Brooklynn Puente of Earth; his parents, Gerardo Gonzalez, Sr. and Esmeralda Montemayor; one brother, Adrian Gonzalez of Hart; two sisters, Veronica Gonzalez of Hart and Melissa Flores of Earth; his grandmother, Maria Anzaldua of Mission, Texas; a great-niece, Alexeus Yassminrose Cervantes of Earth; and numer-



**Kent Hill**

Kent John Hill, 54, of Lewisville, Texas, passed away on July 4, 2014, in Lewisville. A funeral service was held on Thursday, July 10, 2014, at 2 p.m. in First Baptist Church in Hart with Coby Gilbreath, family friend, officiating. Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Special music played for the funeral were "I Can Only Imagine" and "How Great Thou Art." The music was played on the Church sound system. Playing the organ and piano, respectively, were Pat Smith and Neoma Williams. They played hymns before the service and at the viewing of the body.

Pallbearers were Beau Hill, BJ Hill, Lance Couch, Kevin McCasland, Blaine Hill and Dennis Hill.

Kent was born on November 2, 1959, in Plainview, Texas, to Bill Hill and Evelyn Stork Hill. He grew up in Hart, Texas, and graduated from Hart High School in 1978. Kent enjoyed cooking and won many competitions throughout his cooking career. He loved to play golf, water ski and spend time at the lake. He loved life and lived it well.

ous nieces, nephews and cousins.

You may go online and sign the guestbook at [www.colonialfuneralhome.org](http://www.colonialfuneralhome.org)

He is survived by the love of his life, Lyn Hill of Lewisville; one daughter, Lexi Hill of Hot Springs, Arkansas; his mother, Evelyn Hill of Lubbock; three brothers, Dean Hill of Lubbock, Terry Hill and wife Belinda of Keller, and Brad Hill and wife Thomasina of Paris, Texas; and one sister, Tammye Hill of Paris.

He is preceded in death by his father.

Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

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## VFD Members' Raffling Tickets For Polaris 4-Wheeler

Contact a member of the Hart Volunteer Fire Dept. to purchase a ticket for a chance to win a Polaris 4-wheeler.

The vehicle is on display at Hart Auto and Supply. The tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased until 4 p.m. on Saturday, at which time the drawing will be held.

## Witchcraft Class Offered At Clovis

### Community College

Alvin Petty of Clovis, NM, formerly of Hart, will be teaching a class on witchcraft at Clovis Community College.

The one-hour classes will be weekly on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m., beginning in September.

For more information and/or to sign up, call 575-769-4760.

Petty is a retired minister. He was minister of First United Methodist Church before retiring. He and his wife Kathy lived in Plainview for a few years, where he was one of the chaplains for Covenant Hospital Plainview. He also was interim pastor at First United Methodist Church in Kress.

## # 99, Crusade Against Evolution

By Alvin Petty

*(Editor's notes: Now that The Pulse is a monthly publication, the print edition of Petty's columns will no longer be in chronological order. To get these, subscribe to the website: [www.thepulsenews.net](http://www.thepulsenews.net))*

In 1920, a tragedy began for American Fundamentalist Christianity. The democratic politician, William Jennings Bryan (1860-1925), launched a crusade against the teaching of evolution in public schools. He believed Higher Criticism and Darwinism were linked in humanity destroying power. But he blamed Darwinism's evolution for the atrocities of WWI.

Bryan's studies led him to believe the Darwinian idea that only the strong should survive created the basis for the bloodiest war in history. (But the strongest are those who learn to compassionately live in community with their fellows.) This science, he reasoned, manufactured the poisoned gases to suffocate soldiers and this same science preaches that man has a brutal ancestry and it eliminates the miraculous and supernatural from the Bible. So he was certain that evolution was evil in every way. This evil symbolized modernity's ruthless destructive potential.

Bryan's reasoning was wrong and naïve, but he picked the right moment to get a quick and strong following from his fellow Fundamentalists in the campaign against evolution. The friendship between science and fundamentalist Christians ended with horror of the Great War. Fundamentalists wanted plain speaking, unquestioning religion, and Bryan gave it to them on a silver platter with a silver tongue. All by himself, he put evolution at the top of the Fundamentalist agenda, where it remains today. It replaced Higher Criticism as number one on the hate list because of a drama that unfolded in Tennessee.

Until Bryan started his fight on evolution, the southern states had taken little part in the Fundamentalist movement, which started about 1912. However, the South was very worried about evolution's being taught. The state legislatures of Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas introduced bills to ban the teaching of evolutionary theory. Tennessee had the strictest anti-evolutionary law.

John Scopes, a young teacher in the small town of Dayton, Tennessee, wanted to strike a blow for freedom of speech and confessed to breaking the law prohibiting the teaching of evolution. A trial was set for him in July of 1925. The newly formed American Civil Liberties Union sent a team of lawyers led by the great rationalist, Clarence Darrow. Bryan agreed to prosecute Scopes in favor of the Tennessee law.

The press gleefully began portraying the trial as a judging between Christianity and science and the circus of the century came to Dayton, Tennessee. Darrow made a disaster of Bryan's taking the witness stand. The press portrayed the Fundamentalists as hopelessly behind the times and unable to take part in the modern world. A few days after losing the trial, Bryan died., perhaps of a broken heart

There occurred something with the the Fundamentalists in this event that we should be mindful of in dealing with them. When they were attacked and made to look foolish, they reacted by becoming more extreme in their fury against evolution. They soon came to express creation science, which espouses Genesis 1 as literally true in every detail. For all of history, most of the church had never taken Genesis 1 as totally literally happening. Then they became more angrily literal in their interpretation of all scripture. Before Scopes, they had been willing to work for social reform, but now they left that behind to work only on "saving souls." They have become more isolated, associating only with their own kind and moved to the far right of the political spectrum where they remain today.

This is typical of how the Fundamentalist mindset reacts to loss of face, and it always makes them more reactionary and dangerous with self-destructive behavior. We need loving compassion and the wisdom of Solomon to ever turn a fundamentalist from his bent. And even then we may not succeed.