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Visitation 6:00-8:00 PM Monday June 3, 2024 at Charles W. Smith and Sons Funeral Sachse. Funeral Service 2:00 PM Tuesday June 4, 2024 at Charles W. Smith and Sons Funeral Home Sachse. Interment to follow in Sachse Cemetery.

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MANKOFF, Joy



On June 1, 2024, at the age of 89, Joy Shechtman Mankoff, died at her home in Dallas, Texas. Joy wore many titles with grace and power: Mother, Nana, wife, feminist, volunteer, and civic activist.

Born on August 31, 1934, in Hartford, Connecticut to Hana and George Shechtman, Joy was a proud Connecticut Yankee. Alongside her older brother Mort, she grew up in West Hartford. She attended Connecticut College, and in 1955, while on spring break in the Virgin Islands, she met a young navy officer, Ronald Mankoff. In 1959, after a four-year courtship, she married Ron, and the young couple settled in Dallas, Texas, where they started a family and Ron began his career as a tax attorney.

As she embarked on a career of activism and community involvement, Joy's guiding light was the wisdom of Rabbi Tarfon, "It is not for you to complete the task of perfecting the world, but nor is it for you to desist from starting it."

Women's causes and reproductive freedom were paramount to Joy. She served as president of the Boards of Planned Parenthood's Dallas affiliate, National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), Greater Dallas Section, The Dallas Summit, and Women's Council of Dallas County. She was founding president of the Women's Issues Network and a founding chair of Older Women's League, Dallas Chapter. Joy was a member of the convening committee and first board of the Dallas Women's Foundation.

Joy's commitment to make Dallas a better city was unwavering. After earning a master's degree in Civic Affairs from the University of Dallas in 1982, Joy served as Chair of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee. She was an appointed member of the Citizens/Police Relations Board, the Dallas County Park and Open Space Board, the Civil Service Adjunct Board, and the Urban Rehabilitation Standards Board. Joy served on many boards, including Temple Emanu-El, Literacy Instruction for Texans, the Dallas Memorial Center for Holocaust Studies, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dallas, the Dallas Symphony, and the Dallas Opera, which she served as Vice Chair.

Joy and Ron supported many organizations, including the Joy and Ron Mankoff Pre-Opera Talks, the Mankoff Center for Jewish Learning at the JCC, and the Joy Shechtman Mankoff Center for Teaching & Learning at Connecticut College. Joy and Ron also took great pride in enabling PJ Library to deliver free books to Jewish children in North Texas.

Joy's contributions were recognized with numerous awards, including the Laurel Award from the American Association of University Women, the Women Helping Women Award, the Hanna G. Solomon Award from NCJW, the Institute of Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee (along with husband Ron), the Gertrude Shelburne, Humanitarian Award from Planned Parenthood, SMU's Women in Leadership Award, the Leadership Dallas Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Juanita and Henry Miller Founders Award from the Dallas Opera.

Joy's life was rich with love and activity. She enjoyed golf, tennis, and couples' bridge. In 1998, Joy and Ron began spending summers in La Jolla, and travelling extensively, often with her children and her five "perfect" grandchildren.

Pre-deceased by Ron, Joy is survived by her son Jeff, his wife Staci, their children, Bradley and Michelle and by her son Doug, his wife Marcia, and their children, Sarah, Max and Eli.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to NCJW or the Boys and Girls Club of Dallas.

A memorial service will take place at Temple Emanu-El, on Monday, June 3, 2024, 11:30 a.m., with reception to follow.



Photos by Camilo Diaz/Fort Worth Report

Lee Smith (back) and Michael Neveu rowed down the Trinity River near Beach Street in Fort Worth in April. The oarsmen met when Neveu first joined the Fort Worth Rowing Club and the two have been friends ever since.

FORT WORTH

Rowing club anchors co-founder

More than two decades later, 89-year-old plans to stay on Trinity River

By **KEYLA HOLMES**
fortworthreport.org

Lee Smith pushed and pulled.

His oars broke through the water as he traversed the Trinity River on a recent gloomy morning.

"I'm a weirdo for small boats and getting out on the water," Smith said, with a chuckle.

The 89-year-old Arlington resident shares his passion with others as a coach and founding member of the Fort Worth Rowing Club. The nonprofit, which promotes rowing for recreation, fitness and competition, has expanded to about 50 members since its establishment.

In 1989, Smith was one of a dozen people who heard about the start of a rowing club in Fort Worth. By the next year, it came to fruition.

"No one was trying to make any money," Smith said.



Smith, 89, adjusted his rowing shoes before leaving a dock at the Trinity River in April. He co-founded the Fort Worth Rowing Club in 1990 and is still an active member.

The members were motivated to start the club because they enjoyed rowing. And half of the oarsmen already had experience doing the activity together in Boy Scouts, he said.

Smith doesn't know why he loves rowing.

He just knows that he likes being outdoors, in the water, and appreciates being around others who share his love for the activity.

"It all kind of added together," Smith said.

Throughout his rowing journey, Smith has learned that he enjoys teaching others, whether that entails training people on how to get around in a row boat or coaching people on how to swim.

"I was really surprised at how much of a reward I got out of teaching rowing," he said.

The club's primary rowing location is near Beach Street and Interstate 30, where members scull the Trinity River east of downtown Fort Worth.

The location is just down the road from the entrance of Gateway Park, the city's largest park.

TCU Rowing shares a boathouse at Marine Creek Lake with the organization and around 30 other oarsmen. The club currently doesn't have a youth program for members, but the organization hopes to start one soon.

Michael Neveu met Smith when he first joined the club.

"We just hit it off immediately, and since then we've been really good friends," Neveu said.

Neveu paddles out with whomever shows up on any given Tuesday or Thursday morning. He enjoys the club because it's a physical and social activity.

"It's just a great group of people," he said.

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OBITUARY | RON EDMONDS

Photographer assigned to Reagan captured shooting

By **BRIAN MURPHY**
The Washington Post

Ron Edmonds, an Associated Press photographer who captured history outside the Washington Hilton in 1981 with Pulitzer Prize-winning images of the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan and agents wrestling shooter John Hinkley Jr. to the sidewalk, died Friday at a hospital in Falls Church, Va. He was 77.

He died of pneumonia linked to a bacterial infection, his wife, Grace Feliciano Edmonds, said.

Edmonds, assigned to cover the president, was the only news photographer able to chronicle the full sweep of events on March 30, 1981, from the sounds of gunshots — which Edmonds at first thought might be celebratory firecrackers — to the chaotic moments that followed.

He directed his lens across the top of the presidential limousine for a sequence of frames showing Reagan wincing and then being pushed inside the vehicle. Edmonds then swung around to the sidewalk, snapping images of Hinkley under a pile of bodies and Secret Service agents on alert with

their weapons drawn. Also on the ground were the other people wounded by Hinkley's .22-caliber revolver: press secretary James Brady, Secret Service Agent Timothy McCarthy and D.C. police canine Officer Thomas Delahanty.

"Everything happened in such a quick, split second. If you looked to your right to see what the shot, what the noise was, and looked back, the president was already gone," Edmonds told the AP for a retrospective story. "The president immediately, when the first pop went off, he kind of grimaced in his face and that's when I pushed the shutter down."

The coverage won the Pulitzer for spot news photography. "I wish it had been for a picture that had not been of violence, of people being hurt," he said after the award was announced in April 1982.

He said he almost missed Reagan's exit from the hotel. The presidential entourage had left after Reagan finished a speech to AFL-CIO union members. The escalators to the lobby were packed as a ballroom emptied. Mr. Edmonds recalled pushing and elbowing his way through the

crowd to get in position by the limousine.

Some journalists were still inside the hotel when Reagan appeared. Edmonds expected a routine few seconds — a smiling nod to the onlookers by Reagan and then back to the White House.

But he was always ready for some kind of unexpected expression or gesture by Reagan that could make the wire. "He came. He waved. I made one image," Edmonds recalled in a 2021 interview with PBS Hawaii. "And then bangs went off."

The presidential motorcade roared away, including the press van. If the van had stayed, Edmonds would have needed to jump aboard — and miss the events unfolding in front of the Hilton. "My job was to stay with the president," he said. "Never leave the president."

In 2013, Edmonds received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the White House News Photographers Association.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, the former Grace Feliciano; a daughter, Ashley Edmonds, a Washington attorney; a brother; and a sister.

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEF

CARROLLTON

Man get 25 years in newborn son's slaying

A Carrollton man was sentenced to 25 years in prison after pleading guilty Thursday to killing his infant son nearly three years ago.

Caleb Brown and the child's mother, both 17 at the time, brought 24-day-old Emerson Ziesmer to a Plano hospital on Aug. 9, 2021, after the mother noticed he was "pale and had significant bruising around his abdomen," Carrollton police said in a news release.

Emerson was transferred to Children's Medical Center Dallas, where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy found he died of blunt force trauma, including multiple displaced ribs, a lacerated liver and an abrasion on the back of his head, police said.

According to an arrest warrant affidavit, Brown was angry at the mother for "keeping the baby" and didn't want to have to pay child support.

Brown told detectives that he had been alone with Emerson at one point Aug. 9, during which he squeezed and repeatedly threw the child into the air, eventually hitting a ceiling fan.

The teens were not in a romantic relationship when they learned of the pregnancy, police said.

Lana Ferguson

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