

David William Granberg

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After 57 years side by side in marriage and business, it was fitting—but no less tragic—that death claimed Pat and David Granberg together.

Flooding swept the couple off the entrance road to their Kendalia ranch late Wednesday and their bodies were discovered Thursday afternoon downstream on the West Crabapple Creek.

“When I heard a couple drowned on Crabapple Road, the first people I thought of was them, because they were together a whole lot,” family friend and Kendall County Commissioner Darrel Lux said Friday.

Authorities said David Granberg, 82, apparently helped Pat, 75, from her Chevrolet Tahoe when the creek pushed the SUV off the crossing as she arrived home from church at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Connie Granberg wasn't surprised her “fiercely independent” dad didn't summon authorities or impose on neighbors for help when the normally dry creek overflowed

on the ranch her father had owned since 1941.

“It was just a freak accident,” she said, speculating that a wall of water hit her parents as they waded from the vehicle.

A memorial service is set for sundown Sunday at “the Howling Place,” a hill at their ranch at 634 W. Crabapple Road, where they raised five children, plus goats and cattle.

Besides tending livestock, the couple kept busy at Granberg Fertilizer Sales in Blanco, a firm they ran with sons Severn and Paul, who is also a Blanco County commissioner.

“They worked together every day,” said Paul Granberg, a Blanco County commissioner.

Pat Granberg was active in the Texas Cattlewomen Association, where “her loss has hit very hard,” said Tina Loeffler, a fellow member from Lampasas.

Lux, a lifelong friend, said Pat Granberg was “a perfect lady” and said David was outgoing—to the point of rousing chums

with pre-dawn phone calls—particularly if it had rained.

“If he was late, he'd call about 6 a.m.,” Lux said. “He was in the fertilizer business and so rain was good for his customers, and so he always wanted rain.

“I always thought of him when it rained and now I'll think of him even more,” he said.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Patricia Ann Granberg (SS# issued in TX), last residence Blanco, Blanco Co., TX.

We published the obituary of her brother Julius Anderson “Jake” Alford Jr., AAFA #0717, in *AAFA ACTION*, Spring 1999, In Remembrances.

Her lineage: Patricia Ann 1932 MS¹, Julius Anderson 1903 MS², Harvey Warren 1865 MS³, Jacob A. 1835 AL⁴, Julius 1803 NC⁵, Jacob 1781 NC⁶, John 1747 NC⁷, Julius 1717 VA⁸, James 1687 VA⁹, John 1645 VA¹⁰.