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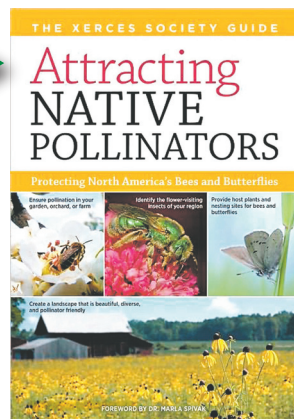
— Denyse Cummins, LSU AgCenter horticulturist

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If you are decorating for Easter, you might have a small vacant spot where this intricately designed but whimsical wreath would fit perfectly. What an eye-catcher for a wall or a table. **Price: \$12.99. Available: Akin's Nursery, 5901 E. Kings Highway, Shreveport.**



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Passalong irises are in full bloom

White flags are waving in my yard. You may know them as cemetery irises. White flag describes the way they look. Cemetery iris tells you where they are often found.



Kathie Rowell
Garden Spot

This is what the "Southern Living Garden Book" says about them: "Originating in Yemen and traditionally cultivated in Muslim graveyards since the Middle Ages, it was brought to Europe by the Moors and eventually made it to the New World."

And at some point, they made it to my husband's grandparents' farm near Mansfield. That's where we got them, the only heirloom plants we have from his side of the family.



Kathie Rowell/The Times
A white flag blooms.

These pure white irises with yellow beards are usually among the first to bloom each spring and they are tough as nails, making them a great choice for planting somewhere they will get little care, like a cemetery — or my yard.

But if you want some, you're not likely to find them at a garden center. Like many other time-tested classics, these are passalong plants and I'm happy to trace mine back to in-laws I never even knew.

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ELIZABETH TAYLOR

By David Germain and Hillel Italie
The Associated Press

Elizabeth Taylor, the violet-eyed film goddess whose sultry screen persona, stormy personal life and enduring fame and glamour made her one of the last of the classic movie stars and a template for the modern celebrity, died Wednesday at age 79.

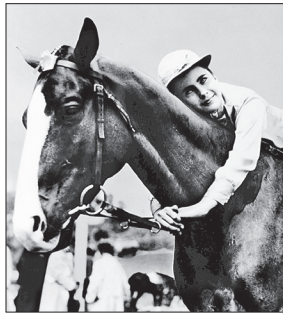
She was surrounded by her four children when she died of congestive heart failure at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where she had been hospitalized for about six weeks, said publicist Sally Morrison.

"My mother was an extraordinary woman who lived life to

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'We have just lost a Hollywood giant'

Elton John, performer and longtime friend



File/The Times

Elizabeth Taylor shown in "National Velvet."



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Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman star in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."



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Elizabeth Taylor as Marguerite Sydney in "There Must Be A Pony," in 1986.

The men she loved and the marriages

1. Conrad Nicholas "Nicky" Hilton, hotel heir, 1950-51:

"Before our honeymoon was over, my eyes were opened."

2. Michael Wilding, actor, 1952-57: "Michael Wilding was a wonderful man and I loved him dearly. We were so very different."



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3. Michael Todd, producer, 1957-58: "I have had two great loves in my life. Mike Todd was the first."

4. Eddie Fisher, singer, 1959-64: "In hindsight, I know I wasn't thinking straight."



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5. Richard Burton, actor, 1964-74; 1975-76: "I never regretted a moment of it."

6. John Warner, 1976-82: "I cannot tell you how happy and proud I was of him ... yes, and of myself."

7. Larry Fortensky, construction worker,



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1991-1997: "I always said I would get married one more time and with God's blessings, this is it, forever."

Sources: For dates: Alexander Walker book "Elizabeth: the Life of Elizabeth Taylor." For quotes: "Elizabeth Takes Off," by Elizabeth Taylor, and comments on Fortensky by Taylor in interviews at the time.



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Actress Elizabeth Taylor is shown in Stockholm, Sweden, Sept. 25, 1953. She died Wednesday in Los Angeles of congestive heart failure at age 79.

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