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***America, Wild Turkeys & Mongrel Dogs* launches at Louisiana Book Festival
Local author muses on turkey hunting, colorful characters, life lessons**

Baton Rouge, LA – The late local author Kenny Morgan’s book, ***America, Wild Turkeys & Mongrel Dogs: Life Lessons from a Hunting Master***, a story-rich coffee table book, is to be released November 1, 2014, at the **Louisiana Book Festival (#LBF2014)** at Capitol Park in downtown Baton Rouge, according to publisher Sally Stuart Morgan.

Kenny Morgan, inventor, storyteller, teacher, and master turkey hunter who died in 2011, wrote a collection of humorous and resource-filled essays centered around turkey hunting, wildlife behavior, and growing up in the small Louisiana town of Jackson in the mid-20th century. His wife, Sally Stuart Morgan, complemented the essays with lush photographs of landscapes and Americana by local photographer Tim Mueller and Alabama-based wildlife photographer Tes Randle Jolly, and interesting ephemera.

“Kenny used humor and storytelling to teach valuable lessons on integrity, courage, and what he called ‘living artfully’,” said Sally Morgan. “Because he was an educator for many years, he took particular joy in teaching younger generations about the richness of our created world, and their role in enjoying and preserving it,” she said. “So the book itself is somewhat of a mixed breed — part storytelling, part turkey-hunting and calling technique, rounded out with stunning images that celebrate our outdoor heritage.”

Former LSU and NFL Quarterback Bert Jones is featured in the book and wrote the foreword for ***America, Wild Turkeys & Mongrel Dogs: Life Lessons from a Hunting Master***, calling his old hunting buddy and friend “a raconteur of the first order.”

“Kenny Morgan was a human anachronism, a man out of place and time,” said Jones. “He was born in the 20th century, but should have traveled with Lewis and Clark. He was raised in humble environs, but had an Ivy League mind. He fought in Vietnam and might well have been scarred, but he was at peace with himself, his God, his family, and his friends— and had a quick laugh and penetrating wit,” Jones said.

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Stories of Morgan's coming-of-age adventures in East Feliciana Parish, his forays into the swamp as a guide for ESPN, and his captivating details of instinct and behavior—human and animal—are told with depth and humor in the new book. Morgan published *Turkey Hunting: A One Man Game* in 1987, which sold 6,000 copies.

Sally Morgan has worked for three years on publishing her late husband's book, along with their children Kenneth, 18, and Amelia, 15, who each wrote in the afterword about their legendary father. The 318-page hardcover book is published by Sally Morgan's company, Morgan's Americana, and will be available via the website WildTurkeys.com beginning November 1, 2014.

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