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Obituaries

Norvell

Mary Elaine Norvell went to be with our Lord on the 31st day of December, three days short of her 81st birthday. Elaine was born to Eele and Imelda Reid in Sanco Texas. She is now in heaven with her beloved husband, Cuin Norvell, after being blessed with 48 years together.

Elaine lived a full and happy life, she was a mother first, a housewife and caregiver, she loved to volunteer in her community and was one of the best cooks in town. She and Cuin had read the Bible through fourteen times and when they got to where neither of them could read they listened to it on Elaine was a fine Christian woman and this showed through with her spirit and the way she treated others.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cuin Norvell, and son, Ricky Norvell; greatgranddaughter, Arilyn Martin; her sisters, Rena Frachiseur, Winnie Blackmon, brothers, Leroy and Elroy Reid.

Elaine is survived by one sister, Polly Thomas of Grannis, Arkansas; six children, Ronny Norvell and spouse, Patsy, Kenny Romine and spouse, Terri, Bud Romine and spouse, Shawn, Kerry Romine and spouse, Lisa, Teresa Romine-Neiman and spouse, Dennis, Debbie Norvell-Henry spouse, Peter; eleven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Friday, January 3, 2014, at the funeral home. Funeral services were held at 2 pm, Saturday, January 4, 2014, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Interment followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.

Robert Lee Cemetery Association asks for information

The Robert Lee Cemetery Association has released a list of burial plots at the Robert Lee Cemetery which do not have permanent markers. Because of the possibility of graves being lost, the organization, according to their bylaws, requires a permanent marker to be placed within 30 days of burial.

They have requested the public's assistance in obtaining information on family members of the deceased. If you recognize a name on this list and know how to get in touch with one of their family members, you are asked to relay that information by contacting George Grim at (325) 453-9902, Linda Burns at (325) 453-4305, or Jeffie Roberts at (325) 453-2957.

Derric Jameson Anderson (infant), Section 7

Elizabeth Anderson Brooks, Section 5

Walter Brooks, Eugene Section 5

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Raymond Eugene Smith, Section 7

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Trey Taylor, Section 14 Melvin L. Tickle, Section 9 Golda Wells, Section 12

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor McCutchen,

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." These words of Margaret Mead come to mind when I think about what I've been reading in the Observer.

Congratulations Melinda McCutchen for your leadership and publishing of the Observer/ Enterprise. Your remarkable articles in 2011 about the fires and drought, gave the public insight into the distress and devastating events. We felt deep concern and sadness, which made us think, what now? It is obvious, that over time, Robert Lee overcame those challenges with prayer and hard work, working together as a community to prosper. Your churches have believers who know how to pray.

I thank you and Mayor John Jacobs, and Debbie Childers, President of the Vision Committee, and the merchants and citizens for caring about your town and knowing how to support it and report it.

Appreciated the December 2013 Observer/Enterprise filled with good news from Robert Lee, Bronte and Blackwell, telling of Christmas celebrations, local events, churches, school children, businesses, pictures, ads and community spirit. It takes much pre-planning, for people to enjoy a hometown Christmas with open businesses and choral music in the air, led by Choir Director Carolyn Long. Thank you Carolyn for your gift of music in Robert Lee.

Also, praise goes to Robert Lee's Library Director Beth Prather with open library for the community and a weekly column in the Observer/ Enterprise. Now living in Fort Worth, I enjoy keeping in touch



BHRC Year End Award! Trish Beck was named the 2013 Department Head of the Year for the Bronte Health & Rehab Center. The award was announced and presented at the facility's Christmas party.

with "home" by reading the Valedictorian, now a senior at Observer/Enterprise about family and about friends I grew up with, their children and grandchildren, plus reading of today's events and people I have not met.

Our Austin Ranch, established in 1872 by Grandparents Jordan and Arminta DeLong Austin, has been in the family for five continuous generations, is now owned by Monty and Neva Austin. They have two fine sons: Clayton and Kaden. And two and keeping us informed. daughters: beautiful Their daughter, Heidi Austin was 2009 Robert Lee High School

Angelo State University. On December 14, 2013, her sister Holly Austin Murray graduated from Angelo State University with high honors and a degree in Graphic Design. I'm so proud of them and appreciate the opportunity to publically tell them so.

I am cheering you on Melinda McCutchen for being a thoughtful, committed citizen

> Jane Austin Bruckner Fort Worth Texas jane@janebruckner.com

Come As You Are

Sunday Mornings • 10 am

Recovery Meetings • Monday 7 pm **FORGIVEN MINISTRIES**

Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store Russ Frasier, Preacher

Don't forget to make your 2013 IRA contribution.



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Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte
Bronte Church of Christ
POBox 346•118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
(325) 473-3291
Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 p
Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm

Wed. 6 pm First Baptist Church 424 S. Washington • Bronte (325) 473-2331 325) 473-2331 Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School, 10:55 am Worsnip,
5 pm Worship
6 pm Youth
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington & Holmes Bronte (325) 473-3281

(325) 473-3281
Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
Forgiven Ministries
117 W. Main, Bronte
Russ Frasier, Pastor
Sun. 10 am
St. James Catholic Church
215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sun. 5 pm

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<u>Coke County</u>

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 •12 miles West of
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister (923) 433-2003, Bill Hood, Mild www.pec-anbaptist.org Sun. 10 am, Sunday School 11 am & 7 pm, Worship United Christians Fellowship PO Box 938 • Robert Lee Rec Hall (325) 453-2468

(325) 453-2468
Ed Zimmerman, Minister
Sunday 10 am Sunday School,
11 am Worship
Robert Lee
Emmanuel Pentecostal
POBCx 683 • 1019 Cokcado City Hwy
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2360 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 97th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
5:00 pm Choir Practice
Iglesia Bautista Betel
101 Houston • Robert Lee

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101 Houston • Robert Lee
Sun. 9:55 am • Sunday School
11 am • Service & Children • Clurch
Fri. 7 pm • Bible Study
Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee Robert Lee (325) 453-2176 (325) 435-2176 Jordan Arnold, Preacher Sun. 10 am, Sunday School 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Worship Northside Church of Christ PO Box 508 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee (325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or (325) 473-1053 Services: Sun. 10 am Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic

Church 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee (325) 365-2687 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

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Sat. 6 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 *22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Danny White, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638
6th & Houston, Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
(325) 473-2040
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting