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## Death Notices

### Sanchez

Maria "Mary" Sanchez, 80, passed away Wednesday, January 21, 2015. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the First Baptist Church of Bronte. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mary is survived by her sons, Willie Sanchez of Andrews, George Sanchez of Grand Prairie, Jimmy Sanchez of Fort Worth; daughters, Nora Teel of Richland Springs, Rosemary Sanchez of Bronte, Carolina Garza of Brownwood, and Clara Rios of Fort Worth. She is also survived by her two girls Andrea Sanchez and Beth Sanchez, both of San Angelo as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com).

### Anderson

Gwendolyn K. "Gwen" K. Anderson, 86, of Granite Shoals, Texas passed away on Monday, January 19, 2015.

She will be greatly missed by her husband, T. Harry Anderson, son, Tommy Anderson, son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Gail Anderson, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Bobby Walker.

Gwen was preceded in death

by her parents, sister and brother-in-law, Zona Mae and Dan Hall of Columbus, Ohio.

Visitations were held at Putnam Funeral Home on Friday, January 23, 2015, from 6 to 8 pm. Graveside services were held at Paint Creek Cemetery, eight miles west of Robert Lee, Texas, on Saturday, January 24, 2015, at 2 pm. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements made by Putnam Funeral Home and Crematory, 145 Texas Avenue, Kingsland, Texas 78639 (325) 388-0008.

### Retired Teachers meet

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association met at the First Baptist Church in Bronte on Monday January 19, 2014.

Retired school personnel in Coke County are encouraged to join the CCRTA and TRTA. Even though going to meetings is not always possible, it is important that the numbers show interest in retiree future. Meetings are short and the food is really good.

Checks for dues can be made payable to the Coke County Retired Teachers Association, c/o Treasurer J. Wommack, P.O. Box 365, Bronte, Tx. 76933. Of that amount \$5.00 is for the Coke County Retired Teachers group and \$35.00 is for Texas Retired Teachers Association which contributes to the state organization involved in keeping school personnel informed as well as carrying concerns and goals to the Texas Legislature. School personnel pay into TRTA for retirement and health coverage. Paying into Social

Security is not an option for school personnel.

Members were encouraged to turn in their volunteer hours. With most members reporting, a total of 30,460 volunteer hours will be submitted to TRTA. As a yearly project of CCRTA, 16 books were distributed to the Bronte and Robert Lee Elementary Libraries this year.

Members attending the noon luncheon were Kathy McCown, Wanda Barbee, Brenda Smith, Paul Gothard, Lana Goodman, Gerald Sandusky, Ann Hamilton, Mary Lawhon, Lee Wommack, Janet Wommack, Donna Poehls, Lisa Dyess, Charlotte Tounget, Jerita Taylor, Wanda Brewer, Leva Self, Bill Hood, Rhonda Hood, Merle Kelso, June Gulley, Brenda Hines, Judy Gibbs, Christie Bagwell.

Next meeting will be February 16, at noon, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

### Robert Lee Cemetery

#### Donations and Memorials

### Robert Lee Cemetery Donors

Mr. & Mrs. Sid Long  
Betty A. Varnadore  
**Robert Lee Cemetery Memorials**  
Sammie Jo Baker  
Carolyn & Butch Davis  
Jamie Boren  
Barbara Adkins  
Kreg Lusby  
Dana St. Clair  
Norma Ross (Brownwood)  
Barbara Adkins  
Jo Adkins  
Lowell E. Wilks  
Wilks Family

## Area Churches

### Invite You to Worship

#### Bronte

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
PO Box 346 118 S. Jefferson Bronte  
(325) 473-3291

Preacher John V. Driggers  
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

**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

**First Baptist Church**  
424 S. Washington Bronte  
(325) 473-2331

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
10:55 am Worship,  
5 pm Worship  
6 pm Youth

Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

**First United Methodist Church**  
Corner of Washington & Holmes  
Bronte  
(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

Tuesday 6 pm Table Time  
**St. James Catholic Church**  
215 N. Washington, Bronte  
(325) 365-2687  
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
Sun. 5 pm

#### Coke County

**Pecan Baptist**  
PO Box 542 1/2 miles West of  
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister  
[www.pecanbaptist.org](http://www.pecanbaptist.org)  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

#### Robert Lee

**Bible Baptist Church**  
PO Box 938 9th & Austin  
(325) 453-2621 Robert Lee, Dennis Clark, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship,  
Wednesday 1 pm Ladies Bible Study

#### Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 683 019 Colorado City Hwy  
Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360

Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 7 pm

**First United Methodist Church**  
PO Box 144 9th & Chadbourne  
Robert Lee (325) 453-2417

Cyndi Weidner, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice

**Iglesia Bautista Betel**  
101 Houston Robert Lee

Sun. 9:45 am Sunday School  
11 am Service Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

**Southside Church of Christ**  
PO Box 698 8th & Houston  
Robert Lee (325) 453-2176

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  
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**  
(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638  
6th & Houston, Robert Lee  
Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor  
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

#### Tennyson

**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

## Obituaries



### Sparks

Dorothy Maurine Sparks, 90, went to Heaven on Saturday, January 25, 2015. She was born on March 26, 1924, to Claude and Grace McCutchen Murtishaw in Coke County, Texas. She was one of eight children who were raised in the Wildcat Community of Coke County. She is survived by her children, W. D. (Dub) Sparks, Jr. and wife, Kay; Bud Sparks and wife, Kay; Tony Sparks and wife, Jessica; and Linda Owens and husband, David, all of San Angelo. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Maurine married a Coke County boy, Wilfred Sparks, on March 28, 1941, at the Methodist Church in Bronte. They were married fifty-four years until his death in 1995. After their marriage, they lived on various ranches, farms and dairies in Coke and Mitchell Counties, where he was a ranch hand and she was a homemaker. The family settled into a permanent home in 1951 in Colorado City, when Wilfred went to work for Cosden Refinery.

After the children were raised, Maurine ventured out into the working world. She worked as a sales clerk at Anthony's in Colorado City for thirteen years before retiring. She and Wilfred (Blackie) then moved to San Angelo in 1982, where she lived the remainder of her life. Maurine was a Christian and was a founding member of the Quail Valley Baptist Church, serving as Treasurer for many years.

Maurine was a loving wife

and mother during her children's childhood, staying at home to raise her family. Her legacy to be remembered is that she was always there for her family, lovingly tending them when they were sick, reading to them, teaching them about the Bible and Jesus, showing right from wrong, and always lovingly supporting them. She taught them to drive out on the backroads of Mitchell County. She was a moral compass for them, showing by example how one should live. Years come and go quickly, but the love of a mother never dies.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:" Proverbs 31:28.

Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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## Come As You Are



Sunday Mornings • 10 am  
Table Time • Tuesday evening  
Pot Luck 6 pm • Study 7 pm



## FORGIVEN MINISTRIES

Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store  
Russ Frasier, Preacher

# ROAR-R-R

The Robert Lee/Silver  
Lion's Club is having their  
4th Annual

## CHILI SUPPER

& all-the-trimmin's

Saturday • February 7

Robert Lee Rec Hall

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm • \$5/Bowl

Best Chili & trimmin's in Coke County!

Come one, Come all!

After the supper, there will be a  
fan-dang-tabulous Cake Auction!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!