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## Obituaries



### Gentry

Loudell Gentry, our loving mother and grandmother passed away to be with our Lord on Monday, December 24, 2012. Visitation was Friday, December 28, 2012, with the family present from 6 pm to 8 pm at the funeral home. Graveside services were held at 10 am Saturday, December 29, 2012, in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Loudell Gentry was born on October 23, 1923, on a cotton farm in Norton, Texas, to Fred and Beth Williams where she learned how to chop cotton and work hard. She married C.R. "Sonny" Gentry on February 7, 1942. She continued her hard work, chopping and picking cotton, but also learned to ride, work stock and build fence, while being a full-time homemaker.

Loudell was an avid sports fan, mainly football and baseball, more specifically the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Rangers and Houston Astros. She was an outstanding cook and still made homemade rolls for every family gathering. She enjoyed playing bridge with her friends and in her younger years, she was a very good tennis player and loved to sing, performing at weddings, county fairs and church on a regular basis. She was known as Grammer by family and friends and will be missed by all.

Loudell was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Beth Williams and step-mother, Vickie Williams, her siblings, D. W. Williams, Modena Smallwood, Hilda Powers, Marzee Powers, and

Leta Sudberry, her husband of 67 years, Sonny Gentry and her daughter, Debbie Gentry Harcourt.

She is survived by her son, David Gentry and wife, Brendi of Norton, Texas, and Jim Harcourt and wife Cindy of Abilene, grandchildren, Melinda Gentry, Julia Gentry and husband, Michael Manley of San Angelo, Shealon Harcourt Tulley and husband Mark of Clyde, and Heath Harcourt and wife Landa of Stephenville, great-grandchildren, Hunter, McKenna, Kinlee, Davashtian, Kylar, and Kash, two step great-grandchildren, Michael and Dedrick, Brother and sister-in-law Bill and Ginger Gentry, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Bronte Ambulance Service, Bronte United Methodist Church, Boys and Girls Clubs, the Boys Ranch or your favorite charity.

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### Herron

Roberta Herron was born July 15, 1921, in Bronte, Texas. She was the second child of Robert H. and Willie B. Herron. She graduated from Eunice High School in New Mexico in May of 1938. She was employed as a telephone operator in Bronte before moving to San Angelo and later to San Antonio. She was fun loving and affectionately referred to as "Aunt Roe" by her family members, who she dearly loved.

In 1956, she moved to Odessa where she retired and lived until stricken with Alzheimer's in 2009. She passed away on December 26, 2012, in Andrews, Texas. The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to Maurine Vaughn and Leah Muellen for their loving care until her death.

Roberta is survived by one brother, Bill Herron and wife

Judy of Odessa, two nephews and a niece; Mike Herron and wife Cindy of Odessa, John Leathers and wife Kay of Bridgeville, Pennsylvania, and Anne Cardon and husband, Joe of Leander, Texas. She had one great nephew, Corey Herron and wife Ashlei of Hale Center, Texas, and four great nieces; Christi Anderson and husband Darrel of Houston, Carrie Hedegore and husband Bob of Cedar Park, Lisa Vish of Louisville, Kentucky, and Kameryn Herron of Odessa. Great great nephews and nieces are: Mackenzei and Hunter Herron, Alex Anderson, Will Hedegore, and Catherine, Margaret, Virginia and Daniel Vish. Step nephews and niece are Jim and Curt Cottingham and Kelly Morris.

Roberta is preceded in death by her parents, Robert Harrison Herron and Willie Belle Herron; her brother, Thomas M. Herron; her sister and brother in law, Dorothy and Carrol Leathers.

Visitation was Friday, December 28, 2012, with the family present from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Shaffer Funeral Parlor in Bronte. Graveside services were held at 2 pm Saturday, December 29, 2012, in the Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your favorite charity.

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### Belcher

Jack "Dug" Dugger Belcher, Jr., age 63, passed away Tuesday, December 25, 2012, at his home in Odessa, Texas.

He was born November 30, 1949, to Jack Dugger, Sr. and Savannah (Caperton) Belcher in San Angelo, Texas. He graduated from Andrews High School and attended Northwood Institute and Odessa College. He contracted with Ector County Independent School District and served as an avid fundraiser for many charitable organizations.

His parents preceded him in death. He is survived by his loving sister, Becky Belcher Showers, nephew Jeven Showers, nieces Lacy and Katy Showers, and great-nephew, Hayden. He was loved by many family members and life-long friends.

The family will hold a private memorial service and Dug will be interred beside his mother and father in Bronte, Texas.

The family requests in lieu

of flowers that donations be made to a charitable organization of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Hubbard-Kelley Funeral Home of Odessa, Texas.

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### Hurley

On December 29, 2012, Janet Hurley of Bronte, Texas, went to be with her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Waiting for her at the gates of Heaven with open arms are her parents, Charlie and Phoebe Howard, her late husband, H.N. Holcombe, her two brothers, Earl and Bob Baker, and her son-in-law, Mel Kennedy.

Janet was born on May 12, 1926, in Wichita Falls, Texas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Friendship Sunday School Class in Bronte. Janet would have celebrated fifty years of marriage on January 6, 2013.

## 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

Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor

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

#### 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 • 12 miles West of

Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy

(325) 453-2482

www.pecanbaptist.org

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

#### United Christians Fellowship

Wildcat Marina • West of Robert Lee

(325) 453-2468

Ed Zimmerman, Leader

Sunday 10 am, Worship

#### Robert Lee

#### Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy

Robert Lee • (325) 453-2360

Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

She is survived by her husband Elmer Hurley of Bronte, Texas; her children, Jerry Holcombe of Van, Texas, Sharon Kennedy of Winters, Texas, Charles and Donnah Payne of Burleson, Texas, Ron and Melodie Neeley of Kemp, Texas., and Debbie Hurley of Bronte, Texas; one brother, Bill and wife Bobbie Baker of Arlington, Texas; nine grandchildren, thirteen and a half great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Janet's greatest gift was her love for her husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

A Celebration of her life is planned for a later date. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

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## Death Notices

### Mathis

Lloyd Donald Mathis ,73, passed away on Monday, December 31, 2012. A private service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Mathis of Robert Lee; son, Chris Mathis of Avalon; and daughter, Christa Lackey of San Angelo.

"His name shall be called Emmanuel"  
meaning "God with us"



Sunday Mornings • 10 am

Recovery Meetings • Sunday 7 pm

**FORGIVEN MINISTRIES**

Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store

Russ Frasier, Preacher

