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## Death Notices

### Robinson

Gay "Mimi" Robinson, 75, passed away on December 18, 2017, in her home of Possum Kingdom Lake (Graford), Texas.

A celebration of her life was held Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at The Hamil Family Funeral Home in Abilene.

Gay was preceded in death by her parents, Noel and Maxine Percifull.

She is survived by her loving husband, Carl A. Robinson, Sr. of Possum Kingdom Lake; her daughter, Carla Robinson Kitten and grandchildren, Courtney Kitten Ellis and her husband, David Ellis of Colleyville, Texas, and Cameron Kitten of Lubbock; along with her son Carl Robinson Jr., his wife Trish, and her grandchildren Conley, Liam and Bella Robinson of Bartonville.

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was privileged to become an educator at Robert Lee in January, 1972. I was 22 years old, my wife Debbie was 21. We were young with many unknown unknowns facing us in our first teaching opportunity. Mr. Garland Davis was instrumental in guiding us through that first semester. The man who followed in the position of Principal was Mr. Jerry Gibbs.

A few days ago, now at age 68, I was honored by his family to be a small part of his memorial service. After leaving Robert Lee in May, 1978, we have continued to maintain contact with former students, faculty, and friends who extended so much love to us and have added so very much to our lives. Our deep appreciation for the community continues to this day. My appreciation for Mr. Gibbs and his instruction, friendship, and love for our family is beyond description. My last conversation with him, only weeks before his death, was ended with marvelous words that I heard almost every time I called him, "I love the Ruff family."

I liked a short list of memories during the memorial service and would like to revisit them for those who are not

present. There are lessons in every life, and it would be my hope that recounting a few of Mr. Gibbs' character traits would be beneficial to each reader.

1. Mr. Gibbs was a rock – he was not afraid to stand for right even when it meant standing alone. Men of courageous character are in short supply these days. We need a constant flow of men who will stand for truth, say what they mean and mean what they say. Men who are confident within themselves and strong enough to admit their failures.

2. Mr. Gibbs was committed to his work. His job was to manage teachers and develop character in students. To do those things one has to be able to distinguish between loving people and affirming bad behavior. The world is filled with individuals who have no knowledge of this concept. Many parents provide their children with the latest fashions, finest cars, and the most recent cell phones, while forgetting the greatest gift of all – an educated conscience.

3. Mr. Gibbs was humble. Humility is the single most outstanding characteristic of a great leader. In simple definition, it is "strength under control". It is embodied within the individual who really "knows

who he is" and is comfortable "within himself".

Carl Sandburg once said that "a tree is best measured after it has fallen". Saturday morning, hours before his funeral, I stood and watched as his grave was being prepared. I walked the cemetery, read names on gravestones of many friends of bygone years. In my work, I am seldom still –always moving to the next project. I need to constantly remind myself of the difference between the urgent and the important. Perhaps you do as well. I remind my adult sons often to guard their heart. To never forget that wealth is far beyond the wood in your fine home, the metal in your equipment, the dark soil under your feet, and the cattle under your care. Wood rots, metal rusts, dirt blows away and cattle die. Mr. Gibbs left us as a very wealthy man. His wealth was in the experience of serving his fellow man and bringing honor to the God who gave him his abilities by being committed to their best use.

Thank you Mr. Gibbs for the great lessons taught by a life well lived. You left the woodpile much higher than you found it – and we are eternally grateful.

Respectfully,  
Ronnie and Debbie Ruff  
Hanston, Kansas

### New Series begins

[Editor's Note: The following is the first in a series of articles submitted by Brandon Broadbent.]

I know from personal experience that when you get advice from a Pastor or a Christian it is often attached to the word faith. Before I became a Christian that did not comfort me because I had no understanding of God or Jesus, or his plan for my life. After I became a Christian I struggled because I had no roots in God's word and only a vague understanding. As you begin to

study and learn, your faith grows. As you discover more about God's plan for your life, it will grow greater and faster

Here are some faith roots to help:

- Hebrews 11: 6 "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who approaches Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." The last half of the scripture gives a lot of insight into what faith is, it is the fact that you know God is real and are allowed to go before him understanding he wants to help you.

- Romans 10: 17 "Consequently, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ". The more you read Gods word and act on it, the more that it will take root in your heart. Church, bible studies, and prayer time with the Lord are like super vitamins for the growth of faith and you will be walking like a true warrior in Christ in no time.

If you have never asked Jesus into your heart maybe it's time.

- John 3 :16 tells us "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life". You just need to ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and come into your heart and be lord of your life. Your life will change for the better.

Love y'all. Tell someone what Jesus has done for you.

## West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session Dec. 28, 2017. President Pat Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM and declared a quorum was present. Board members present were Sarah Green, Pat Carwile, and Noel Tinkler. Houston McGuire, RLCC Administrator, Chris Martin, Consultant, Nora Broadbent, HR, and Becca McGuire, DON, were also present at the meeting. The invocation was given by Chris Martin. Stephanie Steger was the only visitor, and there were no comments. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Absent Board member Patsy Cason, was excused from the previous meeting.

There are 32 residents in the Care Center as of the meeting date.

In the staffing update, there is an open position for a van driver.

Accounts receivable were discussed and Roger is still working to have financials completed and ready for the January audit.

Houston gave reports and updates on building maintenance and the QIPP program. The staff continues to work hard on quality control measures and the next action will be in March. A chart was presented to the Board on the DSO (Days of Sales *(Continued on page 8)*

## Area Churches Invite You to Worship

### Bronte

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
(325) 473-3291  
Preacher David Lewis  
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 & 5 pm Worship

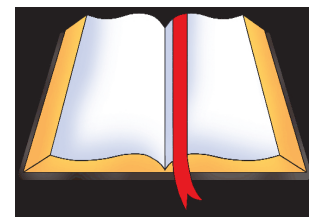
**First Baptist Church**  
424 S. Washington • Bronte  
(325) 473-2331  
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
10:55 am Worship,  
5 pm Worship  
6 pm Youth  
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting

**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. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor  
Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am  
**4C Cowboy Church**  
Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte  
Pastor James Brunson  
Sunday, 10:30 am

### Coke County

**Pecan Baptist**  
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor  
www.pecanbaptist.org  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship



### Robert Lee

**Bible Baptist Church**  
PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin  
Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School,  
11 am Worship,  
**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
Pastor Kevin Millstid 453-2360  
Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 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  
Recardo Reyes, 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. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor  
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 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

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

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