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**Obituaries****Alexander**

Joseph Louis "J.L." Alexander, 90, of Bronte, Texas, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2020.

Visitation was held from 9 am to 12 pm at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte, Texas. Graveside services were held at 2 pm, Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Bronte.

J.L. was born on July 7, 1930, in Bronte, Texas, to his parents, Walter Monroe Alexander and Martha Warner.

J.L. graduated from Bronte High School in 1948, as well as San Angelo Junior College in 1956. He received two BBA Degrees in 1958 when graduating from the University of Texas at Austin. He remained a lifelong fan of U.T. after graduating. J.L. served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict from 1951 through 1953. He was a member and the past president of the Downtown Sertoma Club of Fort Worth. He was also a member and past president of the Fort Worth Longhorn Club.

J.L. was an avid golfer and was a past member of Glen Garden Country Club Fort Worth, Colonial Country Club Fort Worth, Woodhaven Country Club Fort Worth, Ozona Country Club, and Coke County Golf Association in Bronte. He was also an avid supporter of the high school athletic programs at both Ozona and Bronte. When able, he attended most all football, volleyball and basketball games.

He was a retired Vice-President of the First National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas (which is now Bank of America) with twenty-five years of service with them. J.L. was also a

former employee of San Angelo National Bank and Texas State Bank of Austin.

J.L. was a member of Central Baptist Church in Bronte, Texas.

Preceding J.L. in death are his parents; his brothers, Norman Alexander and Eddie Alexander; his sisters, Montie Sanker, Doris Conley, Mary Webster, and Juanita Alexander; and his niece, Pam Sanker.

He is survived by his brother, Billy Alexander and wife Rena; nephews, Wayne and Beverly Alexander, Ricky and Darolynn Webster; and nieces, Sheri and Ray Hill, Linda Conley, Pat Weatherby, Terry and Scott Morrow. J.L. is also survived by a host of great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed.

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**Hood**

Bobby Gene Hood's values and strong moral character were created on the hard-packed caliche road to Robert Lee where he was born and spent his influential years. He was born February 21, 1933. He died at home October 10, 2020, in Grapevine, Texas, and was buried in the shade of an oak tree in the family plot at Robert Lee Cemetery on Thursday, October 15, 2020.

Many important milestones occurred on that old dirt road where he grew up. The one that shaped his life the most was meeting Joyce McCutchen on

the school bus when 8 years old. After knowing each other most of their lives, the two realized they were soul mates and married January 5, 1952, in a surprise elopement to New Mexico with another Robert Lee couple. It made the front page of the Robert Lee Observer.

Bobby and Joyce set up house in the hometown they loved but soon moved to San Angelo, Texas. He worked for Ard Drilling Company as a driller. Bobby and Joyce traveled across the rich Permian Basin of the 1950s and had four children during that adventure, always keeping San Angelo and Robert Lee as home bases. When their first child reached school age, Bobby left the oilfields to become a Test Driver at Goodyear Proving Grounds in San Angelo, eventually moving to Procurement. He was a lifer there, never taking a sick day in his 33-year tenure. After retiring, he and Joyce moved to Grapevine in 2002 where they have enjoyed participating in their children's and grandchildren's daily lives. Reminiscent of their young lives on the road with the oil rig, Bobby and Joyce purchased a Fifth Wheel and toured the United States sometimes forming a convoy with other family members for special vacations to the East Coast and other American history destinations.

Family, hunting and the Grapevine Rec Center were his priorities, and he managed to intertwine all three simultaneously. On a moose hunt at son-in-law John's fish and game camp in Canada, he was proud of the trophy moose he and his daughter, Cynthia, brought home, the largest in Quebec that year. Bobby enjoyed hunting with his son, Mike, sons-in-law, and many friends in Colorado and New Mexico. He introduced Mike to hunting at age 7 in Robert Lee and then Mike introduced Bobby to hunting in New Mexico when Mike's family moved to Carlsbad. He hunted for 40 years with his son-in-law, Joel. Last November, he finished a lifetime of hunting with a 10-point buck from his lease down the road from homes in which

he and Joyce grew up. He used his farming acumen helping daughter, Melinda, and her husband, Dennis, landscape and care for their large property in Navasota, Texas. The youngest daughter, Gena, retired early from teaching to organize trips for she and Joel and Bobby and Joyce. They went on birthday cruises, trips to Branson and many miles "tooting around" the Metroplex. The past three years his ultimate past time was entertainment courtesy of great grandson, Tyler Michael Higgins, during frequent visits to College Station to see son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Lee, and granddaughter Katie Higgins. Portal visits with Tyler at bedtime were a must. Bobby was a lifelong athlete and in high school he was an All-State Running Back for the Robert Lee Steers. He was an outstanding pitcher as well for the high school baseball team. This much-loved giant of a man was perseverant in meeting goals he set for himself. He is remembered as steadfast, a mentor, strong, fearless, wise, authentic and everybody's hero - a haven for all.

Bobby will be buried near his parents, Ruth (Cathey) and Jett Hood; sister, Betty Ruth Johnson; and brother, Tommy Jett.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Thera Joyce

McCutchen Hood; and four married children, Cynthia (John Mauro), Mike (Lee Robison), Melinda (Dennis Hughes) and Gena (Joel McWilliams). Five grandchildren adored their personal Superman, Jonathon Hood, Katie Hood Higgins, Michael McWilliams (Emily Dow), Susannah Mauro (Nick Durbin) and Scott McWilliams. He was predeceased by granddaughter Jennifer Lee Hood (Mike and Lee).

All his children, grandchildren and great grandchild got their first nail trims with Grandpa's pocketknife which doubled as a teething ring when not opened! Bobby was excitedly anticipating the second great grandson, baby McWilliams, due October 15, 2020, to Michael and Emily.

He is also survived by two siblings, JoAnn (Dwayne Williams) and William Ray (Rhonda Gartman). Bobby loved his many nieces, nephews and cousins and The Gang at Grapevine Rec Center with whom he worked out at 5 am, Monday through Friday.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, October 15, 2020, at Pecan Baptist Church, Robert Lee, Texas, with burial following at Robert Lee Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hayrick Lodge Cemetery Association, 981 Paint Creek Road, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

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## Area Churches

### Invite You to Worship

**Bronte****Bronte Church of Christ**

PO Box 346  
 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 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 • Pastor George Cooper  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible  
 Study & Worship  
 Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,  
 6:30 pm Youth & Adults

**First United Methodist Church**

Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte  
 (325) 473-3281  
 Rev. Stacy Sprinkle, Pastor  
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship

**Forgiven Ministries**

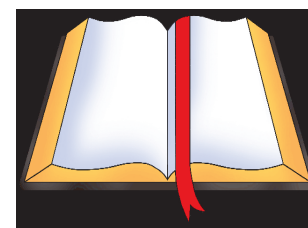
117 W. Main, Bronte  
 Russ Frasier, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am  
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time

**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  
 Interim Pastor Robert Lemmond  
 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.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee****Bible Baptist Church**

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin  
 Sunday 10 am Sunday School, 11 am and  
 5 pm Worship, Wed 5 pm Bible Study  
**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest  
 Pastor Brantly Robertson  
 (972) 841-2009

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, (325) 763-2118 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

Chris Walls, 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

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