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## **Obituaries**



**Braswell** 

Dennie Ray Braswell was born on May 9, 1937, in Bronte, Texas, to George and Oleta Braswell. His spirit left this earth at home, peacefully, on October 15, 2021.

He grew up in Bronte and declared it the best place to live. He measured a person's success on how quickly they moved back to Bronte.

He was drafted into the army in 1959 where he made new won fitness and friends, sharpshooting challenges, and boxed.

He married Sharon Smith Braswell on May 11, 1962, and they had three children. They lived in Odessa for a few years before moving to Portland,

Texas, where he worked for Reynolds Metals.

He moved back to Bronte in 1976 and became the beloved caretaker of the local park. Generations of kids in Bronte claimed Dennie (affectionately known as Bop) as their granddad. He taught many of them how to drive using his old 1980s Subarus, always had a pocket full of candy, and a listening ear. He would buy snacks and snow cones for all the kids at the pool concession stand. He also served his community in many other ways including running the chains at the football games for over 40 years and serving on the school board.

Dennie retired in 1997 to focus solely on snake and coon hunting and to spend time with his grandkids. Even into retirement, he kept a brisk pace in life. He was tough and strong, climbing mountains, tending cattle, and dancing babies to sleep.

could Dennie befriend anyone. He genuinely loved others, was kind and generous, and he was quick to lend a helping hand.

Dennie is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughter, Shaye Coalson and her husband Wayne; son, Blane Braswell and his wife Kim Braswell; son, Blake Braswell and his wife Valerie; ten grandchildren, Kanah Esquell and Justin, Reese Braswell and Ashley, Riley Coalson, and Lynsey, Ariel Johnson and Jordan, Case

Braswell and Devin, Mason Braswell, Creed Coalson, Kaitlyn Braswell, Marley Braswell, and Tanner Braswell; 6 great-grandchildren, Sayde, Kelton and Charlee Coalson,

Sabrie Esquell, Blythe Johnson, and Lucy Braswell. Dennie is also survived by many other extended family members and

A visitation for Dennie was held on Sunday, October 17, 2021, from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Bronte Church of Christ. His funeral service followed on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 10 am also at the Bronte Church of Christ with John V. Driggers officiating. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

Memorial donations can be made to the Bronte Ambulance Fund at PO Box 357 Bronte,



Storytime! The Coke County Library in Robert Lee hosted storytime on Wednesday, October 13. There were approximately 15 kids and 6 adults in attendance. 'Spookley the Square Pumpkin' by Joe Troiano was the book read to the children. In this story, Spookley is different from all of the other pumpkins because of his shape. Throughout the story, Spookley uses his uniqueness to help other pumpkins. At the end of the story, the farmer realizes the importance of Spookley's uniqueness and then decides all of his pumpkins should be different shapes and colors. The farmer sows a 'garden variety' of seeds and ultimately has rainbow pumpkins! After the reading, each child decorated their own unique pumpkin craft using construction paper and glue. The next storytime will be held on November 10 at 11 am.

heritage and what we can do to

try to preserve it is invited to a

combination

Texas 76933.

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## study at the home of James James at (325) 453-2920. Area Churches

Bible/History

at 7 pm.

**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 St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte (325) 365-2687 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am 4C Cowboy Church Drawer R • Bronte • (325) 895-4080 Robert Lemmond, Pastor Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm -

4C Feedlot Youth Building 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

Invite You to Worship

Pentescost on Thursday evenings

For further information, call

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

**Robert Lee Cowboy Church** James Brunson, Pastor (469) 834-3932 10:30 am Sunday • Robert Lee Rec Hall **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 638 202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study 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

# UPCOMINGS!

### Wishing You Well party slated for November 7

A Wishing You Well party will be held on Saturday, November 7, for Robert Lee First United Methodist Church pastor Cyndi Young. The come and go event will be held at the Family Life Center at the church from 2 pm until 4 pm.

### RLISD to hold Thanksgiving meal

Robert Lee ISD will hold their annual Thanksgiving meal on November 18, 2021, in the cafeteria, from 11 am until 1

Please RSVP to Samantha

Burns at (325) 453-4555 or samantha.burns@rlisd.net November 12, 2021. Cash or checks will only be accepted.

### Bible/History Study slated for Thursday evenings

It is important for us to understand how our Nation came to be, and also to understand the parallels between America and the Nation of Israel. God chose

Israel; America from our beginning chose God. He made many promises to Israel of blessings as long as they honored Him, also warnings of what would happen when they abandoned Him. America's Founding Fathers founded our Country on Christian beliefs and principles. God has blessed us beyond measure. Now our Government has turned against God and against us. We need to realize the responsibility we have to maintain and preserve the Biblical principles and beliefs our forefathers paid the ultimate price to leave us.

Anyone interested in learning about our Christian more

SHOP LOCAL!