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## Obituaries



### Gray

Lois Geneva Gray, age 72, of Robert Lee, Texas, passed away November 25, 2018, surrounded by her family. Visitation was Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at the funeral home with family present from 5 pm to 7 pm. Church services were at 10 am, Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at Pecan Baptist Church. Graveside services followed at 2:30 pm, at Rough Creek Cemetery in Novice, Texas. Pallbearers were Casey Corbin, Kadin Corbin, Colynn Keeling, Greg Robinson and Gavin Gray. Honorary pallbearers are Noah Garcia, Conner Garcia, and Dallas Johnson. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Geneva was born in Tuscola, Texas, in her grandmother's house on August 14, 1946. She married Les Gray December 4, 1962, in Levelland, Texas. Together they were married 56 years and had three children, Brenda Kaye Harrison, Les Gray Jr., and Steven Alan Gray. They lived in Monahans, Odessa, and settled in Robert Lee, Texas. Geneva was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, known as Mimi. She was very proud of the fact she raised three successful children. She had a special gift of never forgetting extended family member's birthdays, wanting them to know they were special and loved. She loved traveling in their RV, family gatherings, and cooking. Laughter was a daily part of her life and simple things brought her joy. She was the backbone to our family. She was beautiful and one of the best friends you could ever have.

We always turned to mom in good times and bad. Her insight, advice, and unconditional love were valuable to us. The love of a mother is the best feeling in the world and she definitely left her mark.

Survivors include her husband Les Gray of Robert Lee, Texas; daughter, Brenda Harrison and husband Thomas of Midland, Texas; son, Les Gray Jr and Michael Shoop of Spicewood, Texas, son, Steven and Minda Gray of San Antonio, Texas; Frankie Arnold of Robert Lee, Richard Posey of Sweetwater, Texas, Jeanie Crawford and husband Jim of Grandfalls, Texas, and James Posey and wife Jimmie of Coleman, Texas; 13 grandchildren, Randie Corbin, Casey Corbin and wife Kelsey, Cassidy Corbin, Kadin Corbin, Colynn Keeling, Allie Shoop, Kamron Crary and husband Eric, Austin and Anna Gray, Greg Robinson and wife Brandy, Kayla and Gavin Gray; 16 great-grandchildren, Noah and Conner Garcia, Raylyn and Stormy Rainwater, Eleanor and Knox Corbin, Layla Hernandez, Layton and Lilly Torres, Nolynn Keeling, Brycin, Tayler and Rylee Crary, Kaden, Emerson, and Koi Robinson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Etta Posey, her brother, Don Posey and sister, Marie Newman.

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### Pate

Isaac Booth Pate, Ike to friends and family, was born on January 13, 1929, in Columbus, Mississippi, to Marvin and Lena Pate. He graduated from Sweetwater High School and attended Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, on an athletic scholarship, where he excelled as a Golden Glove boxer and track star.

Ike owned and operated Sportsman's Lodge Marina on Oak Creek Lake from 1959 to 1982, when he retired and sold the business to his son. He loved the lake and always had a "fishing story" to share. He and wife Darlene continued to live on the lake after their retirement. He loved talking to people, sharing his funny stories, but the family and close friends knew better than to discuss religion or politics with Ike.

Ike married the love of his life, Darlene Drewery, on May 28, 1949, in Sweetwater, Texas. She preceded him in death after 62 years of marriage. He was also preceded in death by his parents, sisters Velma Morris and Ann Huebel; along with brothers James Pate, who was killed in WWII, and Floyd Pate.

He is survived by son Randall Pate and wife Ann of Blackwell, Texas, Deborah Mulanax and husband Leonard of

Sweetwater, Texas, Lynn Pate of Bronte, Texas; five grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and one sister Ruth Pate of Port Arthur, Texas.

Above all, Ike loved the Lord, and was a loving husband to his wife, a wonderful Dad to his children and grandchildren, and a great friend to many.

Ike passed from this life to the glories of Heaven on November 25, 2018, after a short illness. Graveside services were held November 28, 2018, at Fort Chadbourne Cemetery.

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### Simpson

Geneva T. Simpson, 89, formerly of San Angelo, passed away peacefully at Bronte Health and Rehab Center on November 8, 2018.

She was the oldest child born on June 19, 1929, to Beal and Opal Speer Tomlinson. She grew up attending schools in Robert Lee and Bronte, graduating from Bronte High School. She retired from Ethicon. Geneva will always be remembered and loved by her family and friends.

Geneva was preceded in death by her two children, Douglas

and Debbie; her parents; sister Shirley T. Sweatt; brothers Jim and Dan Tomlinson; and her beloved cats Samson and Miss Kitty.

She is survived by brother Warren Tomlinson; sisters Bobbie T. (LeDrew) Arrott, Wanda T. (Donnie) Duncan, Zula T. (Jess) Blann, Susan T. (Cliff) Guess; beloved grandson Lt. Cole Breck Hale, US Air Force (Megan); special nephews Jason and James Tomlinson and Clift Duncan; several more nieces and nephews; and two great-grandsons.

Loving caregivers and companies were Carolyn Knight and Merry Carol Stuard.

Our thanks to the staff for their loving care at BHRC. Also thanks to Hospice of San Angelo and Pastor Everett and Becky Boyce for coming and ministering to her during her final days.

Upon her death, her body was sent to Lubbock's Texas Tech Science Program. She had made these plans with Johnson's Funeral Home and Texas Tech.

A memorial is planned at a later date.

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## Area Churches

### Invite You to Worship

#### Bronte

#### Bronte Church of Christ

PO Box 346  
 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 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

#### First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte  
 (325) 473-2331 • Pastor Lee Bevly  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible  
 Study & 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.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

#### Robert Lee Baptist Church

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

#### Robert Lee Baptist Church

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (325) 453-2724  
 Chris Walls, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

#### Robert Lee Baptist Church

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

#### Tennysen

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

#### 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

#### Robert Lee

#### Bible Baptist Church

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin  
 Robert Lee, Brandon Broadbent, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am  
 Worship, Wed 5:30 pm Bible Study

#### 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

#### 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

#### Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 508  
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or  
 (325) 473-1053

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor  
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm

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