

James. Dad was a conservationist, and he served on the Nolan County ASCS board for many years. He participated in programs and was recognized many times with conservation awards. Daddy was a Lions Club member, volunteer of the Blackwell Fire Department and a big supporter of the Blackwell Hornets. He loved to go to all the games and support the kids by watching the various sports. Being a Blackwell Hornet, the annual BHS homecoming was something Dad enjoyed. We had relatives and friends gathered in our yard for the parade. Our extended family would come and park RVs behind the house and stay several days to be home for the homecoming festivities. Daddy loved every minute of it.

When we think about our Dad's attributes "He was a listener" which was paired nicely with Mom being "a talker," but Daddy always really listened and heard what we said. Even in later years as we told dad at the rehab center "we are on the way to a ball game or work" or whatever it was, he would ask us about it the very next time he saw us. Daddy enjoyed people, and they enjoyed Daddy. He was loving, kind and generous, his nieces and nephews often commented as he was older, that "Uncle Bobby was always my favorite." I think that was because Dad was fun and would make things happen, he would go buy the fireworks, start the cook out, take us places, and say "Yes we can do that!" Many family gatherings were held down "at the place." Mom and Daddy had the Russell place where they built an above ground stock tank that was used as our swimming pool. Of course, Mom had a garden right beside it because she always negotiated work first, and then play later. We had family gatherings and reunions many times at the Russell place. Moms cousins had a sign made designating it as "Blackwell Country Club" and Mom and Dad enjoyed their time there. They also built the "green cabin" at the English place and they liked to stay out there after they retired. It was just a "Mini Get Away" place.

After Linda graduated from high school James was only in Jr High so Dad and James had lots of "father and son" time together. Daddy supported James in his every project. They stock showed and traveled, hunted and worked side by side. Again, Dad never missed a sporting event ever, if it was at all possible to attend. By the time James left for Texas Tech, Daddy had become a Granddad and that new job suited him well. Dad enjoyed his grandchildren, he was always willing to baby sit until his health prevented it. He would drive up to Sterling City to check the cows up on the divide and come see the boys. He walked across the street every morning in Blackwell to take Heather the mail and see the girls. He sure enjoyed his role of

being G-Dad to his six grandchildren. He loved his grandkids and they loved him. He became known as G-Dad to everyone.

Mom and Dad were conservative people. Well maybe Mom more than Daddy, but he was onboard with her ideas and they lived well but always saved for a "rainy day." Daddy really enjoyed having a few toys, the four wheelers and rangers. If Daddy could justify the purchase for work, then Mom was ok about him buying them.

Every year, Mom and Dad would take the entire family on a vacation and we traveled to many memorable places. We enjoyed family trips to Ruidoso, New Mexico, Washington D.C., California, Florida, Nashville, Tennessee, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and more. We had so much fun traveling all together. We continued to do that each year until Dad's health no longer allowed it. But Dad enjoyed "going places and seeing things." Another thing Daddy enjoyed was building a family cabin at Bloy's Camp Meeting near Fort Davis. He looked forward to the annual August trip to camp meeting together where we heard many inspired sermons and spent great porch time together visiting. Daddy always had affectionate names for us "sugar babe" "pup" and was quick to say "I love you". After he fell and broke his hip he never physically recovered, but he always knew what was going on with the family and he enjoyed his time there. He would see us coming down the hall and light up with the biggest smile as he saw his family coming to visit.

So in closing, when we think about Dad, he always exuded love, he was a kind and gentle spirit and a caring man. Daddy was fun and he was funny, he had an easy smile that he shared often. He loved Mom and never wanted her very far from where he was. He taught us the value of hard work and loving each other. He loved the Lord and led us by example, if the church doors were open then Daddy was there. So Daddy, go rest in

your heavenly home, and always know that we love you "two nickels worth" and that's a whole bunch!

He is survived by his wife, Dona Sanderson of Blackwell; son, James Sanderson and daughter-in-law Heather, their three daughters Halee Sue, Emilee Kay and Lilee James all of Blackwell; daughter, Linda Horwood and son-in-law Larry, their three sons, Lyle Edmond of Henrietta, Lane Ethan of Lubbock and Lathen Lee Horwood of Sterling City; sister-in-law, Jinger Hendry; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and all three of his sisters, Ernestine Harris Blanchard, Pam Blanchard, and Betty Anderson.

We would like to thank the nurses, caregivers and staff at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center for the excellent care that they gave Daddy during his time there. He was very content and enjoyed the activities, kind staff and the good meals at the center, for that we are truly grateful.

Memorial donations can be made to the Blackwell United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 466, Blackwell, Texas 79506 or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 3611 Soncy Road Suite 6A Amarillo 79119.

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Hubbard

Tonja Hubbard, 58, left her earthly home on October 31, 2015, to join her Lord and Savior and those loved ones who

have gone on before her. Visitation was held Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at the funeral home. Graveside services were held at 2 pm Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at Robert Lee Cemetery with Reverend William Hood officiating. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Tonja was born on January 23, 1957, in Coleman, Texas, to Dole and Ettie (Windham) Hubbard. She was raised in a Christian home and had accepted her Lord and Savior at a young age. In her younger days, she loved dirt track racing, riding four wheelers and spending time with family and friends, especially during the holidays.

Tonja was the fun loving mother of two children, even though they were born twenty years apart she loved them the same way with all of her heart. She also loved her grandkids and loved being around them and hugging on them.

She spent most of her later years as a resident in the Robert Lee Care Center with Huntington's Disease. She fought a long, hard battle with

this incurable disease that has taken the lives of many of her family members much too young including her father, siblings, Gary and Sheila, and her nephew Tray.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Gary Hubbard; sister, Sheila Hubbard; and nephew, Tray Taylor.

Tonja leaves behind her loving daughters, Sandra Flores and Maranda Hood and husband Aaron; one sister-the last of her siblings left on earth, who also suffers from Huntington's Disease, Valerie Taylor; grandchildren, Braylee, Brewer and Brennen Hood; and Jessie Flores who has been the best parent he can be to their daughter while she resided in the RLCC.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the staff at Robert Lee Care Center. Many blessing to all of you who cared for her over the years. She always hoped and prayed that there would be a cure one day. Please pray for a cure and for the families out there suffering with the curse of Huntington's Disease.

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