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**Denman**

Zada Denman passed away Tuesday, October 30, 2012, at the Bronte Health & Rehab Center. Viewing was at the funeral home from 9 am to 8 pm Friday, November 2, 2012. Funeral Services were held at 2 pm Saturday, November 3, 2012, at First Baptist Church of Bronte with Reverend Cecil Harper and Reverend Morris Johnson officiating. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Zada was born December 15, 1919, to Bob and Ninnie Patterson at Indian Creek between Bronte and Robert Lee Texas. She graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1937. Zada married Aubrey Denman on June 6, 1937, at the Methodist parsonage in Robert Lee by Bro. Earl Hoggard.

Zada was very active in the churches she attended, which included San Angelo, McCamey and Bronte. She started the first Sunday school class at the Bronte Nursing Home, delivered sermon tapes of Sunday morning services to shut-ins and also delivered many peach cobbles to them as well. She was very active in WMU, GA's, and other activities of the church, willing to work anywhere she was needed. She loved the Lord and was very dedicated to Him and she did not mind telling you about Him. She loved music and played the piano and harmonica by ear.

In January 1947, they purchased a small farm northwest of Bronte. Hardships

endured with the drought of the fifties, no transportation for a year, and Aubrey leaving home to find work. They were thankful for good neighbors, businesses and the First National Bank of Bronte.

Zada and Aubrey first attended church in Bronte in the old church building where Lanny and Don were baptized in the old tabernacle. Aubrey's first carpenter job was the construction of First Baptist Church as it stands today.

In 1956, they moved to the new county park in Bronte where Aubrey was caretaker for ten years. Zada worked beside him keeping up flower beds, working concession stand, keeping swimmers at the pool fed with good hot dogs and homemade goodies. In 1966 they moved to Mount Lebanon Baptist Encampment at Cedar Hill, Texas where Aubrey was maintenance superintendent for 19 months and Zada worked many hours preparing meals for campers. In 1967, they moved back to the farm in Bronte and purchased White Auto store from

C. E. and Neva Bruton. They sold the store in 1977 to daughter Jeanna and husband Wendell Lee. The store was in the family for over forty years. She moved to San Angelo in 1996 and really enjoyed living at Baptist Memorial Retirement Village and enjoyed singing in the Senior choir (The Melody Makers) at Immanuel Baptist Church and playing her harmonica.

Zada was preceded in death by her husband Aubrey, her Mom and Dad, Bob & Ninnie Patterson; son Aubrey Don and grandson Troy Don Lee; siblings Herman, R.C., L. C., Clifford, Eddie Patterson, Ila Belle Compton and Nola Harmon.

She is survived by son Lanny and wife Raydene, daughter Jeanna and husband Wendell, son David and wife Ronda. Grandchildren Shawn Denman and wife Michelle, Kristy Novack and husband Bobby, Tonya Brown, Kerry Lee and wife Heather, Amy Tanberg and husband Nathan, Joy Denman, Janae Denman, and eleven great grandchildren.

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**Obituaries**



**Walker**

DJ Walker, Jr., of Robert Lee died on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at 5:30 pm. Funeral services were held at 3 pm Thursday, October 18, 2012, at Robert Lee Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Danny White. Interment followed at Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

DJ was born on May 13, 1929, near Silver, Texas, to Dee J and Ada Millican Walker. DJ attended school in Robert Lee, graduating in 1946. DJ married Cornelia "Nelia" Boykin October 23, 1949. They spent most of their married life in the home they built in 1950.

DJ worked in the oilfield as a roustabout, roughneck and driller. In 1959, DJ began working for Union Texas Petroleum. Twenty eight years later he retired on December 11, 1987.

Farming and ranching had always been in the heart of DJ. One of his favorite things was telling stories about his "help", the grandchildren. Some of the grandchildren give much credit to "Daddy Dee" for all the wonderful work ethic and importance of knowing how to do a day's work for a day's pay.

DJ was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church. He served on the Robert Lee School Board for 10 years, as Director of the Coke County Livestock Show for 20 years, as well as the Coke County Equalization Board.

He is preceded by his parents and three sisters: Edna Russell, Edith Conger, and Agnes Hardin; one brother Ralph Walker and one great-grandson Charles Wade Helwig.

DJ is survived by his wife,

Nelia Walker of Robert Lee, four daughters Sharon Pitcock and husband Darrel of Robert Lee, Becky Purvis and husband Dennis of Sonora, Audrey Devoll and husband Donnie of Robert Lee, and Cindy Riley and husband Mark of San Angelo and Midland. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren: Jenny and Charles Kneuper, children, Cade and Cash of Hamilton, Texas; Laura and Ladd Hughes, children Trey and Halli of Christoval, Texas; Kari and Clay Hale, child Hayden of Ozona, Texas; Chad and Heather Helwig, children Caleb and Christian, and Heidi of Florida; Jodee and Chad Melton, child Lillee of Independence, Missouri; Cooper and Whitney Riley of Mertzon, Texas; Julie and Clint Halfmann of Wall, Texas; Audra and Randy Gaines, children Jessica, Katie and Emily of Dripping Springs, Texas; Judd and Cathy Pitcock, children Alexis, Lauryn and Eryn of San Angelo, Texas; Jerrod and Amber Pitcock, children Brody, Kylen and Jewel of Robert Lee; Matthew and Jessie Pitcock, children Landry, Hannah and Walker of Mustang, Oklahoma; Travis and Lindsey Pitcock, children Braydon and Granger of Greenwood, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members he enjoyed seeing at the family reunions.

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*Come join us for a relaxed,  
 loving worship.  
 Meal to follow.*

**United Christian Fellowship**  
 Wildcat Marina • Robert Lee • 453-2468  
 Sundays 10 am • Ed Zimmerman, Leader

**"I am in control." - God**

Sunday Mornings • 10 am  
 Bible Study - "What is Heaven Like?"  
 Tuesday 7 pm  
*Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm*  
 Recovery Meetings • Sunday 7 pm

**FORGIVEN MINISTRIES**  
 Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store  
 Russ Frasier, Preacher

**Area Churches**

*Invite You to Worship*

**Bronte**

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 (325) 473-3291

Preacher John V. Driggers  
 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 & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm  
**First Baptist Church**  
 424 S. Washington • Bronte  
 (325) 473-2331

Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor  
 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

**St. James Catholic Church**  
 215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sun. 5 pm

**Coke County**

**Pecan Baptist**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
 (325) 453-2482

www.pecanbaptist.org  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**United Christian Fellowship**  
 Wildcat Marina • West of Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2468

Ed Zimmerman, Leader  
 Sunday 10 am, Worship

**Robert Lee**

**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2360  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 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

5:00 pm Choir Practice  
**Iglesia Bautista Bethel**  
 101 Houston • Robert Lee

Sun. 10 am • Worship  
 11 am & 6 pm • Service  
 Wed. 7 pm

**Southside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
 Robert Lee

(325) 453-2176  
 Jordan Arnold, 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) 655-9784 or 453-2685  
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;  
 Wed. 6 pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 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**  
 PO Box 638

6th & Houston, Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2208  
 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