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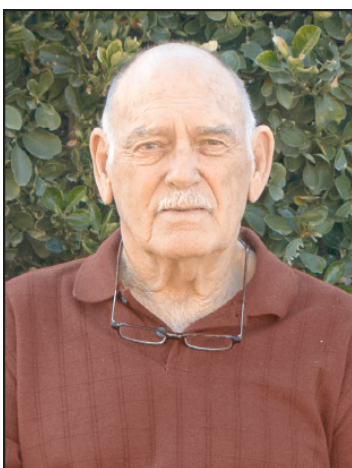
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Sawyer

John Thomas (Tom) Sawyer Sr. passed from this world on December 6, 2015, at Robert Lee Care Center following a battle with Alzheimer's.

Tom was born January 26, 1940, in Ranger, Texas, to R.C. (Buz) Sawyer and Floy Sawyer. He graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1958 and then attended McMurry University on a football scholarship.

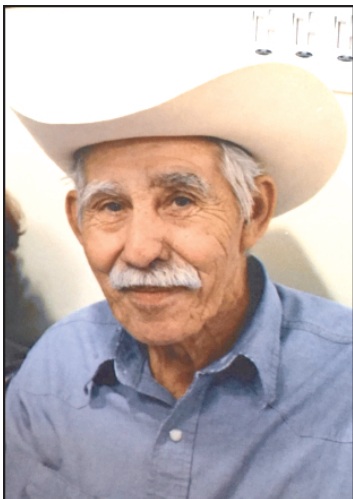
Tom married his high school sweetheart, Brenda Gayle Hollis, in October of 1958.

Tom and Gay moved to McAllen in 1959 when Tom was hired by Sun Oil Company. They transferred back to Robert Lee in 1967 where they have resided since.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Torres; sister, Estolia Barron; children, Johnny and Kay Torres, Rosa and Joe Longoria, Dora Torres and Riche Bain, Mary Lou and Efrain Garcia, Yolanda Saucedo, and Julian Torres; twenty grandchildren and thirty-three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm Monday, December 7, 2015, at Our Lady of the Guadalupe Catholic Church with interment following at Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Grandsons who honored him as pallbearers were Jonathan Torres, Eric Torres, Gilbert Torres, Bobby Longoria, Danny Garcia, Lewis Samaniego, Jr., Salomon Saucedo, and Omar Saucedo.

Obituaries



Torres

Julian Lara Torres, age 78 of Robert Lee, went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 3, 2015.

He was born to the late Tiodoso Torres and Julia Lara Torres on February 20, 1937, in El Remolina; Coah., Mexico. He moved to Robert Lee in 1951. Julian married Juanita Hernandez on January 7, 1956. In Robert Lee, he worked at Bryan's Sand and Gravel as a loader and foreman. This is where Julian raised his beautiful family and lived for over sixty years.

Julian is preceded in death by his sons, Gilberto Torres and Joe Torres; his brothers, Sebastian Torres, Tiodoso Torres, Nicanor Torres, Jesus Torres, Rosendo Torres, Pablo Torres, Alvin Torres and Jose Torres; and sisters, Isabel Torres and Cesarea Torres.

For our Bronte customers' convenience, there is a Drop Box at Shirley's Place in Bronte.

Come As You Are

Sunday Mornings • 10 am
 Table Time • Tuesday evening
 Pot Luck 6 pm • Study 7 pm

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

Farm-Ranch, Commercial, Recreational & Residential Real Estate

PITCOCK PROPERTIES

GORGEOUS VIEWS! This beautiful updated home sits right on Oak Creek Lake! Large trees, landscaping, and patio surround this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home. Open concept living, dining and kitchen make this a perfect spot for entertaining! Carport, Storage/Workshop, and Boat Storage complete this package!

NEW LISTING! Large older home is just perfect for family. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room, and two bedrooms. Numerous built-ins throughout home, huge closets, woodburning stove in den, 2 car attached carport. Potential efficiency apartment or guest house on property includes full basement and 2 car attached carport. Loads of character in this home on 1.91 acres.

BEAUTIFUL LOCATION ABOVE ELM CREEK IN BALLINGER! Lovely home in excellent neighborhood with tons of character! Move-in ready with new roof put on in 2015 and new paint throughout! Large lot on hill above city park! Beautiful views from backyard patio!

WONDERFUL CRAFTSMANSHIP! Beautiful older home with lots of extras - built-ins, hardwoods, cedar closet, decorative ceilings, stained glass inserts, antique chandeliers and more! Lovely porches and trees! Updated with modern convenience while keeping old world charm!

HUGE TREES SHADE THIS CUTE HOME, PERFECT FOR A FAMILY! Master suite is separated from other bedrooms by living room with beautiful rock fireplace! Tons of storage, light, and comfort in this extremely well-maintained home in established neighborhood.

ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD! Three Bedroom Brick Home with a Large Backyard and Sunroom in a quiet neighborhood. Two Living Areas or possible 4th bedroom. Perfect for buyer who appreciates reduced price due to need for a little TLC!

BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY HOME! Enjoy the wonderful country views while sitting on the covered porch, wrapping entirely around home and under the gorgeous copper roof! Fireplace in Great Room stretches full two stories! Large master suite w/fireplace opens onto balcony overlooking great room. Second master suite downstairs.

Perfect weekend and vacation hideaway in Ballinger! Large lot with mature trees and landscaping. Large wrap around porch overlooking the lake! Furnishings and appliances (including washer and dryer) to remain! Storm Cellar with New Central Air!

PRICE REDUCED! Lovely brick home in established neighborhood in Bronte! 4 bedroom, 2 bath has open-concept kitchen/living area w/wood floors and glass doors leading to spacious sunroom with heating/cooling and wrap around windows! Wonderful views from hillside. Home footage is increased to 2279. Large workshop, extra storage building and mature trees grace backyard. Great home for entertaining!

PRICE REDUCED! Beautiful views just add to this great ranch. Perfect for hunting, livestock, or just getting away! Electricity, well and rural water onsite. Rolling terrain with good interior roads for easy access to all areas of ranch. Good cover for wildlife with cleared areas for that perfect shot! 713.1 Acres +/-; \$1,150/acre.

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Tom was a 50 year member of Hayrick Masonic Lodge #696, Robert Lee Eastern Star and First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Gay Sawyer, sons, Tom Sawyer Jr and wife Sandy, Wes Sawyer and wife Gina, Jamie Sawyer and wife Cindy, and special son Jack Horton of Robert Lee, Texas, grandchildren Brandi Sawyer, Trey Sawyer and wife Amber, Ashley Sawyer, Levi Sawyer and wife Stacie, Jeremiah Sawyer and wife Laura, Susanna Rutledge and husband Stephen, Luke Sawyer and wife Samantha, Krystal Raney and husband Robert; along with 9 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Buz and Floy Sawyer, and his sisters, Rose Marie Davis and Kenney Sims.

Special thanks to the Robert Lee Care Center and Gentiva Hospice.

There will be no memorial or service.

The family requests memorials, in lieu of flowers, be made to First United Methodist Church building fund in Robert Lee, Texas

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Kickapoo Water Board sets election

Coke County Kickapoo Water Control and Improvement District #1 will hold an election on January 12, 2016, for the purpose of electing two directors.

Director Bob Ragsdale has filed for re-election to the board and Dennie Braswell has filed for the other director place.

The election will be held at Bronte City Hall.

For further information concerning the election, contact clerk Fran Sonnenberg by 5pm on Friday, November 27, 2015.

Conservation Tree and Shrub Seedlings available

A limited quantity of container and bareroot seedlings are available through the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District. Deadline to order is February 6, 2015. Seedlings will be delivered and ready for pick up on February 12, 2015.

For species offered and other information, contact the SWCD office at 453-2623, ext. 3 or go by 214 E. 7th St. in Robert Lee.

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

Coke County Cowboy Church
 Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
 Preacher - Robert Lemonds
 Sunday, 10:30 am

First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 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

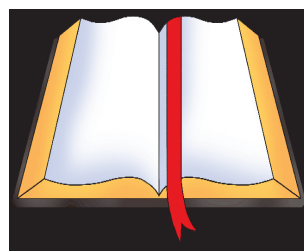
(325) 473-3281
 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries

117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time
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) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister
www.pecanbaptist.org
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church
 PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 Robert Lee, Ed Zimmermann, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School,
 11 am & 6 pm Worship,
Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360
 Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 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
 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) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or
 (325) 473-1053

Services: Sun. 10 am
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
 (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