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## Obituaries



### Barbee

Wanda Sue Nelson Barbee, 93, passed from this life to the next on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. She died from natural causes related to heart failure.

Wanda was born November 16, 1927, to Clyde Nelson and Blanche Tompkins Nelson on a farm outside of Munday, Texas. She spent her childhood in Knox County and graduated from Munday High School. Wanda was the middle child of five children.

She is preceded in death by her parents; older brothers, Joe Nelson and Paul Nelson; and her youngest sister, Ann Nelson. She is survived by her sister Mary Lou Morgette of Austin, Texas.

After high school graduation, Wanda attended North Texas State Teachers College. When a teaching opportunity opened up after her sophomore year in college, Wanda moved to Rule, Texas. Her roommate at the time, Geraline Barbee, introduced Wanda to her twin brother Clem Beraline Barbee. The couple married May 23, 1948, in Munday at the Nelson home. Wanda always enjoyed telling the story of how the curtains caught fire during the ceremony.

Once married, they continued their education at Howard Payne University, where they both graduated into public education careers. For many years, Wanda taught children to read, a joy for her as she herself was a prolific reader. The couple retired in 1984 after serving public schools in Elgin, Odell, Magnolia, Tomball, and Bronte.

Wanda had a deep, abiding faith in the Lord. For many years, her home was open to

because she never forgot important days.

She was also astute at remembering people's names, whether they were someone from her personal life or perhaps a television Christian teacher or journalism personality.

Many families face challenges, but as a mother, Wanda was no challenge at all. She was a great mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and her children will certainly testify how blessed the woman was.

She is survived by Randy Barbee and Ina Mayhew of Woodstock, New York; Alan and Cara Barbee of Arlington, Texas; and Leah Barbee of San Angelo, Texas. She is also survived by grandchildren, Anna Rosson Smith (and husband Mark), Nelson Barbee (Carly), Caitlyn Barbee Hayter (Josh), Alyssa Barbee Kossuth (Scott), Caleb Rosson, and Addison Rosson. She is survived by thirteen great-grandchildren.

One grandson, Jesse David Rosson, also preceded Wanda in death.

For almost ten years Wanda lived at Baptist Retirement Community where she made many friends and appreciated the excellence of the staff. Their support made Wanda's final years rewarding and engaging. A memorial donation is suggested to the Employee Assistance Fund at Baptist Retirement Community.

The family also wishes to thank the excellent staff of Hospice of San Angelo and Visiting Angels.

Visitation was all day Friday, December 4, at Shaffer Funeral Home, 1939 Sherwood Way, with family present 2 pm to 4 pm. Graveside services, with a

viewing before the service, was in Fairview Cemetery, Bronte, Texas, Saturday, December 5 at 3 pm. All virus protocols were observed.

When C.B. and Wanda's son Ricky died unexpectedly, C.B. offered these words of comfort to Wanda that support the family even now. "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

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## Death Notices

### Lopez

Faustino Lopez, 73, of Plainview, departed this earthly world and entered heaven's gates on November 29, 2020.

Services were held on Friday, December 4, 2020, at Bartley Memorial Chapel at 10 am. Interment followed at Plainview Cemetery. A rosary was held at Bartley Funeral Home on Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 5 pm to 7 pm. retired from Azteca.

Faustino is survived by his wife, Carolina Lopez of

Plainview; his children, Martin Rodriguez and wife, Maria, of Robert Lee, Texas, Antonia Lopez of Dumas, Texas, Sonia Chavez and husband, Filemon, of Plainview, Martha Lucio and husband, Efren, of Plainview, Patricia Cordera and husband, Lorenzo, of Plainview, Faustino Lopez Jr. of Plainview, and Carolina Sitterle and husband, Daniel, of Plainview; two brothers, Domingo Lopez of Plainview and Teodoro Lopez of Fort Worth, Texas.

He was also blessed with 33 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren who he adored.

### Gonzales

Felicita Abalos Gonzales, 78, of Robert Lee, died Saturday, November 28, 2020. Visitation was from 9 am to 6 pm. Rosary was at 6 pm on Friday, December 4, 2020 at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee. Mass was at 10:30 am on Saturday, December 5, 2020, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial followed in Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery.

She is survived by her children, Dora Stokes, Linda Trujillo, Isabel Palmer Chanslor, Lorene Cox, Delma Gonzales, Joe Gonzales and Gregory Gonzales. She has 19 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. She also was survived by 6 siblings.

## Area Churches

### Invite You to Worship

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

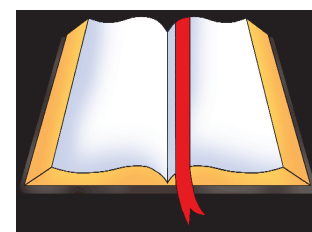
#### 4C Cowboy Church

Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte  
Interim Pastor Robert Lemmond  
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  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship



#### 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

#### 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  
Recardo Reyes, Preacher  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 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

#### 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

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