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Obituaries



Blair

Don Blair, 75, our loving father passed away at his home in Robert Lee, Texas, on December 3, 2013. Graveside services were held at 2 pm Thursday, December 5, 2013, at Robert Lee Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jeff Blair, Duane Blair, Roy Blair, Terry McGinley, Ty Corley and Cody Blair. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

He worked as a ranch foreman for Bridges Brothers at Panther Gap. He spent many years working in the oil field for Parker Drilling and many others. He ran Paint Creek Marina on Lake Spence for many years. He loved to spend time roping, hunting, fishing, playing cards and dominos with family and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Jeff and Thelma, and brother J.D..

He is survived by his children, Donna Blair and friend Laura of Ft. Worth, Texas, Kim and Johnny Hand of Leon Springs, Texas, Troy Blair of Spring Branch, Texas, and Dondee and Kevin Stehn of Venus, Texas; grandchildren, Cody Blair of Midland, Texas, Brittney Blair and John Villa of Midland, Texas, Samantha and Frankie Fowler of Venus, Texas; great-grandchildren, Olivia Faith Villa of Midland, Texas; siblings, Edith McGinley, Bill and Eula Fay Blair, Ruth Weimer, Dan and Lennie Blair, Jerry Blair and friend Vernon Smith and numerous nieces and nephews. Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.

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Vaughn

Janel Marie Hoelscher Vaughn, 59, on December 5, 2013, went to soar with the beloved angels who have passed and our two PeePaws. She was surrounded by her loved ones at her residence in Bronte, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Janel was born on October 12, 1954, to Ray Gene and Jean (Gully) Hoelscher in Ballinger, Texas. She grew up on the family farm in Rowena and was a true farmer's daughter. Her favorite thing to do as a young girl was to run behind the tractor and plow, to feel and smell the fresh dirt. She became an exquisite athlete in high school, earning numerous awards and respect. Janel graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School in Rowena in 1973.

She married the love of her life, James Lynn Vaughn, on July 3, 1973. They began their life in Bronte where they raised their two children. Janel started a career at Ethicon in San Angelo and was there for seven years. She then began working at Bronte ISD in 1980. She drove the school bus and managed the cafeteria for 28 years. She loved the kids and touched many lives while there. Following are some words from one special girl whom she touched.

"Before I leave this world, I want to make a difference in somebody's life. I think we all want that. Janel made a difference in two small town

country girls that were raised by their Dad. Our childhood was not the best but people like Janel helped us to survive. She waited countless mornings for us to get on the bus. She didn't have the time to wait and didn't have to wait, but she did. I'm forever grateful. When I think of strength plus beauty, I look at Janel. She was one of the toughest ladies I've ever met but also simply beautiful: A simple beauty, not one that needed make-up."

Janel retired from Bronte ISD in 2008, but retirement wasn't for her. She began working at the First National Bank of Sterling City in Bronte in September of 2008 where she remained until June of 2013.

The way Janel conducted herself and treated others with respect and dignity brought her the respect of many. She was loved by so many and touched more lives than she ever knew. Her greatest joy was her family and caring for them. A role that was greatly enhanced by the births of her grandchildren, Shandee RaeAnn, Dalton Charles, Kimberly Madison, Malaki Shae, and Alexis Lea. She loved being MeMa. They brought much joy to her life. Janel will forever be remembered for always taking care of everyone else first. Her love of life, family, and friends; love for the outdoors; and love for all the many kids she helped raise.

Janel was preceded in death by her father, Ray Gene Hoelscher (PeePaw) and her father-in-law, Bobby Joe Vaughn (PeePaw).

She is survived and loving rememberedby her family; devoted and loving husband of forty years, James Lynn Vaughn of Bronte; daughter, Teresa and husband Thad Metcalf of Forsan; son, Russel Lynn Vaughn of Garden City; granddaughters, Shandee RaeAnn, Kimberly Madison, Malaki Shae, and Alexi Lea; grandson, Dalton Charles; mother, Jean Hoelscher; mother-in-law, Marlene Vaughn; sisters, Cindy and husband Kent McMillan, Kay and husband Ronnie Halfmann; sister-in-law, Jolene and husband Jay Henderson; brothers, Gary Hoelscher and wife Lynette, John Hoelscher and wife Karen, Steve Hoelscher and wife Mary Lee, Chris Hoelscher and wife Kelliann; brother-in-law, Bruce Vaughn and wife Stormy; adopted daughter, Pam Hilliard; adopted sister, Carolyn Lesley. Also surviving are numerous loving nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and their families as well as extended family and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff of 5 North at Shannon Hospital, mostly

Paulette, Yolanda, Katelyn, and Tiffany for their compassion and care, the wonderful staff at Ballinger Home Health with special thanks to Stephanie Hite, the care and support given by Odyssey Hospice especially Jamye, Sheri, and Kacee. The family cannot express enough thanks to Pam Hilliard. Without her compassion, care, and support, we would have never made it through this. We would also like to express our gratitude to all of Mom's many friends and neighbors whose support was a blessing. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to cancer research or a charity of your choice.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am, Saturday, December 14, 2013in Rowena at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Arrangements are with Lange Funeral Home in Ballinger. Guests may register online at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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Loyd

Johnnie "Bud" Loyd, age 83, passed away Thursday, December 5, 2013, in Robert Lee Care Center in Robert Lee, Texas. A graveside service for

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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) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister

www.pecanbaptist.org

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

United Christians Fellowship

PO Box 938 • Robert Lee Rec Hall

(325) 453-2468

Ed Zimmerman, Minister

Sunday 10 am Sunday School,

11 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

the burial of cremains will take place at 2 pm Friday, December 13, at Ross Cemetery, Spencer-Price Addition, in Baird, Texas, with Chaplain J. T. Tucker officiating. Services are under the direction of Parker Funeral Home in Baird. The family will gather for lunch at 12 noon at the First Presbyterian Church of Baird.


Bud was born on August 24, 1930, in Elk City, Oklahoma, to Johnnie and Ola Cravens Loyd. He was the youngest of seven siblings. He was married to Pat Melton Loyd for 38 years and they had two children, Andy and Jana. Bud owned Bluebonnet Mirror and Glass for 35 years in Odessa, Texas, and then retired to Robert Lee, Texas. He then remarried in 1998 to Connie King for 10 years.

Survivors include 1 sister, Martha Long Roach of Lubbock, Texas; his son Andy Loyd of Odessa, Texas; his daughter Jana Dickey and husband Jim of McKinney, Texas; 6 grandchildren, Kelly Loyd of McKinney, Texas, Matt Loyd of Irving, Texas, Clinton Calmes and wife Megan of Grapevine, Texas, Laura Brandenburg and husband Howell from Plainview, Texas, Jim Dickey and wife Amy of Phoenix, Arizona, and Amanda Moutos and husband Nick of Phoenix, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 6 of his siblings, his two wives, and his dogs Bonnie and Muggs.

Bud loved family gatherings and was a man of many friends. He loved his grandchildren and participated in all of their school activities. He also loved his dong, Bonnie and Muggs! "Turn Out the Lights! The Party's Over", for Mr. Loyd has gone to see his Heavenly Father.

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Christmas Decorating Contest

Hosted by Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose
Homes \ Businesses \ Organizations

PRIZES for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Entries due by December 13th— Judging December 15th

For More Information: Cookie Burns @ 763-7263

Come As You Are



Sunday Mornings • 10 am



Recovery Meetings • Monday 7 pm

FORGIVEN MINISTRIES

Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store
Russ Frasier, Preacher

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at
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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 Betel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
Sun. 9:55 am • Sunday School
11 am • Service & Children s Church
Fri. 7 pm • Bible Study

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
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