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Obituaries



Aldridge

Norman Ray Aldridge, 65, won his victory over his battle with cancer on December 12, 2011, a journey he referred to as a "bump in the road." He was surrounded by his family and friends.

He was born on June 9, 1946, to Warren and Marion (Guess) Aldridge in San Angelo, Texas. He spent his childhood in the El Paso gas camps of Jal, New Mexico. On January 22, 1966, he married the love of his life, Leta Robertson in Robert Lee, Texas. After several years, he answered the call of God into the ministry and together they pastored Emmanuel Pentecostal Church and the town of Robert Lee, Texas, for more than thirty years. He also worked for Ivey Motor Company for most of those years as the Service Manager.

To know Ray was to love him; he left a great legacy and big shoes to fill. His faith never waned. In his own words, "Cancer, you did not create me and you will not destroy me."

Ray is survived by his wife of the home, Leta Faye Robertson Aldridge; two daughters and their spouses, Kristi and Tim Buddin and Karla and Brian Hamrick all of Robert Lee; one son and his wife, William and Danielle Aldridge of Staford, Virginia; eight grandchildren, Hanna and Hunter Hamrick, Jaden Ray Aldridge, Casey Scruggs, and Bruce Buddin all of Robert Lee, Breanna, Jasmine, and Brandon Aldridge all of Staford,

Virginia; four brothers and their spouses, Don and Vicki Aldridge of Lewisville, Texas, Martin and Janice Aldridge of Midland, Texas, Andy and Marcia Aldridge of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Stephen and Karla Aldridge of Jal, New Mexico; four brothers-in-law and their spouses, James and Nell Robertson of Brownfield, Texas, Harold and Mary Robertson of Grand Prairie, Texas, Douglas and Peggy Robertson of Brownwood, Texas, and Doyle and Sandy Robertson of Abilene, Texas. He is also survived by his church family, many close friends, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation was held all day Wednesday and Thursday, December 14 and 15, 2011, at the funeral home with the family present from 6 pm to 8 pm Thursday. Funeral service will be held at 2 pm on Friday, December 16, 2011, at Robert Lee Baptist Church with Terry Pugh, Steve Carrington, Nathan Carrington, and Danny White

officiating. Burial will follow in Robert Lee Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Colby Eubanks, Vaughn Howard, Martin Aldridge, Don Aldridge, Andy Aldridge, Stephen Aldridge, Tony Smith, and Brantley Robertson. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

The family would like to thank the staff at Vistacare Hospice, Robert Lee Care Center, the doctors and staff at Shannon Medical Center, and a special thank you to Ray's far reaching community of friends for all of their support.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Robert Lee Fire Department, Robert Lee Care Center, Robert Lee Ambulance Service, or the building fund for Emmanuel Pentecostal Church.

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Death Notices

Jones

James Albert Jones, 72, of Blackwell, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at his residence. Visitation is from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home. Graveside service is at 2 p.m. Monday in Blackwell Cemetery.

Survivors include his daughters, Debbie Pate and Pam Alley, both of Blackwell, and Manie Clem of Sweetwater; son Johnny Jones of Roscoe; sister Gladys Croker of Comanche; and brother Tommie Jones of Comanche.

GOD IS LOVE

We love him, because he first loved us. • *1 John 4:19*

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age. • *Titus 2:11-12*

Beloved, let us love one another: For love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation of our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. • *1 John 4:7-11*

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God; and God in him. • *1 John 4:16*

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: Therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. • *Jeremiah 31:3*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. • *John 3:16*

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. • *Romans 5:8*

Victory Assembly of God

Corner of 6th & Houston • Robert Lee

Pastor Irving Smith

Service Schedule:

Sunday School 9:45 • Worship & Childrens Church 10:45
 Sunday & Wednesday: Bible Study & Power Kids 6 pm

McCarty

Jody Brent McCarty was born June 2, 1985 in McAlester, Oklahoma to Jimmy Dwayne and Janet Lynn (Butts) McCarty. He passed from this life December 11, 2011 in Ravia, Oklahoma, at the age of 26.

He is survived by his wife: Jessica of the home; parents: Jimmy & Janet McCarty of Farris, Oklahoma; sister: Julie Wolfe & husband Thomas of Seminole, Oklahoma; maternal grandmother: Imogene Butts of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; paternal grandmother: Wanda Fillmore of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; mother-in-law: Bobbie Fluhmann & husband Mike of Robert Lee, Texas; several brothers & sisters-in-law; many nieces, nephews, & cousins; as well as many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at Antlers First Baptist Church with Reverend Sam Dyer officiating. Interment followed at Darwin Cemetery.

Wulfjen

Maxine Craddock Wulfjen died Thursday, December 8 in Richardson, Texas. She was born 27 June 1923 in Robert Lee to Jess and Lela Craddock and was a graduate of Texas Tech. She was married 15 June 1947 in Colorado City to Robert "Bob" Wulfjen. Preceding her in death were her husband, son Luke, 2 brothers and a sister. Lou C Harbart of Forney, survives her mother as do 5 nieces and a nephew, including Fran Lomas and husband, Mike, of Robert Lee. A memorial service will be at a later day.

Maxine was the first editor of the Robert Lee annual and instrumental in naming it the Corral.

Sheriff reminds citizens of 24 hour phone number

Sheriff Wayne McCutchen wishes to remind all Coke County citizens that the Sheriff's Department phone is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The number is (325) 453-2717.

Come as you are . . .

*Christmas Morning
 10 am Service*



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. Matt Pennington, Pastor
 Sun. 9:30 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
Robert Lee
Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2360
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Steve Peyton, 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