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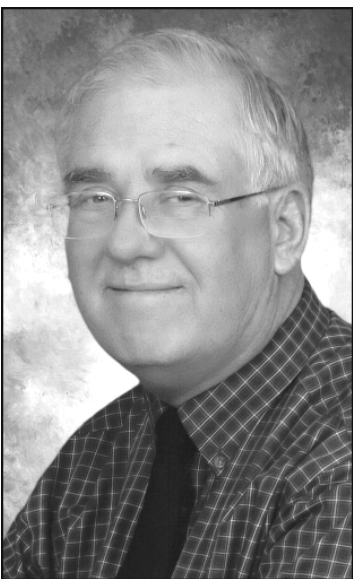
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## Obituaries



### Smith

Gary Don Smith 75, of Robert Lee and formerly of Blackwell, passed away Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at his residence.

Graveside services were held at 2 pm Saturday, December 19, 2020, at Blackwell Cemetery with Brother Jerry Connolly officiating. Interment followed under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home. A visitation was held from 6 pm to 8 pm on Friday, December 18, 2020, at the funeral home.

Gary was born July 7, 1945, in San Angelo, Texas, to the late Donald Leroy and Larue Mildred (Millican) Smith. He was raised in San Angelo, Texas. Gary married Brenda Gail Monroe on March 24, 1970, in Nolan, Texas.

Gary began his career in education in 1968 at Nolan, Texas. He became principal before the school was consolidated with Blackwell. He then became principal at Blackwell. Gary devoted 41 years of teaching experience and retired in 2009 to move to the land his family has owned since the 1800s.

As a teenager, Gary was baptized into the Christadelphian Faith. He was an active preacher of the faith until his death.

Gary is survived by his wife Brenda Smith of Robert Lee, Texas; sons Lee Smith and wife Kristi of Leander, Texas, Todd Smith and wife Maribel of Blackwell, Texas; grandchildren Corinne Smith and Claire Smith both of Leander, Texas, Moriah and Michael Smith both of Blackwell, Texas;

brother Carwyn Smith of Belton, Texas; nephews Shauywn Smith of Houston, Texas, Shuryahn Smith of Belton, Texas; special best friend Zeva and numerous other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, David Baron Smith.

Pallbearers were A.J. Monroe, Mark Monroe, Cade McKee, Paul Kirk, Jr., Chris Bearden, Shauywn Smith and Shuryahn Smith.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the Gary and Brenda Smith Scholarship Fund at Roscoe State Bank 209 Cedar Sweetwater, Texas 79556.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mccoyfh.com](http://www.mccoyfh.com).

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## Death Notices

### Cauley

John Cauley (Michael John Kirk-Harris), age 71, died December 14, 2020 at his home in Rockport, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Cauley, daughter Caroline Burleson of Wyandotte, Oklahoma, and step-daughter, Tammy Thorn of Bronte, Texas, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held December 20, 2020, at 9:30 am in the Church Garden at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Rockport, Texas.



**Retirement Reception!** Martha Ratliff (center) was honored Friday, December 18, 2020, with a retirement reception in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Coke County Courthouse in Robert Lee. Martha is retiring after serving as Deputy County Clerk for ten years. She is shown with Coke County Clerk Monica Reyes (left) and Deputy County Clerk Jennifer Burdett.

### ... Telethon

(Continued from page 1) hearing center, and the family support center. Anyone who has walked into the WTRC is impressed by the caring staff and the grateful people receiving services.

The '64 Study Club is grateful for its membership who have volunteered for so many years. The response of Coke County citizens to the Telethon over the years, and the continuing program of WTRC will always gain respect and appreciation.

The WTRC Telethon phone bank that has been held at Ivey Motor Company for many years has raised more than \$3000 a year. It is hoped that Coke County will be as generous in the January 2021 WTRC Telethon.

## 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  
 Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,  
 6:30 pm Youth & Adults

#### 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

#### St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687

#### Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor

Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

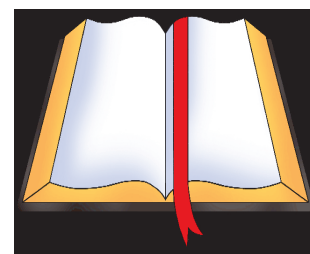
#### 4C Cowboy Church

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](http://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

#### 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

#### Wed. 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

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



## Bronte First United Methodist Church

hosting community

Christmas Eve Service, Thursday, Dec. 24th 7pm

## Merry Christmas

During this  
holiday season,  
we wish you all  
the best.



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