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## Obituaries



### Millican

Ruby Pauline (Polly) Peek Millican lived her life with quiet grace, gentle strength and an unwavering faith in her Lord and Savior. She died peacefully Monday afternoon, November 28, 2016, in Robert Lee, Texas, at 93 years old. Visitation was held all day Friday, December 2, 2016, at the funeral home with family present from 6 pm to 8 pm. Funeral services were at 10 am Saturday, December 3, 2016, at Pecan Baptist Church with burial following in Paint Creek Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Born April 30, 1923, at home in Jones County, Texas, Polly attended Denton Women's College in Denton, Texas. She taught school and coached volleyball at White Point, Texas, and Robert Lee, Texas. On June 15, 1947, Polly married the late Conrad Jarrel Millican. They shared a life together for 60 years and spent decades ranching in Coke County. The Lord blessed their union with five children. Polly was a Christ-centered woman who instilled strong Christian values in her family. They were faithful members of Pecan Baptist Church, where Polly taught adult Sunday school class for more than 30 years. She also served as president for the Pecan WMA for many years.

Polly was devoted to her husband and to her children and grandchildren. She shared close relationships with her siblings, other family members and friends. As an accomplished seamstress, she sewed many outfits for her loved ones, and anything sewn by Granny was

superior to anything that could be bought in a store. She loved baking, and was especially well known for her homemade bread and cherry cobbler. She lived out her faith daily -- a true Proverbs 31 woman who set the bar high for those aspiring to be like her. She was a problem solver, with a practical and straight forward but simultaneously peaceful and diplomatic approach. She never tired with her grandchildren, always active and ready for a walk to the tank in their nearby pasture, a front-yard volleyball match or a card game of UNO. Living on a ranch meant being surrounded by animals, but she had a special place in her heart for her Siamese cats. She poured out so much love and will be greatly missed.

Polly was preceded in death by parents, Albert and Sally Peek; husband, Conrad Millican; son, Jarrel Millican; granddaughter, Erin Ketner; and nine of her siblings.

She is survived by sister, Dorothy Sparks of San Angelo, Texas, sister-in-law, Joanne Peek of Snyder, Texas, sister-in-law, Joy Blake and her husband Charles of Brenham, Texas, and sister-in-law, Bertha Ham of San Angelo, Texas. She is survived by daughter-in-law, Linda Millican of Water Valley, Texas, daughter, Sherry Lacy and husband John of Brenham, Texas, son, Steven Millican and wife Paquita of Zaragoza, Spain; son, Tim Millican and wife Pam of Robert Lee, Texas, daughter, Elaine Ketner and husband Russ of Norman, Oklahoma. She is survived by grandkids, Lori Huitt and husband Terry of Big Spring, Texas, Vance Millican and wife Jenny of Harper, Texas, Eli Millican and wife Audrey of Houston, Texas, Nicole Friedel and husband Darren of Hockley, Texas, Natalie Lange and husband Harper of Brenham, Texas, John Lacy and wife Lauren of Arvada, Colorado, Karla Lassen and

husband Matthias of White Plains, New York, Alexander Millican of Germany, Scot Millican and wife Wendi of Eldorado, Texas, Heather Conner of Lubbock, Texas, Matthew Millican and wife Macy of San Angelo, Texas, Tyler Ketner and wife Nicole of Benton, Arkansas, Jacob Ketner and wife Angie of Owasso, Oklahoma, Luke Ketner of Washington, Oklahoma. She is survived by her 22 great-grandchildren, Garrett and Channing Miller, Tallie Millican, Ashlyn Millican, KatieLynn and Dean Friedel, Tice and Slade Lange, Charlotte Lacy, Sofia Lassen, Austin and Gage Millican, Alexa and Micayla Conner, Hudson, Hayden, Ryder Millican, Lincoln, Shepherd, Barrett, and Jade Ketner, and Esther Ketner.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Vance Millican, Eli Millican, Scot Millican, Matthew Millican, John Lacy, Tyler Ketner, Jacob Ketner, Luke Ketner.

Online condolences may be made at [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com).  
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### Stephens honored with TFB Pioneer award

A local farmer who has dedicated more than 40 years of his life to agriculture was honored by Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) today. John E. Stephens of Robert Lee received TFB's prestigious Pioneer award at the organization's annual meeting in San Antonio.

Stephens began farming and ranching in 1966, growing wheat, hay and milo and raising both sheep and cattle.

"For 41 years, Mr. Stephens has donated his time and talents to the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau," TFB President Russell Boening said. "It's men and women like Stephens who help form the foundation that makes TFB the great grassroots organization it is today. We're proud to honor Stephens for his many contributions."

Stephens joined Farm Bureau in 1975 and has been a member of the local board of directors since 1976. He served his county as president for six years and has been the vice president for the past 16 years.

Stephens organized the county's first Ag Day, bringing his own equipment to town for local fourth grade students to explore while he explained the importance of agriculture.

Stephens has also helped reach out to the community by chairing the Food Connection Day committee and hosting Farmers' Share hamburger lunches at the



John Stephens

county office.

He's known locally as "The Face of Farm Bureau" for his countless hours promoting agriculture and Farm Bureau.

In their nomination, the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau board of directors said, "As a grassroots organization, John Stephens is the kind of Farm Bureau member who not only maintains the principles that Farm Bureau is built on, including hard work and fiscal responsibility, but pushes forward for the development of the organization so it grows and remains relevant in today's fast-paced climate of

science and technology."

Stephens worked for the Texas Department of Transportation for 36 years and was a member of the local school board and Lions Club. He's an active member and deacon of the First Baptist Church in Robert Lee.

TFB's Pioneer Award honors one outstanding Texas farmer or rancher in each of the organization's 13 districts, as well as one staff member. Winners are chosen annually by a panel of their peers for their exceptional contributions to agriculture and Texas Farm Bureau.

## 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 & 5 pm Worship

**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

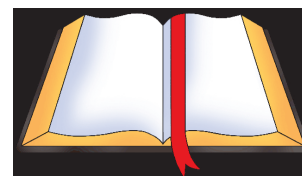
**First United Methodist Church**  
 Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte  
 (325) 473-3281  
 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor  
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship

**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

**4C Cowboy Church**  
 Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte  
 Pastor James Brunson  
 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.pecanbaptist.org](http://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, Joe Hodges, 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) 273-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting



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