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Obituaries



Brunson

James Richard Brunson was born December 26, 1957, in San Angelo, Texas to Jim and Jo “Sweet Pea” Brunson. He went Home to be with his Lord and Savior on February 1, 2022.

Growing up James had red hair and the attitude to match. His mama spanked him every morning when he woke up just to get it out of the way for the day. James had the best work ethic that he learned from working on the ranch with his grandfather, Fate Brunson. He would practice that work ethic working in the oilfield and his entire life, and passed it onto everyone he met, until the day he died. Bull riding became a passion of his that was started way back when he was in junior high and continued into his last days.

James had his only son, Bryan, August 16, 1982. Bryan brought so much joy to his life. There was never a day James didn’t think about Bryan. Through even the hardest times, Bryan brought so much happiness to his father’s life.

In 1985, James’ world was turned upside down when he lost his younger brother. For two years following his brother’s death, James struggled until he found the Lord in 1987. He then started his relationship with God. He has been telling everyone he met about Jesus ever since. His biggest goals in life was to find the lost and hurting and show them the love

of Christ with his words and actions.

Over the years James gained bonus children Cody, Lisa, Heather, and Danielle, who have remained special to him.

James started his full time ministry in 2015 devoting his full attention to bringing people to Jesus. Part of his ministry was the Kairos Prison Ministry and Emmaus, which he continued to actively participate in.

A wild personality and a few wrong turns led James into a life that resulted in time in jail, but those experiences would one day be the sort of thing that made him so relatable to others he interacted with during his time serving the Lord.

In May 2019 James married the one he lovingly referred to as “the love of his life.” She was, as he loved to say, the person he searched for all of his life and the answer to all of his prayers. He then also took on more bonus children, Jennifer, Casey Maree, and Stetson. James took so much pride in all of his kids and grandkids. He loved them more than words could ever express.

In October 2019 James started the Robert Lee Cowboy Church. He wanted to come back to the communities he was raised in and share the great news and Word of Christ. James never met a stranger and his love for others changed so many lives for the better. He

loved with an incomparable love and forgave those who wronged him. He was in the process of remodeling Sue Ann’s childhood home to be a home for the two of them, when the Lord called him home. He would say that he could fix anything but a broken heart but Sue Ann will tell you that he somehow did even that for her. James left so much unfinished work, but his greatest goal was to tell the world about Jesus.

Funeral services for James Brunson were held at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, 22 W. 11th, Robert Lee, Texas, at 1 pm on Tuesday February 8, with graveside following the service at Paint Creek Cemetery. The pallbearers were Kyle Lee, Cody McClure, Brad Bircham, Dwayne Poteet, Talon Wiley, Glen Rogers, Kevin Parks, and Johnny Allen; with the honorary pallbearers being Lynn Ingram, Robert Landon and Jody Rodriguez.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Jerry Blake; his parents, Jim and Jo Brunson; a half-brother, David Ables; and granddaughter, Khrisleigh Kate.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Ann; son, Bryan; sister, Suzanne and husband Mark; sister, Julie and husband Michael; stepchildren, Jennifer, Casey Maree, and Stetson; grandkids, Lily, Joselyn, Cali, Zoya, Tadek, Cash; several nieces and nephews, one of which he had a very special relationship with, Talon, who saw James as his role model and hero. He also leaves behind countless family and friends.

Online condolences can be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, all things have become new.

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Death Notices

Ferguson

Norma Ferguson, 101, of San Angelo, passed away Monday, January 31, 2022, at her home.

Survivors include daughters, Charlotte Tounget of Bronte, and Lynora Bowers and husband Alferd Bowers of Canyon Lake; grandchildren, Savoy Hart and wife Julie of Odessa, Tammy Herriage and husband Albert of Canyon Lake, Randy Bowers and wife Dawn of Springfield, Missouri, Doug Tounget and wife Dawn of Bronte, Jann Countess and husband Chad of San Angelo, Jayson Hart and wife Amanda of Odessa, and Greg Bowers and wife Erin of Bend, Oregon; 16 great-grandchildren, Trevor, Haley, Hagen, Chelsea, Cambri, Carson, Ali, Madelyn, Logan, Audrey, Elise, Abigail, Dustin, Kimberly, Jason and Gabriel; 12 great-great grandchildren; one great-great-great granddaughter; making six generations; sister, Myra Robertson of Clovis, New Mexico; numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held at Robert Massie Funeral Home on Sunday, February 6, 2022, from 1 pm to 5 pm with family

present from 2 pm to 4 pm. Graveside Service was at 2 pm, Monday, February 7, 2022, at Englewood Cemetery in Slaton under the direction of Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Jones

Linda Jones, 82, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on January 31, 2022.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Leslie Jones (Dori) of West Monroe, Louisiana, Robbie Smith (Jack) of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Cyndy Caston (Marty) of Bronte, Texas. She will also be missed by her grandchildren, Jessi Carte (Jeff) of West Monroe, Louisiana, Cody Guilliams (Melody) of West Monroe, Louisiana, Megan Jones of Plano, Texas, Austin Jones of Collinsville, Oklahoma, Adam Caston (Sarah) of Bronte, Texas, Ginny Caston of Bronte, Texas, and Charissa (Bryan) Pearson of Columbia, Missouri. Linda had seven great-grandchildren, along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren through her extended families who she loved dearly.

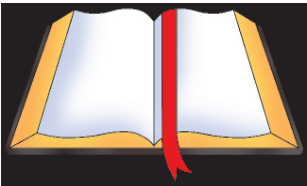
Linda’s funeral service was held on Monday at 10:30 am at the Ninth Street Church of Christ in Ballinger, Texas, with Max Pratt officiating. Her grandsons carried her to her final resting place in the Robert Lee Cemetery.

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
St. James Catholic Church
215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am
4C Cowboy Church
Drawer R • Bronte • (325) 895-4080
Robert Lemmond, Pastor
Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater
Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm - 4C Feedlot Youth Building
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
Robert Lee Cowboy Church
James Brunson, Pastor
(469) 834-3932
10:30 am Sunday • Robert Lee Rec Hall
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
202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee
Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study
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





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