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## Obituaries



### Sparks

Dorothy Maurine Sparks, 90, went to Heaven on Saturday, January 24, 2015. She was born on March 26, 1924, to Claude and Grace McCutchen Murtishaw in Coke County, Texas. She was one of eight children who were raised in the Wildcat Community of Coke County. She is survived by her children, W. D. (Dub) Sparks, Jr. and wife, Kay; Bud Sparks and wife, Kay; Tony Sparks and wife, Jessica; and Linda Owens and husband, David, all of San Angelo. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Maurine married a Coke County boy, Wilfred Sparks, on March 28, 1941, at the Methodist Church in Bronte. They were married fifty-four years until his death in 1995. After their marriage, they lived on various ranches, farms and dairies in Coke and Mitchell Counties, where he was a ranch hand and she was a homemaker. The family settled into a permanent home in 1951 in Colorado City, when Wilfred went to work for Cosden Refinery.

After the children were raised, Maurine ventured out into the working world. She worked as a sales clerk at Anthony's in Colorado City for thirteen years before retiring. She and Wilfred (Blackie) then moved to San Angelo in 1982, where she lived the remainder of her life. Maurine was a Christian and was a founding member of the Quail Valley Baptist Church, serving as Treasurer for many years.

Maurine was a loving wife

and mother during her children's childhood, staying at home to raise her family. Her legacy to be remembered is that she was always there for her family, lovingly tending them when they were sick, reading to them, teaching them about the Bible and Jesus, showing right from wrong, and always lovingly supporting them. She taught them to drive out on the backroads of Mitchell County. She was a moral compass for them, showing by example how one should live. Years come and go quickly, but the love of a mother never dies.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." Proverbs 31:28.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 pm, Saturday, February 21, 2015, at Shaffer Funeral Home's Sherwood Way Chapel. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

Online condolences may be made to [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com) 32-1tc

## Daddy Daughter Date Night

"Once Upon A Time"

Saturday • February 21 • 5-8 pm

Robert Lee Rec Hall

Advance Tickets purchased before

February 17

\$20/couple

\$5 for additional child

Tickets will be available

at the door.

\$30/couple

\$5 for additional child

Tickets may be purchased at  
DJ's Merle Norman in Robert Lee  
and Bronte Hardware Store.

Grades Pre-k thru 6th



**RLCC Raises Funds!** Robert Lee Care Center supported a fundraiser for Kim Cain who lost her home and all her belongings in a fire. Kim works at RLCC as an occupational therapist. Thanks to a very supportive community, over \$866 was raised. The generosity was overwhelming and Kim was deeply appreciative of the efforts of everyone involved.

### Phillips

Allen Wayne Phillips, 93, passed away on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. There will be no services.

He is survived by his daughter Patricia Prather of California.

### Hayes

Hazel L. Hayes, 83, died Saturday, February 7, 2015. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by her sons, John Hayes of Robert Lee and Prentice Hayes of Virginia; sister, Ida Daniel of Sweetwater.

## Come As You Are

Sunday Mornings • 10 am  
Table Time • Tuesday evening  
Pot Luck 6 pm • Study 7 pm



## 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

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

### 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](http://www.pecanbaptist.org)  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee Bible Baptist Church**  
PO Box 938 9th & Austin  
(325) 453-2621 Robert Lee, Dennis Clark, Pastor

Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship,  
Wednesday 1 pm Ladies Bible Study

### 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  
**Tennysson**

**Tennysson Baptist Church**  
Hwy 277 Tennysson  
(325) 473-2040

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