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Obituaries



Fancher

Billie "Jean" passed away peacefully at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center on the 14th of February, 2022, at the age of 95. Jean was very proud to say she was a Christian and she knew this day would be a day of rejoicing and not a day of sadness. On this day, she went home to be with Jesus! And she got to see her sweetheart on Valentine's Day.

Jean was born to Clint and Iva Duncan on June 3, 1926, in Bronte, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her loving and devoted husband of 65 years, Royce K. Fancher; and her brother, Bob Duncan.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Thelma Duncan; two nephews, Clint Duncan and family, and Ethan Duncan and family; special family, Bedo and MaryJane Juarez; "Her Kids", Keith and Lanette Fletcher; and Amanda Wojtek.

Jean grew up in Bronte where her parents owned a hardware store and furniture store, ranched, and her mother taught math for many years. She graduated from Bronte High School in 1943. She attended and graduated from Texas State College for Women with a Bachelor of Science. She began teaching at Bronte High School following college. She married Royce K. Fancher on the 15th of August, 1947, in Bronte where they lived, worked, and ranched their entire lives. Though she and Royce never

had children of their own, they loved many many kids in Bronte with whom they remained in contact over the years. It was amazing how she remembered all of her students and how she loved to reminisce over her 30 years of teaching Home Ec at Bronte High School. Royce and Jean were longtime ranchers in Coke County. She helped him many years during the lean times after teaching during the day. Jean finally talked Royce into retiring from ranching in 2011 after 64 years of ranching. Jean was very proud to tell anyone who would listen that she was a Christian! She became a Christian on July 18, 1939, at a revival held at the Bronte First Baptist Church. Pastor Eldridge baptized her in a dirt tank at Mrs. O. C. Ivey's place.

She and Royce enjoyed many years going to Ruidoso, NM, for the summers. They enjoyed going to the races with their dear friends, Tuny and Mary Glenn, along with many others. In 2013, Jean made the decision to move to the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. She sat "Her Kids" (Keith and Lanette) down in her room and told them that this is where she needed and wanted to be. She lived

there nine years and many friends whom she loved like family. During this time, she helped to start a weekly bible study led by Jane Cumbie and Lee Wommack. She loved to hear Lee sing and to have Janet Wommack play the piano. She always wanted to have candy, cookies, or something to offer her guests when they came to visit her. She loved to share her recipes with the kitchen, and to talk with Stephanie about the menus and how to make them better. You could never take the Home Ec Teacher out of her. Many of the nurses and staff would come to her room and they would share stories. She was never bashful to tell you about the Jesus she loved nor her thoughts on politics. The family would like to extend a special thank you for the loving care she received from Dr. Lind, past medical director of BHRC; Dr. John Hunt, current medical director for BHRC, for his kindness and compassion for Jean; and ALL of the staff of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center (she loved each of them as her own). Jean had many friends who loved her and will surely miss her. Yet we know this is not "goodbye"; but, instead, it is "see you later!"

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Visitation was Friday, February 18, 2022, from 9 am - 10:30 am at the First Baptist Church in Bronte, Texas, with services at 11 am. Graveside was a private burial. Memorials are requested to be made to Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary, PO Box 184, Bronte, TX 76933; St

Jude's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or West Texas Boys Ranch 10223 Boys Ranch Rd, San Angelo, TX 76904.

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Death Notice

Newberry

Durrall Wayne Newberry, 70, of Sallisaw, Oklahoma, passed away on February 17, 2022.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Newberry; children, Amy Alden, Jeremy Newberry, Wesley Ross Jr., Raiden Ross-Newberry, Brenton Ross-Newberry, and Jaxon Ross-Newberry; grandchildren, Zachary

Richardson and Alissa Burch, Kaitlin and Chris Jennings, Wesley Ross the 3rd, Johnathon Ross and Robin; great-grandchildren, Josie Burch, Savannah Strider, Grayson Strider, Davina Jennings, Raylan Jennings, Peyton Jennings, Mia Jennings; siblings, Kathy Bentle of Bronte, Texas, Sharon Koenig of Jarrel, Texas; sisters-in-law, Cheryl and husband Don Riggs of Sallisaw, Oklahoma, Kathy and husband Dale Johnson of Hackett, Arkansas, Sandra and husband Barney Girdner of Sallisaw, Oklahoma; brother-in-law, Ricky and late wife Debbie Smith.

Memorial services for Durrall were held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 2 pm in the chapel of Forever Memories Funeral Services with Marcus Dorsey officiating.

UPCOMINGS!

Food Manager Certification offered March 23-24

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be holding a Food Manager 2-Day Certification Training on March 23-24 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center.

This 2-day course is ANSI-

CFP Accredited Certified Professional Food Manager examination (CPFM) "Prometric Exam".

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Food Manager Certification Program will teach managers about Foodborne Illnesses/Outbreaks, Types of Contamination, Food Safety Hazards, Identifying Foodborne

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

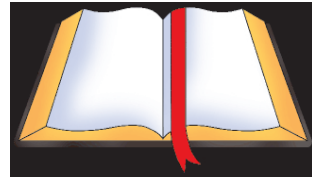
Bible Baptist Church

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

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

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

Coke County

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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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