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# Obituaries



## Taft

Patricia Ann Fowler Taft, 78, passed away suddenly on February 17, 2021. She was born March 13, 1942, in Robert Lee, Texas, to Sam and Helen Fowler.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Bowen Taft (married February 19, 1961), and son, Roy Dean Taft.

Patricia dedicated her life to the people she loved and embodied the scripture Ephesians 4:32 - "And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ." She loved her family unconditionally and never met a stranger.

She loved watching reality TV shows (her favorite was Survivor) and doted on her dog, Tilt. While she couldn't cook, she loved helping clean up, specifically washing dishes. Patricia spent her career between GTE in San Angelo and The Observer/Enterprise in Robert Lee.

Patricia is survived by her sister, Janis Fowler; sister-in-law, Mary Fowler; her daughters, Robbie Ruff and Tammy Riggs; her son, Samuel Taft; sons-in-law, Daniel Ruff and Kenneth Riggs; grandchildren, Brandon Alsup, Brittany Taft, Jonathan Ruff, Nathaniel Taft, Mackenzie Vanderventer, Breanna Taft, Lilee Taft, Cloe Taft; great-grandson, Grayson; as well as many nephews, nieces, and cousins, all of whom she loved and cared for endlessly.

A celebration of life was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 2 pm at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, located at 22 W. 11th St. in Robert Lee, Texas. While flowers are appreciated and arrangements can be made at Shaffer Funeral Home or Southwest Florist in

San Angelo, Texas, the family asks you to consider instead making a donation to your local animal shelter; Patricia was passionate about all animals.

Patricia was loved, cherished, and dear to many and will be missed intensely.

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## Williams

Mason Williams went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 15, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mason Cole Williams was born on March 11, 2003, in San Angelo, Texas, to Randy and Melissa Williams. They moved to Brownwood in July of 2006. They joined Coggin Avenue Baptist Church soon after. Mason accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior, and was baptized on February 6, 2007, by Tim Skaggs. That day was one of Mason's favorite days of his life.

Mason loved his family deeply, and had a special bond in unique ways with both of his parents. He had many late-night discussions with his mom, and loved to watch movies, especially Marvel, with his dad. He loved all things movies. He always made sure his parents knew how much he loved and

appreciated them. He was very kind and compassionate, always caring about others. He was hilarious, and always had his friends and family laughing. He was unapologetically Mason.

From an early age, Mason had a deep desire to honor the Lord with his actions and life. He learned to lean on the Lord at a young age after he developed back-to-back chronic illnesses. Hospital visits and surgeries were a big part of his life throughout his short life. Though he was sick often, you would never know it because he never complained, and wanted to live a normal life. He never lost his faith, and clung tightly to the Lord through each hardship.

When he was diagnosed with cancer in June, he handled it with great strength, and once again trusted the Lord. His strong unwavering faith was evident in his fight with cancer. Even in the middle of the hardest part of his life, he pointed others to Christ. Mason cared deeply about living a life that glorified God, and it showed by the way he lived his life, especially through the darkest seasons. It was his greatest hope that through his pain and suffering, others would come to know the Lord.

Mason was an active member of Coggin youth, where he developed strong friendships with a great group of friends who all shared a love for Christ, and enjoyed weekly bible studies and dinner at Wing Stop.

His relationships with his friends, youth leaders, and youth minister were very meaningful throughout his battle with cancer. Mason cared deeply for this group. The way they cared for him, and carried him, impacted his life in a big way. They were a constant sense of support throughout his fight.

Mason's life was short, but he had a great impact on so many lives. You knew Jesus just by knowing Mason.

He has many family and friends that love him dearly. He has forever changed each of our lives, and will be missed greatly.

Mason is survived by his parents, Randy and Melissa Williams; sister, Kamryn Williams; grandparents, Robert and Gayla Sanders of Brownwood; and Joe and Pam Williams of Baird; great-grandfather, Charles Nance and wife Linda of Levelland; aunt and uncle, Amanda and Justin Warren of Robert Lee, Tim and Frances Williams of Bastrop, and Shatan Rushing of Austin; cousins, Hallie and Jayton Warren of San Angelo, Preston Warren of Robert Lee, and Shelley Tucker of Lubbock. He has a large extended family who love him deeply.

He is preceded in death by his uncle, Terrell Williams; cousin, Zack Williams; great-grandparents, James and DeAlva Windham, Robert and Claudia Williams, Ray and Irabelle Sanders, and Dorothy Nance.

Pallbearers were Spencer Scull, Blake Brasher, Jax Managan, Brad Robinson, Michael Felts, Santos Munoz, Asher Choate and Paul Chandler.

Mason was very adamant about everyone dressing very casually - shorts and a tee shirt, sweat pants, or jeans and a tee shirt. We want to honor his wishes, so dress comfortably.

In lieu of flowers, you can donate to the Mason Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund through Coggin Church.

John 14:1-6 - "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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## Walker

Bobby Kenneth Walker was born June 30, 1935, in Rising Star, Texas, to Curtis and Lula Walker and was the oldest of four children. He grew up in Silver, Texas, and graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1954. He married the love of his life, Vada Joyce King on September 15, 1956, at her family home in Edith. He served in the Army during the Korean

## 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) 473-2681  
 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

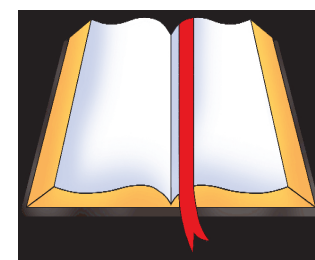
#### 4C Cowboy Church

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

#### 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

#### 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

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