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# **Obituaries**



#### Murtishaw

(Roberts) Effie Christine Murtishaw was born at home in Coke County on September 7, 1923, to Powel Aubrey Roberts and Effie (Modgling) Roberts. She died Monday, January 26, 2016. Visitation with family was from 6 pm to 8 pm Thursday, January 28, at Johnson's FuneralHome. Funeral service celebrating Effie's life was at 11 am on Friday, January 29,at Quail Valley Baptist Church, corner of Hwy 208 and Briston Rd., with burial in Valley View Cemetery, five miles south of Robert Lee on Hwy 208.

Chris and H.C. (Murt) Murtishaw married February 26, 1939, and had 72 years together before his death in 2010. They had three children: Aletha Jean (Babe/Lea) Beverlein, born in San Angelo, Claude Barry in Artesia, New Mexico, and Mark Alan in Bronte, Texas. They lost Barry at a few months of age.

Chris, Murt, and Babe spent the WWII years at the Army Air Force Base in Pecos, Texas. When they returned to Coke County, they settled in Bronte, there having Mark (their second 'only child'). Their last years in the area were at Oak Creek Lake.

After the war, Chris turned to a medical career. She became an LVN and later a Lab and X-Ray Technician. Thirty years later they 'retired' to the mountains in Timberon, New Mexico. Seeing the lack of medical help there, she talked a few people into taking EMT classes with her. An Emergency Medical Service was formed in the Volunteer Fire Department. She won area and state awards while running the service and the EMS Room at the fire department. The department

carries her name. Murt and Chris came back to live the last years of their lives with Babe and her brother-inlaw, Keith. After Murt's death, Chris, Babe, and Keith became the 'Three Musketeers'.

Along with her parents, husband, and son, Chris was preceded in death by brothers Oral, Aubrey, and Jack Roberts, and nephew Gary Featherston.

Left to miss her are children: Lea Beyerlein (and third Musketeer Keith Beyerlein) of San Angelo, and Mark Murtishaw of Timberon, New Mexico; grandchildren: Julie Takach (Tom) of Indian Land, South Carolina, and Eric Murtishaw of Niceville, Florida; and great-grandchildren: Nichole Johnston (Dean) of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Kyle Takach of Skiatook, Oklahoma; great-great grandchildren Aaron and Layla; siblings Jean Gillit of Big Spring, Texas, Wayne Roberts (Nettie Bob) of San Angelo, and sister-in-law Mary Sharp of Coppell, Texas; and many nieces, nephews, and friends from coast to coast.

Family and friends may sign an

guestbook www.johnsonsfuneralhome.com.

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#### **Taylor**

Valerie Hubbard Taylor, 60, passed away Monday, February 1, 2016. Visitation was held all day Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee. Graveside services were held at 2 pm, Thursday, February 4, 2016, in Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Valerie was born in Coleman, Texas, on August 1, 1955, to Dole and Ettie Hubbard. She graduated from Bronte High School in 1973 and participated in the Longhorn Band and lettered in Basketball. She studied at American Commercial College in Abilene, in the area of Secretarial Science. She worked at the Sterling County Hospital and Robert Lee Care Center. She also worked at Sun Oil/Orynx at Silver, Texas, as a Secretary.

She was preceded in death by her son, William Tray Taylor,

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who died on August 9, 2010; parents, Dole and Ettie (Windham) Hubbard; siblings, Tonja Sheila Hubbard, Hubbard and Gary Hubbard.

Valerie is survived by her nieces and nephew, Aaron and Maranda Hood (Braylee, Brewer and Brennen), Sandra Flores and her dad Jessie Flores of Robert Lee, Kassey and Dean Lay (JayCee) of Mertzon and Misty and Rob Ferguson (Chloe) of Hamilton, Ohio.

She had many friends and was Honored! Josie South is the always willing to lend a hand. She had a natural caring spirit to help others. Her son Tray was her whole world and she had an aching heart ever since she lost him in 2010.

heartfelt thanks to all the staff at Robert Lee Care Center. Many blessing to all of you who cared for her since June of 2014. She always hoped and prayed that there would be a cure one day. Please pray for a cure and for the families out there suffering children Beeanca, Jayce and with the curse of Huntington's Jaxson. They are the proud Disease.

Online condolences may be www.shaffer made at pioneer.com

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RLCC **Employee** 

December employee of the

month for Robert Lee Care

Center. She has been employed

at RLCC for 22 years. Josie is a Restorative Aide, CNA and Med-Aide. She makes sure the The family wishes to extend a residents are up for their daily group exercises and comes up with new and fun creative ideas for exercising. Josie is always willing to lend a helping hand whenever she is asked. Josie and her husband Mark live Robert Lee and share three grandparents one grandchild, Aubree.

## Come As You Are

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Sunday Mornings • 10 am

Table Time • Tuesday evening



### 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 Loke 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

Coke County Cowboy Church Texas Theater, Dowtown Bronte Preacher - Robert Lemonds Sunday, 10:30 am First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte (325) 473-2331 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School, 10:55 am Worship,

pm Youth Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church

(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 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 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee** Bible Baptist Church PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin Robert Lee, Ed Zimmermann, 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 5 pm Choir Practice 11 am Worship, 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

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 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

Hwy 277 • Tennyson (325) 473-2040 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting







EDGE OF TOWN! Large remodeled manufactured home sitting on almost 1/2 acre in Bronte! Due to wood remodel, home is now permanent to property. Quiet neighborhood on outskirts of rural community.



CLOSE TO SCHOOL! Cute home on two lots in rural community with many updates and metal roof only a couple of blocks from the school! A large fenced-in backyard with pecan trees and reasonable price make this an excellent option for first-time home-buyers! Many extras including a storm shelter!



MANY UPDATES! Large older home is just perfect for family. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room, and two bedrooms. Numerous built-ins throughout home, huge closets, woodburning stove in den, 2 car attached carport. Detential efficiency apartment or guest house on property includes full basement and 2 car attached carport. Loads of character in this home on BEAUTIFUL LOCATION ABOVE ELM CREEK IN BALLINGER! Lovely home in



excellent neighborhood with tons of character! Move-in ready with new roof put on in 2015 and new paint throughout! Large lot on hill above city park! Beautiful views from backyard patio! WONDERFUL CRAFTSMANSHIP! Beautiful older home with lots of extras - built-ins, hardwoods, cedar closet, decorative ceilings, stained glass inserts, antique chandeliers and more! Lovely porches and trees! Updated with modern convenience while keeping old world charm!



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PRICE REDUCED! Beautiful views just add to this great ranch. Perfect for hunting, livestock, or just getting away! Electricity, well and rural water onsite. Rolling terrain with good interior roads for easy access to all areas of ranch. Good cover for wildlife with cleared areas for that perfect shot! 713.1 Acres +/-; \$1,150/acre.



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