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Lewis Celebrates 94th Birthday! Helping Marie Lewis celebrate her 94th Birthday February 16, 2013, were multiple generations of her family.

Obituaries



Gartrell

Gerald E. Gartrell passed away on February 22, 2013, in the Robert Lee Care Center in Robert Lee, Texas, after a long and courageous battle with dementia. A celebration of his life was held at 2 pm, Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, officiated by John Davis and Chuck King. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Gerry was born Sunday, March 31, 1946, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Clyde Thomas and Dessie Gartrell. Gerry always claimed to be a Texan, as he moved to Texas as a one year old. He said he couldn't get to Texas fast enough! He graduated from Tuloso-Midway High School in Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1964. Upon graduation, he attended Jacksonville Junior College. On June 6, 1966, Gerry voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Army as an Officer-2nd Lieutenant. Gerry was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant on May 26, 1969. He then proudly attended and graduated in 1971 from the University of Texas in Austin, Texas. He earned his Master's Degree in Education from Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas, in 1990. Upon graduation from UT, his first Teacher/Coach position was in Refugio, Texas. He also coached in Rockwall and Kaufman, Texas. As coaches do, he had several job changes but found his love in west Texas and Six-Man football. He proudly coached in Guthrie, Lazbuddie, Whitharral and Ft. Davis, Texas. His dream of taking his football team to the play-offs in the State Championship was fulfilled with two teams - Whitharral

Panthers in 1996 and Ft. Davis Indians in 2003.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother-in-law Tom Rushing, many aunts and uncles, and his daughter, Teresa Lynn Gartrell.

Gerry is survived by his wife of 46 years, Judy Rushing Gartrell; sons, Chris Gartrell and Greg Gartrell; brothers, Tom Gartrell and wife Linda of Kemp, Texas, and Ronald Gartrell and wife Rebecca of Payne Springs, Texas; sister Lou Ann Beverly and husband Mike of Boling Green, Kentucky; brother and sister-in-law Bob Rushing and wife Donna of Beeville, Texas, Patsy Rushing of Vacaville, California.; granddaughters, Larissa Gartrell of San Antonio and Baleigh Christine Gartrell of Midland; grandsons, Jacob Gartrell and Justin Gartrell of San Antonio; nieces and nephews Rhonda Gartrell Crowell, Mark Gartrell, Steven Beverly, David Beverly, Patrick Beverly, Glen Rushing and Ronda Evans. He is survived by many beloved friends, players and coaches, along with his babies - Gabby, Angel, Buster, Tinker and Gus.

A special thank you to all the nurses and support staff from the Robert Lee Care Center - you are all angels!

"Those we have held in our arms for a while - We hold in our hearts forever"

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Death Notices

Hacker

Florence Margaret Hacker, 86, passed away on Sunday, February 17, 2013, at a local nursing home. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Florence is survived by her daughters, Margaret Snyder

of San Angelo and Barbara Gubanyi of Las Vegas, Nevada. She is also survived by her sister, Nora Snyder of Monroe, Washington.

Lewis honored with 94th birthday celebration

Marie Fisher Maxwell Lewis, of the Robert Lee Care Center was surprised by her family for her 94th Birthday on February 16, 2013.

She was told that she was being taken out for a birthday lunch with her children, only to arrive at a large gathering of familiar faces. She was delighted to see so many of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and even great-great grandchildren in attendance.

There were five generations present for her celebration from all over the state of Texas. In attendance were her three children, Grover and Ruth Maxwell, of Abilene; Christina Miller of Lockhart; and Cathy and Jeff Barnes of Robert Lee. Also attending were her grandchildren: Dann Stenbridge of Seguin; Ruth and Steve Murphy of Eustace; Bubba White with Joyce Cheatum of Seguin; De Anna White of Robert Lee; Randi Sawyer of Ft Worth; Ashlie and Bradley Black of Anson; Zachary Green with Shelley Siegfried of Putnam. Great-grandchildren attending included Joshua Murphy, Cody White, Karie Roach, Seamus Bulkley, Braiden Black, Rance Green. The great-great-grandchildren in attendance were: Coy and Weston Roach, Rowdy White, and Preston Cheatum. Others present were her niece and nephew from Abilene, Burgess Thomas and Gary Heslep; John Sawyer of Lockhart; and Tammy and

Darrell Holland of Eustace

She was treated to a wonderful lunch of barbecued chicken and sausage, prepared by her grandsons and many great side dishes brought in by the family. Her granddaughter made her birthday cake and cupcakes.

For entertainment, each family brought items for an

auction to offset the cost of the celebration. Acting auctioneer Jeff Barnes made it fun for all.

Marie, in turn, entertained the gathering with stories from her childhood and many other tales from her 94 years. Many pictures were taken and much love was shared in her honor.

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Sunday Mornings • 10 am

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 Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm

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Preacher John V. Driggers
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 324 S. Franklin • Bronte
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Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm Worship
 Wed. 6 pm

First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
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Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor
 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

St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

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

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Ed Zimmerman, Leader
 Sunday 10 am, Worship

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Emmanuel Pentecostal
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 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 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
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

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Sun. 10 am • Worship
 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 7 pm

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
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 (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

PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2208

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

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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