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Obituaries



Tinkler

Roy Eugene Tinkler was born on December 16, 1930, in Mereta, Texas. He was reunited with his heavenly family on February 29, 2020. He was the ninth child born to Harry S. and Mattie Eckert Tinkler. The family left Mereta in 1942 a few years after the passing of his father. They moved to Robert Lee where his Mother purchased a small farm. Roy worked the farm with his mother and siblings. He took the opportunity as he grew older to help his brothers and sisters work their land and spent time in the summers with them, which allowed him to create a closer family bond with many of his nephews and nieces. During this time he also played on the famous Rabbit Twisters Baseball Team along with three of his brothers.

Roy graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1949. He decided to join the U.S. Air Force in January 1951 and was honorably discharged in July 1952. He was stationed in Anchorage. Roy came back to Robert Lee to work and soon married Jennie Lee Burns on January 2, 1954. He and Jennie had a double wedding and honeymoon with Buddy Havins and Edna Mae Wallace.

After their marriage, Roy and Jennie made their home in Robert Lee for the next three years. They are the parents of four children - Walter, Jeania, Clark, and Dianna. The years between 1957 and 1963, the family lived in San Angelo, where Roy owned and operated a service station. In the summer of 1963, the family moved back to Coke County to the Burns Family Ranch. Working the ranch and operating Tinkler Gulf in Robert Lee kept Roy

and the family busy. Roy and Jennie made their home in Robert Lee until early January 2019.

He loved living and working on the ranch. Raising cows and sheep was a part of his ranch life and he shared many hours rounding up on horseback with his children and other family members. Many great memories were made during this time with his children working side by side with their dad. He even built a roping area and in the summers they would have Sunday afternoon ropings.

Roy was a supporter of the Coke County 4-H for 18 years, helping his children with their show lambs and taking them to numerous livestock shows. He was honored more than once with the Finewool Breeders trophy at the local Coke County Livestock show. He cooked for the Coke County Hunters BBQ for many years and finally passed the torch to a younger generation. In late 70's after selling the service station Roy worked as a carpenter, roofer and building metal buildings while he continued running the family ranch.

Roy never met a stranger and made friends wherever he went. He was a prankster and many times he was called ornery, which didn't bother him one bit. He was known for always having candy in his shirt pockets to share with anyone that needed something sweet. Roy and

Jennie enjoyed watching their children, grandchildren, and even their great-grandchildren, in sporting events. It certainly wasn't unusual for Roy and Jennie to show up at sporting events to watch their nieces and nephews after their own children left home. Besides ranching, Roy enjoyed reading western novels, golfing, woodworking, and playing cards to pass the time in his later years. He was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Mattie Tinkler; sisters and their husbands, Erma and Leslie Wink, Ella Mae and Richard Dumas, Marguerite and L.J. Sonnenberg, and brothers and their wives, Miles (Bud) and his wife Juliet, Jesse (Chili) and Sylvia (Doodle) Tinkler, Clarence and Livie Tinkler, Harvey (Eckert) Tinkler; and brother-in-law, Robert (Bob) Large.

Roy is survived by his wife of 66 years, Jennie Lee Burns Tinkler; son, Walter Tinkler; daughter, Jeania Tinkler Lewis and husband Randy; son, Clark Tinkler and wife Noel Tinkler; and daughter Dianna Tinkler (John Wepryk), a sister, Polly Large; and a sister-in-law, Stella Tinkler. He is also survived by grandchildren, Jennifer, April, and W.E. Tinkler and wife Kristina, Randy II (Ran) Lewis and wife Samantha, Matthew Tinkler, and Karel Tinkler; great-grandchildren, Shayden, Breydin, Brantlee, and Kynzli Tinkler, Witten and Welker Lewis, Ryleigh, Carson, and Calvin Tinkler. Being the baby of nine, Roy is also survived by a cousin and many nieces and nephews, including great and great-greats. Roy's love for his family was one of his greatest treasures and he will certainly be missed by all.

The Tinkler Family would like

to express our sincere gratitude to Barbara Carr of Austin, Texas, for the love and care that she gave our Beloved Daddy.

Visitation was held Friday, March 6, 2020, from 9 am until 8 pm, with the family being present from 6 pm to 8 pm. Services were held Saturday, March 7, 2020, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church at 2 pm under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home with burial following at Robert Lee Cemetery.

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Wright

Kathleen E. Wright, 92, passed away on Monday, March 2, 2020, in Robert Lee, Texas.

She was born on March 6, 1927, in Salina, Kansas, to the late Clifford and Bertha Cox.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Wright; son, Raydon Foster; and brother, Kenneth Cox.

She is survived by her son, Duane Foster and wife Delia; six grandsons, and six great-

grandchildren; sister-in-law, Mitsy Cox; niece, Dorothy Hector and husband Hank; and step-daughter, Sally Geller.

Kathleen was a member of the Robert Lee First United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed and loved her church family and friends. She also loved volunteering for many years at the Robert Lee Care Center.

Graveside services will be held Monday, March 23, 2020, at 10 am at the Robert Lee Cemetery with Cyndi Weidner officiating. Services are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

The family would like to express their gratitude for the care and service by the nurses and staff at Robert Lee Care Center and Inner Home Health and Hospice.

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Williams

Shirley Jean Bohannon Williams, 80, of Robert Lee, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

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

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. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor

Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

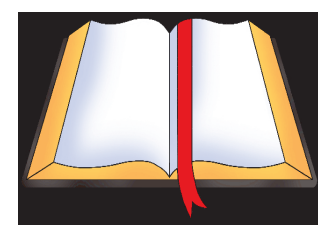
4C Cowboy Church

Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
Interim Pastor Robert Lemmond
Sunday, 10:30 am

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



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

Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 508
9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
(325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118 or
(325) 473-1053

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
6th & Houston, Robert Lee
Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Tennysen

6 pm, Bible Study

Tennysen Baptist Church

Hwy 277 • Tennysen
(325) 473-2040
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Russell Davis

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