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Obituaries



Kelton

Stephen Lee Kelton was born September 22, 1951, to Anna and Elmer Kelton in San Angelo, Texas. He passed from this life on March 16, 2022, at the age of 70 years, 5 months and 22 days. A celebration of Steve's life was held at 2 pm on Monday, March 21, in the chapel of Johnson's Funeral Home with interment following Lawnhaven Memorial at Gardens. Visitation was from 5 pm to 7 pm on Sunday, March 20 at Johnson's Funeral Home.

A memorial donation may be made to the Coke County Livestock Show, Kids On the Land at kidsontheland.org or the organization of your choice. Honorary pallbearers were Thomas Brent Davis, Pat "Slatz" Hennigan, Steve

Slataritz, Gordon Hay, Bill

Givens and Felton Cochran. Karen wishes to thank the nonemergency firefighters and Kindred Hospice, particularly Mercedes Gomez and Sarai Cox. Mercedes kept Steve looking "spiffy" and feeling good about himself. Without Sarai, Steve's nurse and our dear friend, this journey would not have been possible. There is simply no way to fully express our gratitude. Steve was preceded in death by this dad, Elmer; and the mother of his children, Sharon Givens.

sister, Kathy Kelton and her partner Mr. Pat Hennigan of San Angelo; his brother, Gary Kelton of Plainview; his stepson, W.R. McGinnis of San Angelo; his sons, Shane and wife Stacy Kelton and Shea and wife Sarah Kelton of "the place"; two grandchildren, Kyle Kelton of San Angelo and Kourtney Kelton of Granbury; his wife, Karen McGinnis; and their dog Sandy, as well as Karen's family and many friends and relatives.



Coger

Shirley Mae Coger, 77, passed away peacefully in the Robert Lee Care Center, on March 10, 2022, surrounded by family.

She was born Shirley Mae Goley on March 30, 1944, in

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Eldorado, Arkansas, to William Goley and Vera Phillips Goley. Shirley worked hard all of her life; she loved her family, and she loved her pets so much. One of the things Shirley loved to do was make quilts and blankets for her family and friends, including her grandchildren and great grandchildren. For those who received those, the homemade items will always, always be treasured.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents, William Goley and Vera Phillips Goley; and a granddaughter, Melinda Jane Gill.

Survivors are her son, Michael Elmer Coger and Leslie Stephen Anderson of Robert Lee; son, Mark Curtis Coger and Donna Marie Mann of Ballard, West Virginia; and daughter, Vera Jane and son-in-law Kevin Tate of Clearwater, Florida. In addition, she is also survived by grandchildren, Abigail Kate Coger, Cayden Joe Coger, Sharon Tate, Frank Tate, Jennifer Tate, and Michael Tate; and great-grandchildren, Peytyn Schneider, Regan Tate, Logan Alexander, Johnny Alexander.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Robert Lee United Methodist Church Parsonage Fund, or a charity of your choice.

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A mother, a grandma, and a great grandma too.

This is the legacy we have from you.

You taught us love and how to fight,

You gave us strength and you gave us might.

A stronger person would be hard to find,

And in your heart, you were always kind.

way or another,

Not just as a mother.

For all of us you gave your best, Now the time has come for you to rest.

So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,

Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.



Torres

Juanita Hernandez Torres, age 82, of Robert Lee, passed and went to be with the Lord on March 19, 2022.

She was born to the late Esmerijldo and Maria Hernandez on June 5, 1939, in Willamar, Texas. She moved to Robert lee and married Julian Lara Torres on January 7, 1956. Juanita and Julian were married 60 years. Robert Lee is where Juanita called home and raised their children. She built a home full of love, laughter, and happiness. Juanita was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She loved crocheting and cooking for her

You fought for us all in one family, always in the kitchen playing her music with family and friends. Juanita also worked at the Robert Lee Nursing Home for 36 years, where she would pick up extra shifts to help her family. Juanita and Julian instilled a love of family and friends, and a work ethic in their children and grandchildren that will last for generations to come.

> Juanita was preceded in death by her husband, Julian Torres; her sons, Gilberto Torres and Joe Torres; and her sisters and brother.

> She is survived by her children, Johnny and Kay Torres, Rosa and Joe Longoria, Dora Torres and Richie Bain, Mary Lou and Efrain Garcia, Yolanda and Scotty Jackson, and Julian Torres; 20 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

> Visitation was held on Wednesday, March 23, from 9 am to 8 pm at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee. Funeral service was held at 11 am, Thursday, March 24, at Our Lady of the Guadalupe Catholic Church with interment following at Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery. Her grandsons who will be honoring her as pallbearers include Jonathan Torres, Eric Torres, Gilbert Torres, Bobby Longoria, Lewis Samaniego, Jr., Salomon Saucedo, Omar Saucedo, and Chris Torres.

> Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.

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