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Obituaries



Gentry

Ruth Gentry, 83, of Marie, Texas, passed away on March 26, 2019. A funeral service to celebrate her life was held on March 26, 2019, at 11 am in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas.

Virginia "Ginger" was born on October 7, 1936 in Oak Creek Community, Texas. Ginger married Billy Jack Gentry on February 19, 1955. They lived 64 wonderful years together. Throughout their long marriage they have lived in various cities in Oklahoma and Texas and then retiring to Marie, Texas, where they spent they spent the last 27 years.

Ginger was a dedicated, loving mother to her son, Michael. She was a kind, strong and caring woman. She also enjoyed hosting parties and playing bridge. She retired in 1992 and enjoyed spending her time raising beagles and taking care of their home in Marie. Ginger was not afraid to share her opinion, which became a lovable and memorable quality of hers.

Virginia is survived by her husband, Billy Jack; children, Billy Michael (Leesa) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma two grandsons, Charles (Jenna), Thomas; her brother, James Robert Clark (Billie Jean); cousin, Helen Pietsch (Clarence) and her great-grandchildren; Evelyn and Mary. In lieu of flowers the family asks that a donation be made to the Bronte United Methodist Church.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father, Lillie Hayley and Clifford E. Clark.

Graveside services were held at 11 am, Tuesday, March 26,

2019, at Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/ Sherwood Way.

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Walk Across Texas Registration Information

The Coke County Walk Across Texas program is in full swing but it is not too late to join in the fun! Registration is done online and is easy to do so. The steps are listed below.

- 1) Go to howdyhealth.org/programs.
- 2) Scroll to Walk Across Texas! Adult and click on Login/Register.
- 3) Complete the Howdy Health registration forms to establish your account and join one of the specialty health programs. All Howdy Health registrants must be 18 years or older.
- 4) You will then receive information through your email. Click on the link and confirm your registration.
- 5) You will then go the WAT! Adult: Dashboard. It is important that you are a part of a team or selected as the Team Captain. Once this is established, Captains will click Create a Team and invite your team members by entering their email address. Team Members will select Join a Team.
- 6) Continue to complete the directions and then get to walking!

The Coke County Mid-Way Celebration will take place on Monday, April 15, at 6 pm at the Coke County Courthouse.

Letter to Coke County Citizens

I happened to witness the situation on March 23 in Bronte, Texas, between the deputies and a white male in the street behind my house.

It was Lead Officer Brandon Neal with Deputy Roberson. In this all town we don't think of situations like this to happen. I'm not sure what the whole situation was but witnessed the deputies trying to apprehend a suspect who was not complying to demands of deputies. The suspect seemed agitated and angry, not complying at all. The deputies were in a situation that could of went horribly wrong if not dealt properly. I was so very impressed with the work of Deputy Neal and of Deputy Roberson. They handled the situation with so much professionalism and dignity. They were so calm and confident. People from the community think our officers don't do much but they are wrong. I wish these were the things that the community could of witnessed. I myself feel more reassurement and so safe now witnessing this. I'm so proud to say these two deputies work in our community. To protect and serve, myself and my family. I'm reminded how dangerous their job is and risk their lives for all of us.

Thank you Deputy Brandon Neal. Thank you Deputy Roberson for all you do. God be with you always.

Proud resident
 of Bronte, Texas

UMW turns 150 years old!

March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston,

Massachusetts, and organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This would become the United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation.

Since then, United Methodist Women (UMW) has evolved to become the largest women's faith-based service and advocacy organization. The UMW

underwrites programs that provide life-changing opportunities for women, children, and youth.

Both Bronte and Robert Lee have active UMW organization. If you have questions for these ladies, do not hesitate to reach out to either organizations. You do not have to be a member of the Methodist Church to be a UMW. You only need to have a belief in God and want to be in a faith-based women's organization.

their local community. A homecomer is someone, he said, who "followed the universal advice that they couldn't amount to anything where they grew up and have gone away, but have found reason to come back."

One such homecomer is Michele Anderson. She recently wrote a magnificent opinion column in the New York Times entitled, "Go Home to Your 'Dying' Hometown." Anderson grew up in rural Minnesota, left for college, and spent a decade in Portland, Oregon, working in nonprofit jobs, until she had her epiphany:

"My work felt trivial and temporary. These feelings were magnified every time my rent increased and I found myself deeper in debt, or whenever there was a crisis or celebration at home, and I spent hundreds of dollars for a flight back to Minnesota."

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The Homecomers

by James M. Decker

Wendell Berry is a writer and farmer, viewed by many as one of America's greatest living writers. Most of Berry's writing (both fiction and non-fiction) centers around his home area of rural Kentucky. He is one of the foremost proponents of a connection between people and their place, which is something that I've written about several times in the past. Berry coined the term "homecomer," which he defined for Time Magazine as someone who left home, but then returned to the farm or

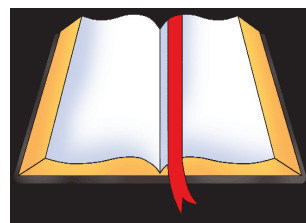
Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte

- Bronte Church of Christ**
 PO Box 346
 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 Preacher David Lewis
 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 Lee Bevl
 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. 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
 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
 Pastor James Brunson
 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
 Robert Lee, Brandon Broadbent, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am
 Worship, Wed 5:30 pm Bible Study
- Emmanuel Pentecostal**
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Pastor Kevin Millstid 453-2360
 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, (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. 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
 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**
 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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