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# Obituaries



## Sawyer

John Thomas Sawyer Jr. (Tom), age 62, of Robert Lee, died from complications of COVID Pneumonia on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, in San Angelo, Texas.

Tom was born on June 16, 1959, in Robert Lee, Texas, to Brenda (Gay) Sawyer and John Thomas Sawyer Sr. He graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1977. He worked for Ernest Clendennen for a while before accepting a job at Dupont LaPorte in Houston where he worked for over 25 years. He took a medical disability retirement in 2002 and moved his family home to Robert Lee.

Tom was a wonderful family man and loving father. He married Sandy Rhame in 1983 and the couple had three children. His family was his everything. Tom never met a stranger and he was affectionately called "Mr. Robert Lee". That title was well deserved because of his many activities and his involvement in so many areas in his beloved town. He loved Robert Lee Schools, and was always present for any activity that involved the school and its students. Tom served as a Trustee for eighteen years on the Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Trustees. It was very important to Tom to always encourage the kids to be their best.

He was an active member of Robert Lee First United Methodist Church where he served as chairman of the board and was a huge part of the Wednesday night children's ministries.

Tom was an active member of the Robert Lee Golf Course where he served a term as president. He had also been a member of Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo. The countless kids and adults he helped with their golf game were extremely fortunate to benefit from his wisdom - including his own grandson, JT. He followed the Robert Lee High School golf teams to state most every year.

An avid gun enthusiast, Tom was an active member of Red Canyon Gun Club and served as the organization's Vice President.

Students active in 4-H and FFA benefited from Tom's service to the Coke County Livestock Association, serving eighteen years and also voted treasurer of the organization.

He was always available to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. As many have said, Tom was everyone's cheerleader. He loved them and they adored him. Once his first grandchild was born, you very seldom saw Tom without JT in tow. They had a route through Robert Lee visiting workers in the various businesses and offices. Once JT was in school, it wasn't long before Tom was once again on

his route with a grandchild - this time a beautiful granddaughter named Emily.

He is preceded in death by his dad, Tom Sawyer Sr; his grandparents, Buz and Floy Sawyer, Eugene and Waalita Hollis; and father in law, Olean Rhame.

Tom is survived by his wife, Sandy of 38 years 11 months; daughter, Brandi Sawyer; son, Trey Sawyer and wife Amber; daughter, Ashley Sawyer; bonus son, Zach Skinner; and his beloved grandchildren, JT and Emily Sawyer. He is also survived by his mother, Brenda (Gay); his brother, Wes and wife Gina of Streetman; brother, Jamie and wife Cindy of Robert Lee; special bonus brother, Jack Horton; brother-in-law, Mike Rhame and wife Kelly of Pearland; sisters-in-law, Donna Rhame and Cheryl Rhame, both of Pearland; and mother-in-law, Patsy Rhame of Pearland. Tom was also blessed with being an uncle to 10 nieces and nephews and 14 grand nieces and nephews and numerous kids which he took under his loving umbrella to teach, nurture and love.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, March 6, 2022, at the Robert Lee Methodist Church Family Life Center at 2 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Robert Lee Methodist Parsonage Fund or your favorite Coke County charity.

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# Death Notice

## Denton

Camille Badgett Denton, 58, of Ballinger, Texas, passed away on Monday, February 21, 2022, in San Angelo, Texas.

Camille is survived by her

husband, Kendall Denton; her children, Zane Denton and wife Michelle, Kael Denton, Paige Sanders and partner Santana, and Sterling Sanders and husband Seth; stepdaughter, Jamie Lee Denton; her 10 grandchildren, Colette, Driskell, Kye, Jack, Aeson, Seth, Olivia, Beckham, Charlotte, and Vivian; her grandmother, Ida Walter; parents, James and Linda Badgett; sisters, Connie Adams and Karla Williams; brother, James Badgett; mother-in-law, Shirley Denton; brother-in-law, Kerwin Denton; and many more aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends who became family.

A celebration of her life was held Saturday, February 26, 2022, at ODHS Hall in Rowena, Texas, from 2 pm to 4pm.

## McCutchen

Mary H. McCutchen passed away on February 18, 2022, at the age of 98.

She is survived by two sons, David (wife Janet) and Daren (wife Dana); grandsons, Daren (fiancée Jennifer) and Danny (wife Kristen); and three granddaughters, Heather, Deidra and Darcy. She is also survived by two great-

grandchildren, Juianne and Killian.

A graveside service was held on February 26, 2022, at 10 am at Hayrick Cemetery in Robert Lee, Texas.

## Brown

Lora Brown went to Heaven on February 24, 2022 after a short illness at her son's home, attended by Hospice (St. Gabriel's) and with family and friends.

Lora Belle is survived by her daughter, Ola Sue Manning; son, Russell Brown and wife Virginia; Kathey Young and husband Cy; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 4, 2022, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte, Texas, starting at 10 am through 8 pm with the family in attendance from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022, starting at 10 am, with burial following at the Tennyson Mule Creek Cemetery. Lunch will be served afterwards at the Tennyson Baptist Church for visitation with family and friends.

# 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

#### St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687

#### Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor

Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

#### 4C Cowboy Church

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 Robert Lemmond, Pastor  
 Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater  
 Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm -  
 4C Feedlot Youth Building

### Robert Lee

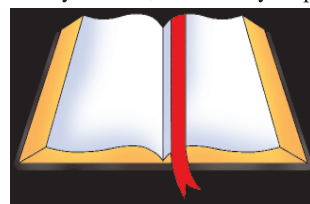
#### Bible Baptist Church

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

#### Robert Lee Cowboy Church

James Brunson, Pastor  
 (469) 834-3932  
 10:30 am Sunday • Robert Lee Rec Hall

#### 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, (325) 763-2118 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

202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee

Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

### 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



## Russell Davis

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