

# Obituaries

Elisabeth and Wayne were married in 1940, and later their family moved to Delmita, Texas, in Star County, 30 miles from Rio Grande City. Elisabeth had come from the beautiful surroundings of Monroe to what may be the roughest part of Texas. When her husband Wayne was transferred to Silver with Sun Oil Company in 1953 and the family topped the divide coming from San Angelo to Silver, she thought this was the most beautiful place. She grew to love West Texas and lived 60 years in Coke County.

She often asked when her friends and acquaintances passed away, "Why am I still here?" We would tell her that God still had plans for her. And God did have plans for her. She brought love, joy and laughter to those of us who loved her and to those who knew her. She was an inspiration to all in the way she adjusted and accepted the loss of a husband and two of her children, and in the way she faced life each day with a good attitude and a willing spirit. She was glad to have a window in the Robert Lee Care Center looking out on an oak tree. She loved nature. One of her favorite poems is "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer which is printed below:

**Trees**

I think that I shall never see  
A poem as lovely as a tree.  
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the sweet earth's flowing breast;  
A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;  
A tree that may in summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;  
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.  
Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.

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What a wonderful blessing it was to have her for all these years. We will never forget her. We loved her very much and will miss her greatly. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, April 12, 2013, at 3 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Robert Lee with a graveside service to follow at the Robert Lee Cemetery.

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**Pitcock**

Winifred (Winnie) Gartman Pitcock, 87, died on April 6, 2013, at Robert Lee Care Center, in Robert Lee, Texas.

Viewing was held at the funeral home Monday, April 8, 2013, from 9 am to 1 pm. Funeral services were held 3 pm Monday, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, officiated by Danny White. Pallbearers were grandsons Randy Gaines, Judd Pitcock, Jerrod Pitcock, Matthew Pitcock, Travis Pitcock, Blake Pitcock, Corey Pitcock, Aaron Moore, and Stewart Millican. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

October 4, 1925, Winifred Irene Gartman was born in Sanco, Texas. Her Parents were Bryan and Sallie (Clevenger) Gartman. She was the first of four children. She grew up with one brother, Douglas, and two sisters, Melva and Annice.

Winnie attended school in Robert Lee, Texas, graduating with the class of 1943. Following graduation, Winnie went to work for Bell Telephone Company in Abilene, Texas. In November 1945,

she met Teddy Earl Pitcock, on a blind date. They married April 4, 1947, in Abilene. Teddy and Winnie lived in Eldorado, Brownfield, and Seminole, Texas, as well as Tatum, New Mexico, before settling in Sanco in August of 1948.

Winnie was an active member of the Sanco Baptist Church for many years serving as Sunday School teacher, pianist, church secretary and treasurer. She later joined the Robert Lee Baptist Church, still taking active parts in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and other activities. Winnie stayed involved in community events throughout her life.

While her children were growing up, she served as a "room mother", as well as a chauffeur, taking a car full of children to important events, such as Easter Egg Hunts, class picnics, and field trips.

Later in life, she became a member of the 64 Study Club. She served as an election judge for the county for many years. She took part in the county's Sr. Citizen Activities, including playing "80" with a lively group.

Winnie enjoyed her grandchildren and she was very proud of their accomplishments. She made an effort to see as many of their activities as possible. She was pleased to say she

attended all of their graduations and their weddings. But most of all, Winnie was a shining example for her family. Her quick wit, her contagious giggle, and her kind, caring, sweet smile touched the lives of many people who will miss her, but never forget her.

Winnie was preceded in death by her husband, Teddy Pitcock, her parents, and one brother, Douglas Gartman.

Winnie is survived by three children and three "in-law" children, Gaylon and wife Kaye Pitcock of Robert Lee; Darrel and wife Sharon Pitcock of Robert Lee and Glen Rose; Sheri and husband Marshall Millican of Robert Lee; 9 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, Audra (Pitcock) and husband Randy, Jessica, Katie, and Emily Gaines of Dripping Springs, Texas; Blake and wife Amy Pitcock of Douglas, Wyoming, and Robert Lee; Judd and wife Cathy, Alexis, Lauryn, and Eryn Pitcock of San Angelo, Texas; Jerrod and wife Amber, Brody, Kylen, and Jewel Pitcock of

Robert Lee, Texas; Corey and wife Robyn, Asher and McKinley Pitcock of Plano, Texas; Kannan (Millican) and husband Aaron, and Bailyn Moore of Alvord, Texas; Matthew and wife Jessie, Landry, Hannah, and Walker Pitcock of Mustang, Oklahoma; Travis and wife Lindsey, Braydon, and Granger Pitcock of Greenwood, Texas; Stewart and wife Crystal, and Blaire Millican of Fort Worth, Texas. Winnie was also survived by two sisters and brothers-in-law, Thomas and Melva Lee and Curtis and Annice Walker, all of Robert Lee. She also has a host of nieces and nephews and very special friends.

Special thanks to the wonderful nurses and staff at the Robert Lee Care Center and Odyssey Hospice for all the love and care they provided. Also a special thanks to Dr. Robert Morton and his staff for years of dedicated care.

Memories are a wonderful source of healing and comfort. We are truly blessed and thankful for the legacy left by such a special lady.

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This is a Reminder! Don't Forget!

Ladies Spring Tea

is just around the corner!

April 20, 2013

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

New Location:

Robert Lee High School Cafetorium

A special "Thank You" to all the responders to our RSVP request. The response was fantastic.

A seat has been reserved for you.

Betty Smith • Victory Assembly

**Bronte High School**

**Class of 2013**

**Barbeque Brisket Lunch**

**Sunday • April 14 • 11 am to Sold Out!**

**Bank Parking Lot • Bronte, Texas**

**Mesquite Smoked Brisket, Pinto Beans,  
Potato Salad, & all the fixins' • \$10 per plate**

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