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Obituaries



Draper

Glenda Lynette Young Draper, 73, of Bronte passed from this life on April 8, 2017, in the midst of family and loved ones. After a lengthy illness and brave battle, she left behind a large family, numerous friends and a community that were blessed by and all the better for knowing her.

Visitation will be held all day Friday, April 14, 2017, at the funeral home in Bronte with family present 6 pm to 8 pm. A celebration of her life will be held at 10 am, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte on Saturday, April 15, 2017, with Reverend Everette Boyce officiating. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Glenda was born May 29, 1943, in Winters, Texas, to Lowen Eldon Young and Mary Helen Dobbins Young. Raised on the family farm in Lynn County, educated in Wilson, Texas, Glenda attended business school in Lubbock, Texas, and

worked at Lyntegar Electric Cooperative until her marriage to Joe Edwin Draper in June 1965. Her true calling as a loving, caring and giving wife and mother then shone through as brightly as the stars on a clear West Texas night.

The family moved to Bronte in 1983, and in 1989, Glenda began a 19 year charge as the Administration Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools. She loved getting to know the children and their families, both there and as the children's Sunday School teacher at Bronte FUMC. All were loved and blessed by knowing and working with her. Glenda served God and her neighbors through Emmaus, food distribution, Relay for Life, United Methodist Women, various mission projects, the Sorosis Study Club, and other community groups and organizations.

As she approached the gates, God definitely opened his arms and said "welcome home, my good and faithful servant", and then he must have asked for one

of her pecan pies which is all Joe has talked about since he arrived.

Glenda was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, her parents, and one sister.

Survivors include two sons, Troy Draper and wife Mary Scott Draper of Beeville, and Randy Draper and wife Laura Draper of The Colony; eight precious grandchildren whom she loved dearly, Levi, Sarah, Thad, Faith and Trisha Draper, and Mollie, River and Cotton Carr; brothers, Lowen Young and wife Terry of Levelland, and Mac Young of Corpus Christi; sister, Janie Boyd and husband Larry of Wolforth; five beloved nieces and their families; and many cousins and cherished friends.

Memorials may be sent to the Bronte First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund or the FUMC Food Distribution program.

The family expresses deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the staff of Kindred Hospice and especially to the staff of Comfort Keepers for their assistance and compassion in this trying time.

Online condolences may be made to shafferpioneer.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

My wife and I moved to Bronte a number of years ago prior to my retiring from the practice of dermatology and allergy at Shannon Clinic. We moved here simply because it is good place to live with good people and a good community. Many of the residents of Coke County have been my patients and I will forever be grateful for

having had the privilege to serve them. Since I did not grow up in the area, I really have no sense of the politics and the many back stories that always seem to have an influence in every community. I do know that Bronte deserves the very best for its citizens with elected officials who serve the city of Bronte and not just "run the city." To accomplish goals that best serve the Bronte community we need transparency, we need respect, and we need a vision for the future from our elected officials.

It was with great interest that I read the letter to the editor in "The Observer/Enterprise" this past Friday written by Mr. Ken Scott regarding the now defunct Bronte/Oak Creek land deal. Mr. Scott's letter was well written but it was also clear that it represents a very biased view in defense of what appears to be a perfidious lack of transparency by the Bronte City Council surrounding the Oak Creek land transaction. I know that the citizens of Bronte will recognize that Mr. Scott's opinion does not represent the opinion of many in our community but I do commend his sharing his opinion. Our freedom of speech

is a cherished right in our country and we all need to be respectfully heard.

I have been silent on this issue but I watched the issues play out with keen interest during this past year. I would recommend that your readers review the excellent journalistic coverage of the issues surrounding the land deal by the press, including both the Coke County "Observer/Enterprise" and the "San Angelo Standard Times", before they go to the ballot box. At this point, it is not productive to cast aspersions at one another but rather for the citizens of Bronte to study the issues, review the history of the issues, and then make an informed decision at the ballot box in May.

No matter which side of this conundrum you may be on, I think we can all agree that we need to move forward to make "Bronte Great Again" and vote for our choice this May. This issue has ignited a spirit of community involvement. This is a good thing and we all need to rollup our sleeves and work together to promote a better Bronte.

Ernest N. Charlesworth, M.D.
Colonel, USAF MC (retired)

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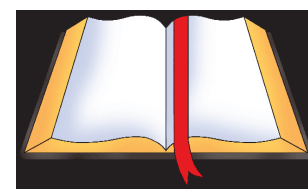
Bronte
Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
(325) 473-3291
Preacher David Lewis
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

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
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship,
5 pm Worship
6 pm Youth
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
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. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sun. 5 pm
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.pecanbaptist.org
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship



Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church
PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School,
11 am & 6 pm Worship.

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360
Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 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
Jordan Arnold, 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. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Danny White, 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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GOOD FRIDAY, April 14.

We wish all a
very blessed Easter.

Bronte First United Methodist Church
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Maunder Thursday Service,
April 13th 7pm

Good Friday Service,
April 14th 7pm

SUNRISE SERVICE, April 16th
7am (in the morning)

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Menu changes weekly

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prior to Sunday by calling
453-2149 or 763-8890