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**Obituaries** 

#### Varnadore

Bobbie Merle Watson Barrett Varnadore, age 93, died April 17, 2020, at Ardmore, Oklahoma. A family graveside memorial service will be held at the Blackwell (Texas) Cemetery under the direction of Cate-Spencer-Trent Funeral Home.

Bobbie was born December 18, 1926, in Pecos, Texas, to Charles Merle Watson and Eskalee Roberts Watson. She grew up in Sweetwater and graduated from Sweetwater's Newman High School in 1944. She married Terry Swann Barrett of Champion in 1947 and he preceded her in death in She subsequently 1989. Knox William married Varnadore of Robert Lee in 1993 and he died in 1994.

Bobbie and Terry lived first in Sweetwater, then in Eastland, then in San Angelo, then in El Paso, and then moved to Blackwell in 1961, where she remained until 2015, when she moved into the Suites at Elmbrook Assisted Living years as a member of Beta Sigma Phi. Finally, she operated Barrett Pecans for over 20 years and was known as the Pecan Lady.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her parents; both of her husbands; her sister, Eska Hinshaw of Sweetwater; her daughter, Leanne Barkemeyer; and her son-in-law, William Barkemeyer.

Survivors are her son, Tem Barrett and wife, Cindi of Ardmore, Oklahoma; stepson, Lee Varnadore and wife, Diana of Acworth, Georgia; grandchildren, Charles Ingram of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Cassi Parvin of Tularosa, New Mexico, Shannon Barrett and wife, Lara of Plano, Texas, and Justin Barrett and wife, Megan of Fairport, New York; greatgrandchildren, Sage, Charles, and Anabelle of New Mexico, Keaton, Samuel, and Knox of New York, and Elijah of Texas. She also had many beloved nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Blackwell Cemetery, the Blackwell United Methodist Church, or the Blackwell Fire Department.

# Death Notices

#### Smith

Cecil Lewis Smith peacefully went to be with the Lord on the morning of April 19, 2020 in his home with family at his side.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 74 years, Verla; daughter, Brenda J. Holmes and husband, Robert; grandchildren, R.R. Holmes, Jason L. Swofford and wife Lisa Kay, Randy S. Swofford, Matthew R. Holmes and wife, Gretchen, Andrew L. Swofford and wife, Lisa Marie, and Jennifer T. Holmes; great grandchildren, Taylor Swofford, W. Mason Swofford, Landon S. Swofford, Sophia G. Holmes-Rodriguez, Lily R. Krueger, Abram E. Swofford, Eli G. Swofford, Reade W. Holmes, and Samuel S. Swofford.

He is proceeded in death by his brother, Dixie R. Smith, and his daughter, Karen S. Swofford.

Graveside services were held at the Blackwell Cemetery at 2 pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, with Rev. Mark Hewitt officiating. Interment followed under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

#### Culp

William Glenn Culp, age 81, went to be with his lord and savior on April 15, 2020 at home, surrounded by the love of his wife of 56 years, Eva.

Viewing was held at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte, Texas, on Friday, April 14, from 9 am to 8 pm. Private graveside services were held Saturday



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April 18, 2020 at the Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

Glenn was preceded in death by his father, William Culp; mother, Hattie Marie (Manske) Culp; and sisters, Charlene Marie Culp and Peggy Ann Culp Barrett.

Left to cherish Glenn's memories are his wife, Eva Ladean Cogsdil Culp; daughter, Carrie Dawn Culp of Lumberton, Texas; daughter, Kelly McGinnis and husband, Blair of Lubbock, Texas; and daughter, Susan Clapp and husband, Derek of Temple, Texas; grandchildren, DJ and Kirsten Acevedo, Victoria and Chance Morton, Ashley Will McGinnis, McGinnis, Kimberleigh and Tyler Smith, and Garrett Clapp; great Grandchildren, Tabithia Morton and Maverick Smith; and countless family members and friends.

**Bronte** 

#### Stilley

Debbie Annette Layton-Stilley went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 19, 2020.

Debbie is survived by her husband of 30 years, Vearl; daughter, LeAnn of Mountain Grove, Missouri; brother, Mike Layton (Cheryl) of Sedalia, Missouri; three sisters, Lucy Hinchliff of St. Louis, Missouri, Cendy Harrell-Carson (Jim) of Sedalia, Missouri, and Stacie Hutsell (Calem) of Licking, Missouri; step-mom, Genie Layton of Licking, Missouri; as well as a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Debbie is preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

Visitation for Debbie was held Thursday, April 23, 2020 at the First Baptist Church in Licking, from 12 pm to 2 pm. A graveside service followed immediately after at Licking Cemetery with Pastor Rob Lilly officiating.

# Area Churches Invite You to Worship

**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 **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, Dowtown Bronte Interim Pastor Robert Lemmond Sunday, 10:30 am

#### **Robert Lee Bible Baptist Church** PO Box $938 \cdot 9$ th & 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 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 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 <u>Tennyson</u> **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

Center in Ardmore.

Bobbie was very active in the Blackwell Methodist Church, serving as Church Secretary for many years, as well as serving on the church board, and she held all offices in United Methodist Women. Her fondest memory was being Women's President during the 100th birthday of her church in 2003. She was also a scout leader and 4-H leader during her children's youth. She was also a member of the Blackwell Cemetery Board, the Euterpean Womens Club, the Blackwell Riding Club, and the Methodist Quilting Club. Women's Additionally, she celebrated 65

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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

