

THE OBSERVER/ENTERPRISE
 Published Weekly Except Christmas
 707 Austin (325) 453-2433 • (325) 453-4643 FAX
 email: o-e@wcc.net

Periodical Rate Postage paid at Robert Lee, TX.
POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to
Observer/Enterprise
PO Box 1329, Robert Lee, TX 76945.

STAFF
 Melinda McCutchen, Publisher/Editor
 Morgan McCutchen Amber Sawyer Wayne McCutchen

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
 Per Year in Coke & Sterling Counties.....\$25.00
 Per Year Elsewhere in Texas.....\$30.00
 Per Year Outside of Texas.....\$32.00



Burns

Joan Burns passed away Saturday, April 21, 2012, after an 18 year battle with breast cancer. Family visitation was held on Monday, April 23, 2012, from 6 pm to 8 pm at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee. Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee, with Reverend Steve Peyton officiating. Burial followed at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer

Funeral Home.

Joan was born December 15, 1931, in Ethel, Mississippi. She spent her earlier years raising her and Paul's combined family of seven children on the Burns ranch west of Robert Lee. Subsequently, she dedicated over 20 years of service to the Robert Lee EMS, volunteering as Director of the Food Pantry in Robert Lee, working as the Activity Director for the Robert Lee Care Center, as well as being part owner of a local flower shop and dry goods store in Robert Lee. Additionally, she dedicated countless volunteer hours to her church.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, C. L. and Kathleen Johnson of Ethel, Mississippi, and one brother, Jacky Johnson of Lampasas, Texas.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Paul Burns; two children, Kathleen Butler (James) of Sweetwater, Texas, and Jacky Preslar (Nancy) of Signal Mountain, Tennessee; five stepchildren, Suzann Johnson (Richard), Bill Burns (Linda), Sidney Burns (Cookie), Ernest Burns (Linda), all of Robert Lee, Texas, and Douglas Burns

(Marlane) of Fort Stockton. Eleven grandchildren survive Joan: Kelly Preslar, Thuy Jimenez, James Paul Skipworth, Shannon Grimes, Sheree Hardin, Dean Burns, Cameron Burns, Madison Burns, Jeremy Burns, Molly Burns, and Amanda Burns, in addition to 12 great-grandchildren. Her surviving siblings are Richard Johnson (Suzann) of Robert Lee, Carolyn Davis (Butch) of San Angelo, and Mike Johnson (Rhonda) of Ethel, Mississippi.

Pallbearers were Terry Poehls, Joe White, Larry Martin, J. P. Burns, Jeremy Burns, and Dean Burns. Honorary pallbearers were Mary and Ben Bessent.

The family would like to thank dear friend, Mary Bessent, and Joan's niece, Donna Poehls, for all the special love and care bestowed upon her during her illness.

Donations are encouraged to the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee, Odyssey Hospice of San Angelo, Robert Lee EMS, or the Food Pantry of Robert Lee.

41-1tc

McBride

Mareta (Reta) McBride died peacefully Thursday morning, April 19, 2012, at Bronte Health and Rehab Center in Bronte, Texas.

She was born July 25, 1924, in Woodstock, Illinois, the second child of Art and Martha Bennett. Reta grew up in Woodstock, graduated from Presbyterian School of Nursing in Chicago as a Registered Nurse, and moved to Falfurrias, Texas, in 1947. Her plan was to be "an old maid, frontier nurse." But she met Bill McBride and he swept her off her feet and changed the "old maid" part

of her plan. Reta and Bill married in 1948 and set up housekeeping in Encino, Texas. They had three children: Christine, Peter, and Karen. Reta had her hands full being a rancher's wife; raising three rambunctious children; volunteering, then working at Brooks County Hospital; and organizing and/or participating in most of the preventive health clinics held in Brooks County. She was a member of Brooks County Hospital Auxiliary; and she volunteered with 4-H groups, particularly teaching young people to sew and the Future Nurses/Health Careers Club, teaching the Candy Striper classes and monitoring that program. She taught nurse-aide classes and home-health classes. She served on the Brooks County Hospital Board after retiring as Director of Nurses at the hospital. Her passion for education led her to help found the Encino Charter School and to serve on its Board of Directors. Reta loved history and delighted in researching and sharing the history of the Encino area. She appreciated the service others gave to the

community and was a staunch supporter of the Southern Brooks County Volunteer Fire Department.

When her children began high school, Reta started working full-time at Brooks County Hospital, doing floor duty and eventually becoming Director of Nurses. Upon retirement, she had more time to devote to her grandchildren, her ranch and cattle, birding, gardening, traveling, and more community service. She imbued her children with her strong sense of giving back to one's community.

Reta found her spiritual home with the First Presbyterian Church in Falfurrias. She was an active member: singing in the choir; helping with Vacation Bible School for years; being an Elder of her church and serving on the Session; chairing various church committees; and being one of those who could be counted on to lend a hand whenever needed.

Growing up, Reta's love of music was displayed by her membership in her school bands and orchestras. She and her two sisters sang for church, school, and community functions.

"Do you know that you are loved?"
 - Jesus

Sunday Mornings • 10 am
Bible Study • Tuesday 7 pm
Romans • Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm

FORGIVEN MINISTRIES
 Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store
 Russ Frasier, Preacher

Area Churches
 Invite You to Worship

Bronte
Bronte Church of Christ
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 (325) 473-3291
 Preacher John V. Driggers
 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 & 6 pm Worship
 Wed. 6 pm

First Baptist Church
 424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor
 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. Matt Pennington, Pastor
 Sun. 9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries
 117 W. Main, Bronte
 Russ Frasier, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am

St. James Catholic Church
 215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sun. 5 pm

Coke County
Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2482
 www.pecanbaptist.org
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee
Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2360
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Steve Peyton, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship
 5:00 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 Sun. 10 am • Worship
 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 7 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) 655-9784 or 453-2685
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
 Wed. 6 pm

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
 PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2208
 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

Come join us in celebrating our
Youth Center Dedication
Sunday, May 6, 2012
12:30 pm - 1 pm
(following Sunday Services)
213 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee
Dinner in Fellowship Hall
Gospel Concert • 2:30 pm
Featuring music by:

- **"Spontaneous Combustion"** from 1st Assembly in San Angelo
- **Some former singers and musicians of Robert Lee's Driftwood band**
- **Victory Assembly's own talented singers**

Pastor Irving Smith
 Victory Assembly of God
 Corner of 6th & Houston • Robert Lee